



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
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MINUTES OF THE OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD AUGUST 13, 2019

At approximately, 2:00 p.m. on August 13, 2019, at the City of Porterville, Council Chambers, Chairman Eric Borba, called to order the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Members Present:	John Corkins	Eric Borba
	Michael Knight (alternate)	Geoffrey Galloway (alternate)
	Dennis Townsend	Dyson Schneider
	Matthew Leider	Steve Kisling
Members Absent:	Curt Holmes	Monte Reyes
	Lorren Wheaton	Steve Dalke
Others Present:	Bryce McAteer	Allen Reyes
	Aubrey Mauritsen	Bill Wallace
	Val Guzman	John M. Domondon
	Stacie Ann Silva	Todd Turley
	Matt Watkins	David DeGroot
	Daniel Bricer	Marvin Hughes
	Rogelio Caudillo	

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director McAteer announced that meeting-related materials were available in the back of the chambers. He also announced that the next TAC meeting of Tule Subbasin MOU Group is scheduled for October 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Approval of July 2, 2019 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Director Corkins moved for approval of the July 2, 2019 special board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Leider, and unanimously approved.

Approval of the August 6, 2019 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Director Corkins moved for approval of the August 6, 2019 special board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Galloway, and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Receive Finance Committee Monthly Reports

Executive Director McAteer provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5a is a copy of the Finance Committee Monthly report. The Finance Committee also met today. At that meeting, the Committee approved the Minutes of the Committee's July 13, 2019 Meeting.

Receive Joint Executive and Stakeholder Committees Meeting Monthly Report

General Counsel Mauritsen provided a report for the July 25, 2019 meeting. At the meeting, the Committees discussed various aspects of the GSP, including sustainable management criteria. Consulting Engineer David DeGroot will provide a presentation on these issues later today.

BILLS AND WARRANTS

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

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on current financial standing and accounts payable. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a, is a copy of the financial reports and accounts payable.

Director Kisling moved and Director Leider seconded to ratify the bills paid and approve bills to be paid. The board unanimously approved.

Report on FY19 Audit with Cuttone & Mastro

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the FY19 audit with Cuttone & Mastro. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #6b, is a copy of the audit.

TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co's task items. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a is a copy of his report.

Ratify Staff's Approval of TH&Co July 16, 2019 Proposal to Modify Future Projection Assumptions in the Tule Subbasin Groundwater Flow Model Revising the Subbasin Setting

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the approval of TH&Co's July 16, 2019 proposal to modify future projection assumptions, revising the subbasin setting, in the Tule Subbasin Groundwater flow model. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b is a copy of the proposal.

Consulting Engineer DeGroot described the scope of work.

Director Corkins moved and Director Townsend seconded to approve the proposal. The board unanimously approved.

Discuss and Consider Approval of TH&Co July 16, 2019 Proposal to Conduct an Analysis of the Relative Cause of Future Predicted Land Subsidence Along the Friant-Kern Canal within the Tule Subbasin.

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the approval TH&Co's proposal to conduct an analysis of the relative cause of future predicted land subsidence along the Friant-Kern Canal within the Tule Subbasin. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7c is a copy of the proposal.

Consulting Engineer DeGroot provided a report on the proposed scope of work.

Director Corkins moved and Director Leider seconded to approve the proposal. The board unanimously approved.

GSP DRAFTING

Status Report on ETGSA GSP Drafting

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the progress of the drafting of the GSP. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a is a copy of his report. Consulting Engineer David De Groot provided a report on the completion of the draft GSP.

4Creeks, Inc. Presentation on Establishment of Sustainable Management Criteria

Consulting Engineer David DeGroot provided a report on the presentation on establishment of sustainable management criteria. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding tracking groundwater quality and contamination issues.

Consulting Engineer De Groot continued the presentation with a discussion of land subsidence SMCs.

Discussion ensued regarding monitoring locations and methods for measuring land subsidence.

Consulting Engineer De Groot continued with his presentation, focusing on methods for measuring groundwater levels and storage.

Discussion ensued regarding the criteria for monitoring wells.

Consulting Engineer De Groot continued by presenting examples of hydrographs.

Discussion ensued regarding the methodology to be employed.

Consulting Engineer De Groot continued a discussion of the next steps in the process.

Discussion ensued regarding next steps in the process and analysis of projects under the plan.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY BLUEPRINT

Consider Financial Contribution to SJV Blueprint Coalition

Executive Director McAteer provided a report on the SJV blueprint coalition and a recommendation on a potential contribution. Mr. McAteer advised that there are two funds, an education and an advocacy fund. Mr. McAteer recommended that ETGSA make a contribution to the education fund.

Director Corkins moved that ETGSA contribute \$15,000.00 to the education fund of the SJV blueprint coalition. Director Townsend seconded, and the board unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 2 p.m. at City of Porterville
Council Chambers (291 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA)

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be a regular meeting, set for September 5, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

[Government Code Section 54947]

Title: Executive Director

The board of directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54947, met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritsen regarding public employment.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

The board of directors came back into open session. Chairman Borba reported there was no reportable action from closed session.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Discuss and Potentially Take Action on Interim Executive Director Position, Including Discussion and Potential Action on Salary and Benefits

The Board discussed the Interim Executive Director Position, including discussion and potential action on salary and benefits.

Director Corkins moved that an offer of employment be made Rogelio Caudillo as ETGSA's Interim Executive Director, with the following terms: (1) the benefit package will be identical to that provided to the current Executive Director; (2) salary of \$5,500 per month; and (3) Mr. Caudillo will commence work within two days. Legal counsel will draft a written agreement to this effect. Director Townsend seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the candidate's qualifications. Discussion ensued regarding the duration of the term, in light of the fact that it is an interim position.

The board unanimously approved the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Borba, Chairman