



EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
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JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD OCTOBER 18, 2018

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At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on October 18, 2018, at the City of Porterville Transit Multi-Purpose Center, 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:   Mike Reed                     Steve Drumright  
                          Eric Limas                     Steve Etchegary  
                          Denise England             Sean Geivet  
                          Steve Dalke                   Eric Borba

Members Absent:

Others Present:     Bryce McAteer             Aubrey Mauritsen  
                          Don Castle                 David Payne  
                          Tom O’Sullivan            John Konda  
                          John M. Domondon       Dale Brown  
                          Mark Merritt              Julia Inestroza  
                          Bill Samarin

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Eric Borba announced public comment period. No comment was received.

### MINUTES

#### Approval of Executive Committee Minutes for September 20, 2018 Meeting

Committee member Drumright moved for approval of the September 20, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Committee member Reed and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

### ETGSA MEETINGS REVIEW

#### Report on Board Meeting of October 4, 2018

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the October 4, 2018, board meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda #4a is a copy of the October 4 agenda.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued on when Harder's model run results were expected.

#### Report on Stakeholder Committee Meeting of October 11, 2018

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the October 11, 2018, Stakeholder meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda #4b is a copy of the October 11 agenda.

#### TULE SUBBASIN COORDINATION

##### Report on Ongoing Coordination Efforts Between Tule Subbasin GSAs

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. The draft coordination agreement is being reviewed by the legal counsels of the other Tule Subbasin GSAs. General Counsel Mauritson reported she is waiting on other attorneys to comment on the draft. The Subbasin Managers have met to discuss Harder's scope of work and deadlines.

#### GSP DRAFTING

##### Report on Progress of GSP Drafting

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the progress of the GSP drafting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a is a copy of the GSP drafting timeline.

Public comment was received from Don Castle.

##### Consider Potential Technical Analyses on Local Linkages to FKC Subsidence, Groundwater Transfer and Exchange Zones, and Other Data Gaps or Areas for Additional Technical Review; May Make a Recommendation

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on potential areas in need of technical review and prompted the committee to discuss.

##### Local Linkages to FKC Subsidence

Discussion amongst the committee ensued. Discussion ensued regarding the Stakeholder committee's recommendation on this issue and their discussion related to engaging other consultants.

Public comment was received from Don Castle.

Executive Director McAteer reported that the Tule Subbasin GSA managers had engaged Thomas Harder to provide the Subbasin MOU Group with a scope of work to investigate the local linkages to Friant-Kern Canal Subsidence and that a proposal for this Scope of Work would be distributed for consideration in Mid-November. Discussion amongst the committee ensued

regarding the approval of this scope of work and what other options may be available. Discussion ensued regarding the previous engagement of Thomas Harder.

Public comment received from Don Castle.

Committee member Geivet moved and Committee member Limas seconded to recommend that the Board approve the discussed scope of work that would have Thomas Harder undertake for the Tule Subbasin MOU Group an analysis on local linkages to subsidence, as described by Executive Director McAteer. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

#### Potential Groundwater Transfer and Exchange Zones

Discussion amongst the committee ensued on work related to transfers and whether or not this task was premature.

Public comment was received from Don Castle.

The committee did not make a recommendation on scope of work related to transfers.

#### Other Data Gaps or Areas for Additional Technical Review

Discussion amongst the committee ensued regarding the timing of the request for this scope of work and the request for additional experts other than Thomas Harder.

The committee did not make a recommendation on scope of work related to data gaps or other areas of technical review.

#### Discuss Projects & Management Actions for Inclusion in Thomas Harder & Co Scenario Analysis Runs

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6c is a copy of Harder's model scenario project form.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued regarding timelines.

#### Review Policy Points F-J; May Make a Recommendation

Executive Director McAteer provided a summary of the Committees' previous recommendations on the various policy points.

Public comment from Don Castle.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued on previous policy points, specifically regarding transitional pumping.

Public comment was received from John Konda and Julie Inestroza regarding a joint meeting of the committees with the board, and the Stakeholder Committee's recommendation that the committees be invited to the upcoming Board Retreat

Discussion amongst the committee ensued regarding transitional pumping, and the Stakeholder committee's recommendation regarding historical use. Discussion ensued regarding transitional pumping for white area growers versus in-District growers.

Public comment received from Bill Samarin.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued regarding a two-tiered pricing mechanism for transitional pumping.

Public comment received from Don Castle and Bill Samarin, and Tom O'Sullivan.

Discussion ensued regarding staff constructing a policy paper on the proposal so everyone could be discussing the same proposal.

The discussion related to the remaining policy points were tabled.

## OUTREACH

### Report on Ongoing Outreach Activities

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the ongoing outreach activities. Emails continue to be distributed and the post card, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a Exhibit A, will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks.

## NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, November 15, 2018 at Transit Multi-Purpose Center (15 E. Thurman Ave., Ste. D, Porterville)

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is set for November 15, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Bryce McAteer, Secretary to the Board