



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY
JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD AUGUST 4, 2022**

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on August 4, 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	John Corkins
	Steve Kisling	Matthew Leider
	Michael Knight	Geoffrey Galloway
	Dennis Townsend	John Michael Domondon
	Curt Holmes	

Members Absent:	Monte Reyes	Dyson Schneider
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Others Present:	Aubrey Mauritson	Rogelio Caudillo
	William Bennett	David Payne
	Reyn Akiona	Cristina Murillo-Barrick
	Don Tucker	Hailey Pritchett
	David De Groot	Johnny Amaral

ROLL CALL

General Manager Caudillo called the roll as follows:

Director Townsend
 Director Holmes
 Director Leider
 Director Galloway
 Director Corkins
 Alt Director Knight
 At. Director Domondon
 Director Kisling
 Chairman Borba

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba announced the public comment period.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo advised that there were no announcements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager Caudillo referred the Board to Agenda Items 4a – 4c on the Consent Calendar portion of the agenda. A copy of the Minutes of the July 18, 2022 Board Meeting is attached as Agenda Item #4a. A copy of Resolution 2021-6 Re: Public Teleconference Meetings is attached as Agenda Item #4b. A copy of the financial statements is attached as Agenda Item #4c.

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

In Favor:

Director Townsend
Director Holmes
Director Leider
Director Corkins
Alt. Director Knight
Alt Director Domondon
Director Kisling
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

Abstain: Director Galloway

PRESENTATION

Presentation on the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program

General Manager Caudillo introduced Tule Subbasin Watershed Coordinator Reyn Akiona. Mr. Akiona gave a presentation on the SALC Program.

Discussion ensued.

Cristina Murrillo-Barrick from UCCE also provided a presentation.

The Board directed staff to present the matter to the Stakeholder Committee.

ADMINISTRATION

Staff Update on ETGSA GSP Submittal

General Manager Caudillo provided an update on ETGSA's GSP submittal. Mr. Caudillo noted that the amended GSP was timely uploaded last week, and that the close of the comment period is September 30, 2022.

Consulting Engineer De Groot reported the revisions were accepted.

Consider Approval of Rate Payers Report and Set Date for Public Hearing on Groundwater Extraction Fee

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on the Rate Payers Report and setting a date for public hearing on the groundwater extraction fee. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6b, Exhibit A, is a copy of the study.

Discussion ensued.

Director Corkins moved to approve the Rate Payers Report and setting a date for the public hearing on groundwater extraction fee on October 6, 2022. Director Leider 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
Alt. Director Knight
Alt. Director Domondon
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 that ET data as of June 22, 2022 is now available to landowners. Mr. De Groot recommended that the landowners review accounts at this time. He noted that there are 1,639 accounts at this time, and that 845 acres have opted out. Updates were also provided on payments and balances owed.

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 1:00 p.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.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, September 1, 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 September 1, 2022 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: 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.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, General Manager