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MINUTES OF THE ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE HELD June 10, 2021

At approximately, 2:09 p.m. on June 10, 2021, Chairman Bill Bennett called to order the meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Stakeholder Members Present: Jason Guthrie Julia Inestroza
 Sopac Mulholland Tom O’Sullivan
 Matthew Watkins Will Bennett

Stakeholder Members Absent: Kathy Briano Don Castle
 James Parsons John Konda
 Matthew Leider

Others Present: Rogelio Caudillo Trelawney Bullis
 Dalee Chang Sean Geivet
 Michael Knight

ROLL CALL

Chairman Bennett called roll call as follows:

Committee member Guthrie
Committee member Inestroza
Committee member O’Sullivan
Committee member Watkins
Committee Chairman Bennett

Stakeholder Committee is one member short of a quorum. No other action item besides the approval of the minutes, committee decided to go ahead and table Action Item #4.a.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was announced. No public comment was received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcement was made.

POLICY ISSUES

Report on ETGSA Emergency Ordinance No. 2021-01

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the Emergency Ordinance No. 2021-01. An emergency ordinance to address critically dry conditions and accounting of consumed groundwater use. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.a Exhibit A.

Staff informed the committee Emergency Ordinance applies to water year 2021 with a deduction of 10% consumptive use. Forms to Opt-out includes Fallowed Non-Irrigated Land, Fallowed Irrigated Land, and Non-Irrigated Ag. Land.

Trelawney Bullis provided a comment on allocations and carry over.

Discussion ensued regarding consumptive use.

Committee member Mulholland arrive at 2:22 p.m.

Discussion on irrigated parcels in Community Management Areas

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the City of Porterville Urban Development Boundary Management Areas. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.b Exhibit A.

Staff informed the committee at the Special Board Meeting in May; board directors had approved readjustment to the Urban Development Boundaries. City of Porterville has unaccounted irrigated acreages within the city's jurisdiction.

Committee member Guthrie provide a comment on irrigated lands within city boundaries.

Staff informed the committee that Eastern Tule GSA will manage the parcels.

Chair Bennett provided a comment on non-Irrigated land.

Michael Knight informed the committee irrigated lands will be manage the same way as it overlaps with the UDB.

Committee member O'Sullivan provided a comment on active irrigated lands and if the city was servicing them with water.

Discussion ensued regarding preexisting SGMA and city policy.

Sean Geivet provided a comment.

Michael Knight informed the committee irrigated acreage is manage in the same manner as the others. ETGSA has been tracking water consumption.

Committee member Watkins provided a comment regarding accounts.

Michael Knight informed the committee that the city is working with 4Creeks to have all APNs accounted for and invoices sent out.

Discussion on ETGSA Legal Split Parcel opt-in agreement

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with an Opt-In Agreement template. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.c Exhibit A.

Chair Bennett provided a comment on bisected parcels with multiple APN's.

Staff informed the committee parcels outside of ETGSA does not fall under the agency's jurisdiction defined by the Department of Water Resources. Those parcels are not within the Tule subbasin boundaries.

Discussion ensued regarding landowners not in compliance with ETGSA policies because portion of their land is inside the jurisdiction boundaries and the rest is outside.

Sean Geivet provided a comment on the parcel outside the boundaries. As a result, data is not collected based on pumping but on consumption in the APN.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member O'Sullivan provided a comment on how many acres are bisected.

Sean Geivet informed the committee there is about 13,000 acres total as bisected who can opt-in or out.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Inestroza provided a comment on pumping and exporting to a different parcel outside the boundaries and not wanting to be in violation to the policy.

Discussion ensued regarding having 5 different APN on 1 Ranch and 4 is only accounted for using the same well.

Committee member Guthrie provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Mulholland provided a comment

Staff informed the committee if your parcel is wholly inside the boundaries then you are in but if your parcel is outside then you are out.

Committee member Watkins provided a comment regarding the terms.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member O’Sullivan provided a comment on the new management areas and flexibility.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Watkins’s recommendation is (1) agreement to opt-in would be by water year; (2) agreement to opt-in parcel should be a one-time only offer.

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of May 13, 2021 Stakeholder Committee Meeting

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the Minutes of the May 13, 2021 Stakeholder Committee Meeting, attached hereto, and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4. A

Exhibit A.

Committee member O’Sullivan moved for the approval of the May 13, 2021 stakeholder committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee member Mulholland, and approved by the way of the following roll call vote:

Committee member Guthrie: Yes

Committee member Inestroza: Yes

Committee member Mulholland: Yes

Committee member O’Sullivan: Yes

Committee member Watkins: Yes

The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Chair Bennett wanted to revisit the announcement section. An announcement was made on a job well done to staff for the workshop that took place on June 8th.

Committee member Mulholland provided a comment on the workshop.

Discussion ensued regarding educating and informing landowners about SGMA.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Stakeholder Committee is for Thursday July 8th. Committee discussed changing Stakeholder meeting till after the Special Meeting of the Board and Public Hearing held on Friday July 9th. Therefore, committee tentatively scheduled the Stakeholder Committee Meeting for Thursday July 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm should the Executive Committee decide to postpone their meeting as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board