



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY
JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD JANUARY 17, 2019

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on January 17, 2019, 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 Etchegaray
Sean Geivet John Michael Domondon
Eric Borba Steve Dalke
Eric Limas
Denise England

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Bryce McAteer Aubrey Mauritsen
Don Castle Mike Carlisle
David Payne Soapy Mulholland
Bill Bennett Kathy Briano
Bill Samarin Bill Wallace
Terry Schuler

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MINUTES

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes for December 20, 2018 Meeting

Committee member Geivet moved for approval of the December 20, 2018 minutes with the correction that Committee member Eric Limas was in attendance. The motion was seconded by Committee member Dalke and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

*Committee member Mike Reed arrived at this time.

ETGSA MEETINGS REVIEW

Report on ETGSA Board Meeting of January 3, 2019

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the January 3, 2019 Board meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda #4a is a copy of his report.

Report on Stakeholder Committee Meeting of January 10, 2019

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the January 10, 2019 Stakeholder Committee meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda #4b is a copy of his report.

TULE SUBBASIN COORDINATION

Report on South Valley SGMA Practitioners Roundtable Event (December 18, 2018)

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the South Valley SGMA Practitioners Roundtable Event held on December 18, 2018. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5a, Agenda Item #5a Exhibit A, and Agenda Item #5a Exhibit B is a copy of his report, a copy of the Roundtable Agenda, and a copy of the Tulare Lake Basin GSP Dashboard, respectively.

Report on Coordination Agreement Drafting, TH&Co Task Items, and Proposed Process for Sustainable Management Criteria Development and Tule Subbasin GSP Coordination

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the drafting of the Coordination Agreement, TH&Co Task Items, and the proposed process for sustainable management criteria development and Tule Subbasin GSP Coordination. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5b is a copy of his report.

Executive Director McAteer provided a presentation on the proposed process for coordinating sustainable management criteria and GSPs. A copy of his presentation is located within Agenda Item #5b and identified as “Exhibit A” to Agenda Item #5b.

Report on Tule Subbasin MOU Group TAC Meeting (January 16, 2019)

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the Tule Subbasin MOU Group TAC Meeting held on January 16, 2019. The draft results of several model runs were reported. First, model runs regarding various ramp down approaches were reported. Secondly, the maximum subsidence levels around the “choke point” of the Friant Kern Canal were reported. Lastly, results from the subsidence contribution analysis were reported. Mr. Harder’s presentation of draft preliminary results will be circulated to the interested parties list as soon as received.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued regarding Mr. Harder's presentation. Concerns were raised that the draft results were misleading and focusing too much on the ETGSA as the problem.

Executive Director McAteer reported the next Tule Subbasin meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2019 at Lower Tule River Irrigation District.

Public comment was received from Don Castle.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued on future model runs and proposed projects. Concerns were raised by the committee members on subsidence issues related to the Friant Kern Canal. The committee discussed the roles and responsibilities of the GSA and the responsibilities of other entities as it relates to the subsidence issue along the canal.

Public comment was received from Don Castle.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued on the need to define the exact problem as related to subsidence.

Executive Director McAteer reported Mr. Harder's next model runs were expected by the end of February or early March. Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the next set of model runs and needing larger capacity venues for future subbasin meetings. The need to coordinate with landowners prior to a large public report of data was also discussed.

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin

GSP DRAFTING

Report on GSP Drafting and Update to Draft GSP Creation Schedule

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the GSP drafting and update to draft GSP creation schedule. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda #6a is a copy of his report and, as Agenda Item #6a Exhibit A, a copy of the updated Draft GSP Creation Schedule.

Public comment was received from Sopic Mulholland.

Discussion amongst the committee ensued regarding the time frame for public comments once the draft GSP begins to circulate and the need to respond to those comments.

Introduction to New Policy Matters for Discussion and Consideration; May Make a Recommendation

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on new policy matters for discussion and possible consideration. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6b is a list of those new policy matters and, as Agenda Item #6b Exhibit A, a presentation introducing those matters.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding minimum thresholds and setting sustainable management criteria.

Executive Director McAteer continued with his presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding management areas and specifically the timing of when management areas may need to be formed.

Public comment was received from Bill Bennet.

Discussion continued amongst the committee regarding the formation of management areas.

Public comment was received from Don Castle.

*Chairman Borba left at this time.

Discussion continued regarding management areas and how those may affect the possibility of transfers.

Public comment was received from Sopic Mulholland and Don Castle.

Executive Director McAteer reported he will bring back to the committee various options for management areas. He then continued with his presentation.

Public comment was received from Bill Wallace.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding the type of market the ETGSA is looking to implement.

Public comment was received from Bill Samarin.

General Counsel Mauritsen gave a brief summary of adjudications and provided a discussion of a “legal definition” of historical use.

Executive Director McAteer continued with his presentation. The “key questions” as identified in Agenda Item #6b was tabled for future discussions.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Report and Discuss Ongoing Outreach Activities and Events; May Make a Recommendation

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a is a copy of his report.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, February 21, 2019 at Transit Multi-Purpose Center
(15 E. Thurman Ave., Ste. D, Porterville)

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is set for February 21, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce McAteer, Secretary to the Board