



*EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY
JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY*

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on September 3, 2020, Chairman Eric Borba called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”). Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20 and social distancing directives, the meeting was conducted by teleconference only, with no physical location for the meeting.

Members Present: Eric Borba Dyson Schneider
 Steve Kisling John Corkins
 Dennis Townsend Geoffrey Galloway
 Matthew Leider Monte Reyes
 Curt Holmes

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Aubrey Mauritson Rogelio Caudillo
 Steve Etchegaray Todd Turley
 Ryan Jensen Justine Massey
 Garrett Busch Sean Geivet

ROLL CALL

Director Corkins
Director Kisling
Director Reyes
Director Townsend
Director Leider
Director Holmes
Director Schneider
Director Galloway
Chairman Borba

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba announced the public comment period. No public comment was presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo reminded those present that the public hearing on ETGSA's groundwater extraction fee will be held on October 1, 2020.

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the August 6, 2020 Board Meeting

Director Corkins moved for the approval of the minutes of August 6, 2020 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Leider, and approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Corkins
Director Schneider
Director Galloway
Director Holmes
Director Leider
Director Townsend
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None

Abstain: Director Reyes

GSP COMMENTS

Presentation by Aqualogic

Bob Abrams and Tom Watson of Aqualogic provided a presentation to the Committee on Comments of the Tule Subbasin GSP Pertaining to Existing and Predicted Future Subsidence. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5 is a copy of the presentation.

ADMINISTRATION

Consider Approval of Amendment to ETGSA Purchasing Policy

General Manager Caudillo gave a report on the Amendment to ETGSA Purchasing Policy. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a is a copy of the Amendment to ETGSA Purchasing Policy.

Director Corkins moved to approve the Amendment to ETGSA Purchasing Policy. The motion was seconded by Director Leider, and approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Corkins
Director Schneider
Director Galloway
Director Holmes
Director Leider
Director Reyes
Director Townsend
Director Kisling
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None

Consider Approval of Letter of Support to the Pixley GSA and Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust Application for the Lower Deer Creek Watershed/Tule Subbasin Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator

General Manager Caudillo gave a report on the amendment to ETGSA Purchasing Policy. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6b is a copy of the letter of support.

Discussion ensued regarding the length of grant money and purpose of the letter. Discussion ensued re the purpose of Pixley being the entity versus the subbasin TAC.

Director Corkins moved to approve the amendment to ETGSA Purchasing Policy. The motion was seconded by Director Townsend and approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Corkins
Director Schneider
Director Galloway
Director Holmes
Director Leider
Director Reyes
Director Townsend
Director Kisling
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None

Review and Discussion of ETGSA Rules and Regulations Comments

General Counsel Mauritson reported on the Rules and Regulations Comments. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6c is a copy of the draft First Amended Rules and Regulations. Direction was provided to circulate the redline draft First Amended Rules and Regulations back through the committees.

Consider Approval of 1st Amended ETGSA Rules and Regulations

No action was taken.

Consider Approval of 2020 Contribution for the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley – Education Fund.

The Board elected to take this item (Agenda Item 9b) out of order. Scott Hamilton provided a presentation on the Water Blueprint.

The Finance Committee has recommended financial support of the Water Blueprint’s Education Fund in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

Director Kisling moved that the Agency provide a contribution to the Education Fund in the amount of \$15,000. Director Schneider seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Corkins
Director Schneider
Director Galloway
Director Reyes
Director Townsend
Director Kisling
Director Leider
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Report on Ongoing ETGSA Outreach Efforts

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on the ongoing outreach efforts and upcoming events. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Attachment Item #7a is a copy of the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Receive Finance Committee Monthly Reports.

General Manager Caudillo presented the Finance Committee Monthly Report, a copy of which attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a.

Receive Executive Committee and Stakeholder Committee Meetings Monthly Reports.

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b is a copy of the report on the meetings of the Executive Committee and Stakeholder Committee.

BILLS AND WARRANTS

Review the Financial Statements; Consider Ratification of Bills Paid and Approval of Bills to be Paid

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on current financial standing and accounts payable. The finance committee recommends payment of the accounts. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9a is a copy of the financial statements.

Director Kisling moved for the approval of financial statement, ratification of bills paid, and approval of bills to be paid. Director Leider seconded, and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Corkins
Director Schneider
Director Galloway
Director Holmes
Director Leider
Director Reyes
Director Townsend
Director Kisling
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None

TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items.

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10a is a copy of the report. General Manager Caudillo also noted that the next meeting will be held on October 21, 2020.

Public comment was received from Justine Massey.

Regarding the Committee Reports, Consulting Engineer David De Groot commented on the recommendation of an ad hoc committee to provide recommendations regarding the draft Land Subsidence Management Plan. Discussion ensued regarding the prospect.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Number of Potential Cases: One

Claimant: Friant Water Authority

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

Chairman Borba reported there was no reportable action from closed session.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting- Thursday October 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be held on October 1, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Borba adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, General Manager