



EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD JULY 18, 2022**

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At approximately 2:00 p.m. on July 18, 2022, 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 Steve Kisling Matthew Leider Michael Knight	John Corkins Dyson Schneider Dennis Townsend Vanessa Yap
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Members Absent:	Curt Holmes Monte Reyes	Geoffrey Galloway
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Others Present:	Aubrey Mauritsen Dennis Keller Tien Tran Alexis Meneses Hailey Pritchett	Rogelio Caudillo Andrew Hart David De Groot Don Davis
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**ROLL CALL**

General Manager Caudillo called the roll as follows:

- Director Townsend
- Alt. Director Yap
- Director Leider
- Director Corkins
- Alt. Director Knight
- 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: One

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

Chairman Borba announced that there was no reportable action from closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba announced the public comment period. Tien Tran from Community Water Center provided public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo advised that there were no announcements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager Caudillo referred the Board to Agenda Items 4a – 4e on the Consent Calendar portion of the agenda. A copy of the Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Board Meeting is attached as Agenda Item #4a. A copy of the Minutes of the June 30, 2022 Board Meeting (Public Hearing) is attached as Agenda Item #4b. A copy of Resolution 2021-6 Re: Public Teleconference Meetings is attached as Agenda Item #4c. A copy of the financial statements is attached as Agenda Item #4d. A copy of the Tulare County FY22-23 Budget Form and approval of Agency Authorized Signatories for Disbursement of Funds is attached as Agenda Item #4e.

Director Corkins moved to approve Items 4a through 4e. Director Kisling seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend  
Alt. Director Yap  
Director Leider  
Director Corkins  
Alt. Director Knight  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

ADMINISTRATION

Consider Approval of Tom Harder & Co. Scope of Work to Conduct and Ag Well Inventory for the Land Subsidence Management Area

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on a Scope of Work to Conduct an Ag Well Inventory for the Land Subsidence Management Area provided by Tom Harder & Co. A copy of the proposal is attached as Agenda Item #5a and incorporated by reference.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposal.

Director Corkins moved to approve the proposed Scope of Work. Director Schneider seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend  
Alt. Director Yap  
Director Leider  
Director Corkins  
Alt. Director Knight  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

Adopt ETGSA Resolution 2022-03 Certifying the Results of the Prop 218 Election

Consulting Engineer Dennis Keller provided a report on ETGSA Resolution 2022-03 certifying the results of the Prop 218 Election and confirming the Election did not pass as the majority of votes cast were not in favor. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5b is a copy of the Resolution.

Director Corkins moved to adopt ETGSA Resolution 2022-03. Director Kisling seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend  
Alt. Director Yap  
Director Leider  
Director Corkins  
Alt. Director Knight  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

Report from 4Creeks on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing

Consulting Engineer De Groot provided a report on accounting and invoicing. He advised regarding updates to BasinSafe accounts, and noted that the ET data for May has been updated. Mr. De Groot also noted that the Water Market Board is available. Mr. De Groot provided an update with respect to total enrollment and opt-out acreage, and advised that the next round of invoicing is expected in mid-August.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)

Staff Report on Amended GSP

Consulting Engineer De Groot provided a presentation on the 2022 Amended GSP. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

Public comment was received concerning the Amended GSP:

Tien Tran and Don Davis each provided public comment.

Consider Approval of Resolution 2022-04 to Approve and Adopt Amended GSP

Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6b is a copy of the Resolution to approve the 2022 Amended GSP.

Director Leider moved to approve ETGSA Resolution 2022-04. Director Schnieder seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend  
Alt. Director Yap  
Director Leider  
Director Corkins  
Alt Director Knight  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Report on Ongoing ETGSA Outreach Efforts

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on ongoing outreach efforts and upcoming events. A copy of his report is attached as Agenda Item #7a and incorporated by reference.

## REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

### Receive Reports from Executive Committee Members

General Manager Caudillo advised that there was no Executive Committee Meeting last month.

### Receive Reports from Stakeholder Committee Members

General Manager Caudillo advised that there was no Stakeholder Committee Meeting last month.

### Receive Reports from Finance Committee Members

General Manager Caudillo provided a report, a copy of which is attached as Agenda Item #8c. Mr. Caudillo noted that the Committee met immediately prior to the Board meeting at 1:15p.m.

## TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

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

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9a is a copy of the report.

### Consider Approval of Letter of Support for LTRID and Pixley ID Grant Application

General Manager Caudillo provided a report regarding the letter of support for LTRID and Pixley ID Grant Application. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9b is a copy of the Letter.

Director Corkins moved to approve the letter of support for LTRID and Pixley ID Grant Application. Director Townsend seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by way of the following roll call vote:

#### In Favor:

Director Townsend  
Alt. Director Yap  
Director Leider  
Director Corkins  
Alt. Director Knight  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

## 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: Three

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

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

[Government Code Section 54947]

Title: General Manager

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54947, met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritson regarding public employee performance evaluation.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

Chairman Borba announced that there was no reportable action from closed session.

Consider Approval of Recommendations to Make a Percentage Adjustment to Authority Annual Budget for Employee's Salary

Director Kisling reported the Finance Committee discussed job performance. He advised that the Finance Committee has recommended an 8.5% increase to the salary of the agency's general manager.

Director Leider moved to approve an 8.5% increase to the general manager's salary. Director Townsend seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend  
Alt. Director Yap  
Director Leider  
Director Corkins  
Alt. Director Knight  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be held on August 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Rogelio Caudillo, General Manager