



EASTERN TULE
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MINUTES OF THE ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

At approximately, 2:03 p.m. on September 27, 2018, at the Transit Multi Purpose Center at 15 E. Thurman Ave, Suite D, Porterville, CA, Chairman Matthew Leider, called to order the meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

ROLL CALL

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| Members Present: | Don Castle | Jason Guthrie |
| | Ben Magana | Tom O’Sullivan |
| | John Konda | Matt Watkins |
| | Matthew Leider | Julia Inestroza |
| | Bill Bennett | |
| Members Absent: | Sopac Mulholland | Jim Parsons |
| | Kathy Briano | |
| Others Present: | Bryce McAteer | Aubrey Mauritson |
| | Karen Yohannes | John M. Domondon |
| | Bill Wallace | Terry Schuler |
| | Alan Becker | Geoff Vanden Heuvel |
| | Clifton Lollar | Don Wright |
| | David Payne | Michael Knight |
| | Jennifer Pitcher | |

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Leider announced the public comment period.

MINUTES

Approval of Stakeholder Committee Minutes of September 13, 2018

Executive Director McAteer presented the Minutes of the September 13, 2018 Stakeholder Committee Meeting.

Member O'Sullivan moved for approval of the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Castle and the Committee unanimously approved the motion.

GSP DRAFTING

Review Policy Points B-G; May Make a Recommendation

Executive Director McAteer provided a PowerPoint presentation on policy points B-G. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 4a is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Don Wright, and Alan Becker.

Policy Point B – Sustainable Yield Allocation

Discussion amongst the committee ensued regarding policy point B, related to how to allocate sustainable yield amongst the acres within the ETGSA. The committee discussed how cities and other small water systems need to be considered. The committee discussed the concept of gross acreage and equity issues.

Public comment was received from Michael Knight, City of Porterville, regarding the City's needs and other CSD issues.

Discussion amongst the committee continued.

Public comment was received from Don Wright.

The committee discussing the concept of pooling. Discussion of developed vs. non-developed lands continued.

Committee member Watkins moved to recommend sustainable yield be allocated on gross acreage weighted by developed v. non-developed lands, including using the three pool concepts as illustrated in Executive Director McAteer's presentation.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued regarding the weighting of developed v. non-developed acres.

Public comment was received from Terry Schuler.

*Committee member Konda arrived at this time.

Discussion amongst the committee continued regarding developed v. non-developed acres and the County's role in the process.

Committee member Castle seconded the motion.

Discussion continued on how to weight develop vs. non-developed land.

Committee member Castle rescinded his second of Committee member Watkin's motion. Committee member Watkins rescinded his previous motion.

Committee member Watkins moved to recommend sustainable yield be allocated on gross acreage weighted by irrigated developed v. non-irrigated, or non-developed lands, including using the three pool concepts as illustrated in Executive Director McAteer's presentation. Irrigated vs. non-irrigated lands. A second was not received.

Committee member O'Sullivan moved to allocate sustainable yield based on gross acreage, based on further consideration on the concept of pools. Committee member Guthrie seconded. Chairman Leider called for a vote. Committee member Watkins voted no. Committee member Konda abstained. The remaining Committee members present approved the motion.

Policy Point C – Allocation Decisions and Policy Point J – Carryover

Discussion amongst the committee ensued on policy point C related to sustainable yield allocation decisions in different temporal intervals and Policy Point J regarding carryover.

Committee member O'Sullivan moved to recommend that sustainable yield allocation decisions should be adopted on a five-year interval basis with annual reports and that any unused portion of the five- year allocation be allowed to be carried over, but only for the most recent five-year block of water. Committee member Watkins seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved.

Policy Point D – Transitional Pumping

The committee discussed policy point D related to transitional pumping. Discussion regarding viewing transitional pumping as a block of water versus allocation to individual landowners was discussed. The potential for payment of mitigation fees and the lack of available data was also discussed.

Committee member Watkins moved to recommend transitional pumping be allocated based on historical use, with the caveat that allocations be purchased and the funds used for projects. Committee member Konda seconded. Chairman Leider called for a vote. Committee member O'Sullivan opposed the motion. The remaining committee members approved the motion.

Policy Point E – Transferability of Allocations.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued on the issue of the transferability of allocations. Specific reference was made to the distinction between sustainable yield transfers and transitional pumping transfers. The need for further data was also discussed.

Committee member Watkins moved to recommend the transfer of allocations be allowed. Committee member O'Sullivan seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved.

The remaining policy points were tabled.

Discussion Regarding Other Projects & Management Actions

Executive Director McAteer referred the committee to Agenda Item #4b, a copy of a form provided to each Tule Subbasin GSA by Thomas Harder and Co, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. The purpose of the form is to identify projects for purposes of model runs. Executive Director McAteer is working with various Member Agencies to determine which projects may already be in progress or in development phases.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued.

OUTREACH

Make a Recommendation on Potential Mailer to ETGSA Landowners

Executive Director McAteer referred the committee to Agenda Item #5a Exhibit A, an example design for the proposed mailer based off of an ad currently being run with the Porterville Recorder, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued on proposed language. The committee asked Executive Director McAteer to work on language which emphasizes that groundwater pumping will be restricted in the very near future due to SGMA.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Executive Director McAteer announced the next meeting will be Thursday, October 11, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Leider adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce G. McAteer, Secretary to the Board