



EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD APRIL 1, 2021**

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At approximately 2:00 p.m. on April 1, 2021, Chairman Eric Borba called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”). Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20 and social distancing directives, the meeting was conducted by teleconference only, with no physical location for the meeting.

Members Present:     Eric Borba                             Dyson Schneider  
                                 Steve Kisling                             John Corkins  
                                 Curt Holmes                             Geoffrey Galloway  
                                 Matthew Leider                             Monte Reyes  
                                 Dennis Townsend

Members Absent:     None

Others Present:     Aubrey Mauritsen                             Rogelio Caudillo  
                                 Justine Massey                             Todd Turley  
                                 David DeGroot                             Andrew Hart

**ROLL CALL**

General Manager Caudillo called the roll as follows:

Director Townsend  
Director Holmes  
Director Leider  
Director Galloway  
Director Corkins  
Director Reyes  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Borba announced the public comment period.

Justine Massey provided public comment.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo announced that reminders have been circulated regarding registration with BasinSafe.

## MINUTES

### Approval of Minutes of the March 4, 2021 Meeting of the Board Minutes

Director Corkins moved for the approval of the minutes of March 4, 2021 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Leider, and approved by way of the following roll call vote:

#### In Favor:

Director Townsend  
Director Holmes  
Director Leider  
Director Galloway  
Director Corkins  
Director Reyes  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

## ADMINISTRATION

### ACTION – Consider approval of Letter of Support for SB 559 (Hurtado)

General Manager Caudillo provided a report regarding a prospective letter of support for SB 559, sponsored by State Senator Melissa Hurtado. The bill would appropriate up to \$785 million to support canal repairs, including repairs to the Friant-Kern Canal. A copy of Mr. Caudillo's report is attached as Agenda Item No. 5a and incorporated by reference.

Director Leider moved to approve submission of the letter of support. Director Townsend seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by way of the following roll call vote:

#### In Favor:

Director Townsend  
Director Holmes  
Director Leider  
Director Galloway  
Director Corkins  
Director Reyes  
Director Schneider

Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

Report from ETGSA Fallowed Land Ad-Hoc Committee

Consulting Engineer David De Groot provided a report on the discussions of the Fallowed Land Ad-Hoc Committee. Mr. De Groot advised that the Committee met last month to discuss potential actions and policies related to fallowed land.

Joel Kimmelshue also provided a report.

Director Corkins provided a report. He discussed the calculation of groundwater use on fallowed ground. Director Corkins also suggested that, in the future, more information could yield greater refinement with respect to calculations on fallowed land.

Discussion ensued regarding calculations for consumptive use.

Direction was provided for counsel to review the recommendation with Consulting Engineer De Groot.

Report from ETGSA Land Subsidence Management Zone Ad-Hoc Committee

Consulting Engineer De Groot provided a report on Land Subsidence Management Zone Ad-Hoc Committee. Thomas Harder had previously provided a draft plan. However, there were several areas of the plan that needed input and further development. Currently, language is being drafted to present to the Board. A tiered approach, with restrictions escalating with subsidence, was discussed. In addition, various zones have been proposed for the purpose of managing subsidence.

Director Kisling provided a report.

Trelawney Bullis provided public comment.

Discussion continued regarding proposed management zones.

Report from 4Creeks on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing

Consulting Engineer De Groot provided a report on accounting and invoicing. Mr. De Groot presented a map indicating those who have paid the groundwater extraction fee. Thus far, 1,527 parcels have paid, with approximately \$230,000.00 in payments received thus far to date. A second reminder statement is scheduled to be circulated during the early part of next week. Several landowners have contacted 4Creeks regarding the fee and payment.

Mr. De Groot also reported on invoices for transitional pumping. He advised that he is currently working to ensure that all surface water deliveries are uploaded to the BasinSafe system.

### Report on GSA-to-GSA Transfers

Consulting Engineer De Groot provided a report regarding GSA-to-GSA transfers. He advised that a one-page guidance document is currently being prepared concerning the issue.

### STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### Report on Ongoing ETGSA Outreach Efforts

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on the ongoing outreach efforts and upcoming events. A copy of his report is attached as Agenda Item #6a and incorporated by reference.

### REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

#### Receive Reports from Executive Committee Members

General Manager Caudillo advised that the Executive Committee did not meet in the preceding month, due to lack of agenda items.

#### Receive Reports from Stakeholder Committee Members

General Manager Caudillo advised that the Stakeholder Committee did not meet in the preceding month, due to lack of agenda items.

### BILLS AND WARRANTS

#### Receive Finance Committee Monthly Reports

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a is a copy of the report on the meeting of the Finance Committee.

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

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on current financial standing and accounts payable. The finance committee recommends payment of the accounts. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b is a copy of the financial statements.

Director Kisling moved to approve the financial statements, ratification of bills paid, and approval of bills to be paid, as presented in the agenda packet. The motion was seconded by Director Holmes, and approved by way of the following roll call vote:

#### In Favor:

Director Townsend  
Director Holmes  
Director Leider

Director Galloway  
Director Corkins  
Director Reyes  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

*\*Director Schneider stepped out of the meeting during this vote.*

Opposed: None

## TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

### Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9a is a copy of the report. Subbasin TAC meeting is being moved.

## NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday May 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be held on May 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

## CLOSED SESSION

### CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Number of Potential Cases: Two

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritson regarding two potential items of anticipated litigation.

## CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

Chairman Borba reported there was no reportable action from closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Rogelio Caudillo, General Manager