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## MINUTES OF THE ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE HELD JANUARY 12, 2023

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At approximately, 2:01 p.m. on January 12, 2023, Chairman Bennett called to order the meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Members Present:

Don Castle  
Jason Guthrie  
Julia Inestroza  
James Parsons

Tom O’Sullivan  
Matthew Walkins  
Armando Leal  
William Bennett

Members Absent:

John Gaugel  
Matthew Leider

Sopac Mulholland

Others Present:

Rogelio Caudillo  
Don Tucker  
Dalee Chang  
Tian Tran

Tien Tran  
Cristina Murillo-Barrick  
John M. Domondon

### ROLL CALL

Chair Bennett called roll call as follows:

Committee member Castle  
Committee O’Sullivan  
Committee member Guthrie  
Committee member Watkins  
Committee member Inestroza  
Committee member Mulholland  
Chair Bennett

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Stakeholder Committee Chairman Bennett announced the public comment period. No public comment was received.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcement was made.

## MINUTES

General Manager Caudillo referred the Stakeholder Committee to Agenda Items 4a-4c of the Minutes portion of the agenda. A copy of the Minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting is attached as Agenda Item #4a. A copy of the Minutes of the October 13, 2022 meeting is attached as Agenda Item #4b. A copy of the Minutes of the November 10, 2022 meeting is attached as Agenda Item #4c.

Committee member Guthrie moved to approved Items 4a through 4c. Committee member Castle seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by the way of the following roll call vote:

### In Favor:

Committee member Castle  
Committee member O'Sullivan  
Committee member Guthrie  
Committee member Watkins  
Committee member Inestroza  
Committee member Leal

Opposed: None

## POLICY ISSUES

### Updates on ETGSA Meetings

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the updates on ETGSA Meetings, attached hereto, and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5a.

Committee member Castle provided a comment on Certificates of Lien notices.

Discussion ensued regarding which accounts are getting lien notices.

Chair Bennett provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

### Update on Tulare SALC Planning Project

General Manager Caudillo presented to the Committee with the Tulare Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Planning Proposal attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5b Exhibit A.

\*Committee member Parson joined the meeting at 2:22pm.

Cristina Murillo-Barrick from UCCE gave a presentation on the Tulare SALC Planning Project.

Tien Tran provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Castle provided a comment regarding collaborators.

Discussion ensued.

Committee Parson provided a comment on the SALC Project.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Watkins provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

#### Review of the Tier 1 Penalty Allocation Schedule

Don Tucker from 4Creeks reported on the Tier 1 Transitional schedule and allocations.

Chair Bennett provided a comment on Water Year 2023 transitional allocations and why are landowners allocated 80%.

Mr. Tucker informed the Committee that landowners were provided 3 years' worth of Tier 1 allocation in 2021 of 1.18 AF/acre at 90% and 2022 allocations were allocated at 0.91 AF/acre. Therefore, water year 2023s Tier 1 allocations are allocated at 80% to reflect 2025 allocations that is set to expired in 2029.

Committee member Castle provided a comment.

Discussion ensued regarding pumping

Tien Tran provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

#### Update on the ETGSA Eighth Amended Rules & Regulations

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the Eighth Amended Rules and Regulations. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5d.

Committee member Castle provided a comment regarding a map of the management zone.

Discussion ensued regarding Tier 1 Penalty allocations.

Chair Bennett provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

#### NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 2:00p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee would be on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Tian Tran provided a comment regarding next meeting.

Discussion ensued.

#### ADJOURMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board