



EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD MAY 17, 2018

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At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on May 17, 2018, at the City of Porterville Coleman Conference Room, Chairman Eric Borba, called to order a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Members Present: Eric Borba                      Eric Limas  
Mike Reed    Steve Drumright  
Steve Etchegaray                                  Sean Geivet

Members Absent: Steve Dalke                      Denise England

Others Present: Don Castle                                  Aubrey Mauritsen  
David DeGroot                                      Bill Samarin  
Tim Gobler    Terry Schuler  
Ryan Jensen    Jason Guthrie  
Michael Knight                                      Bruce Howarth  
Bill Wallace    Dale Brogan  
Eric Limas    Jennifer Pitcher  
Julia Inestroza                                        John Corkins  
Gracie Magana                                        Ben Magana  
Dale Brogan    Costas Cecero

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Eric Borba announced public comment period. Dale Brogan provided public comment on the Transitional Pumping reported prepared by Liz DaBramo.

### OPEN ISSUES

#### Minutes - Approval of Executive Committee Minutes for April 19, 2018 Meeting

Two corrections were noted to the previous minutes: Eric Limas should be added as present, and Keith Norris should be removed as an absentee because he is no longer on the committee.

Committee member Etchegaray moved for approval of the April 19, 2018 minutes with the corrections noted. The motion was seconded by Committee member Limas and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Policy Issues – Report, Review, and Discuss ETGSA Policy Points. May Take Action to Make a Recommendation to Board of Directors

Interim Executive Director Geivet reported the Stakeholder Committee had approved two recommendations to the board on sections (a) and (b) of the policy points paper, attached hereto and incorporated by reference to these minutes. The Stakeholder Committee recommended creating a share system, but not severing the water right from the parcels. The Stakeholder Committee agreed that if landowners chose to voluntarily sever their groundwater they could do so. In addition, the Stakeholder Committee recommended the safe yield calculation would be allocated on gross acreage to the jurisdictional area of the ETGSA.

Significant discussion amongst the Committee ensued regarding safe yield allocation. Committee member Etchegary proposed allocating the safe yield to all lands except grazing lands, which use no groundwater. Numerous committee members commented along with numerous members of the public. Issues were raised regarding equity, legal and policy concerns. Issues were also raised regarding domestic uses and that communities may need greater supply than allocated on a per acre basis.

Committee member Reed moved to recommend to the board that a share system be created that does not mandate severance of the groundwater right from the overlying land and that sustainable yield be allocated on a gross acre basis. Committee member Drumright seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by the Committee.

The Committee began discussion on subsection (c) of the policy paper regarding transitional pumping. Public comment was received.

Tule Sub-Basin TAC – Review, Update, and Discuss Progress and Work Plans of the TAC. May Take Action to Make a Recommendation to Board of Directors

Interim Executive Director Geivet provided a report on recent Tule Sub-Basin activity. A meeting took place the day prior, but he was unable to attend. The reports received from others in attendance was that there was a push to submit the draft Coordination Agreement to DWR.

Public comment was received.

Discussion of Agenda Items for June 7, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

Interim Director Geivet announced the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be June 7, 2018. The committee discussed possible items to place on the agenda, including reporting the recommendations made by the Executive Committee today, discussion of the draft Coordination Agreement, and likely a presentation from Mike Long of Arizona.

## PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Title: Executive Director

The Executive Committee, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, met and discussed the potential employment of an Executive Director.

## CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

The Executive Committee came back into open session. Chairman Borba stated there was no reportable action taken during closed session.

## ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Borba adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sean Geivet, Interim Executive Director