



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY
JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD OCTOBER 7, 2021**

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on October 7, 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 social distancing directives, there was no physical location for the meeting.

Members Present:	Eric Borba	Dyson Schneider
	Steve Kisling	John Corkins
	Curt Holmes	Geoffrey Galloway
	Eric Limas	Mike Knight
	Dennis Townsend	

Members Absent:	Matthew Leider	Monte Reyes
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Others Present:	Aubrey Mauritsen	Rogelio Caudillo
	Nick Keller	David De Groot
	Justine Massey	Sean Geivet
	Andrew Hart	Robert Porr
	Lora Carpenter	Doug Brown
	John M. Domondon	Johnny Amaral
	Alexis Meneses	Don Tucker
	Vanessa Yap	

ROLL CALL

General Manager Caudillo called the roll as follows:

- Director Townsend
- Director Holmes
- Director Galloway
- Alt. Director Limas
- Director Corkins
- Director Schneider
- Director Kisling
- Chairman Borba

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: Four

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo advised that there were no new announcements.

MINUTES

Consider Approval of Minutes of September 2, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Director Corkins moved to approve the minutes of September 2, 2021. The motion was seconded by Director Kisling, and unanimously approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend
Director Holmes
Alt. Director Limas
Director Galloway
Director Corkins
Director Schneider
Director Kisling
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

ADMINISTRATION

Consider Approval of ETGSA Fourth Amended Rules & Regulations.

General Manager Caudillo referred the board to Agenda Item #7a, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a copy of the draft Fourth Amended Rules & Regulations and staff report outlining the updates.

Director Corkins moved to adopt the Fourth Amended Rules & Regulations, with one addition to the draft presented: on page 10, Section 3.03(d)(i), a requirement that land remain fallowed for at least six months in order to receive the ability to transfer the Sustainable Yield Allocation contemplated by Section 3.03(d)(i). Director Schneider seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend
Director Holmes
Alt. Director Limas
Director Galloway
Director Corkins
Director Schneider
Director Kisling
Chairman Borba

Consider Approval of Appointments to the Land Subsidence Monitoring Committee.

General Manager Caudillo provided a report recommending several appointments for the Board's consideration. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b is a copy of the list.

Discussion ensued regarding consultant costs.

Director Corkins moved to approve the slate of candidates presented in the agenda packet. Director Kisling seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend
Director Holmes
Alt. Director Limas
Director Corkins
Director Schneider
Director Kisling
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

Update from Staff Meeting with Community Water Center (“CWC”)

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on a staff meeting with the CWC. Attached hereto as Agenda Item #7c is a copy of correspondence and materials provided by the CWC.

Discussion ensued regarding timing of addressing the CWC’s request.

Consider Approval of the Formation of a TAC Ad-Hoc Committee for the Purposes of DWR GSP Comment Review

General Manager Caudillo provided a report regarding the formation of a TAC Ad-Hoc Committee for the purposes of DWR GSP comment review.

Chairman Borba and Consulting Engineer David De Groot will work together on the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for the limited purpose of potential consultation with DWR.

Consider Approval of the Public Purpose Acquired Property Agreement.

This item was tabled.

Report from 4Creeks on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing

Consulting Engineer De Groot provided a report on accounting and invoicing. He advised that he is still working on finalizing surface water accounts. Mr. De Groot also reported that there are currently 124,000 enrolled acres, 74,000 of which are irrigates. Twenty-four parcels have opted out, totaling 155 acres. Bisected parcels comprising 8,000 acres have opted in. Some accounts started Tier 1 allocations during the August-September period. Invoices for those Tier 1 extractions will go out in early November of this year.

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 #8a and incorporated by reference.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

Receive Reports from Stakeholder Committee Members

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9a is a copy of the report on the meeting of the Stakeholder Committee.

Receive Reports from Executive Committee Members

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on the meetings of the Executive Committee.

BILLS AND WARRANTS

Receive Finance Committee Monthly Reports

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10a 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 #10b is a copy of the financial statements.

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

In Favor:

Director Townsend
Director Holmes
Alt. Director Limas
Director Galloway
Director Corkins
Alt Director Knight
Director Schneider
Director Kisling
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None

Consider Approval of Call for Funds for Member Agencies

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on Call for Funds for member agencies. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #10c, a summary of the call for funds. A question was raised as to how often to make a call for funds (quarterly, annually, etc.).

Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate frequency of calls for funds.

Director Kisling moved to approve the call for funds for member agencies as presented in the agenda packet, discuss with agencies on how many payments. The motion was seconded by Director Corkins, and approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend
Director Holmes
Alt. Director Limas
Director Galloway
Director Corkins
Alt. Director Knight
Director Schneider
Director Kisling
Chairman Borba

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 #11a is a copy of the report.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, November 4, 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 November 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, General Manager