

***EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY JOINT
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Teapot Dome Water District
Vandalia Water District
Terra Bella Irrigation District
Kern-Tulare Water District



**ETGSA
Special Stakeholder
Committee**

Thursday, March 23, 2023
Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

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-----AGENDA-----

Action items are listed in **bold**.

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. MINUTES

- a. **ACTION** – Approve the January 12, 2023 Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Minutes.

5. PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation & Update on ET from LandIQ.

6. POLICY ISSUES

- a. Updates on ETGSA Meetings.
- b. Update on the ETGSA Land Subsidence Management Zone.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next Regular Stakeholder Committee Meeting– Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 2pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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Agenda Item #4.a
Exhibit A

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

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

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,

Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board



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Agenda Item 6.a

Updates on ETGSA Meetings

Staff Report to the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee

Subject: ETGSA Board Meetings

Submitted By: General Manager

Recommended Action: *N/A, for report purposes only.*

Executive Summary:

ETGSA Board of Directors meet on February 2, 2023:

- Approved Proposal for ITRC-METRIC ETc/Land IQ ETc Comparison.
- Approved ETGSA Resolution: LandFlex Grant.

ETGSA Board of Directors meet on March 2, 2023:

- Presentation of items to Board on the Annual Report submitted to DWR.
- Approved ETGSA Scope of Work & Budget for MLRP Grant from 4Creeks.

Background:

- n/a

Fiscal Impact:

- n/a

Attachments:

- n/a



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Agenda Item 6.b

Update on ETGSA Land Subsidence Management Zone

Staff Report to the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee

Subject: Land Subsidence Management Zone

Submitted By: General Manager

Recommended Action: *N/A, for report purposes only.*

Executive Summary:

Pursuant to Section 4.05 of ETGSA's Rules & Regulations and ETGSA's Land Subsidence Management Plan, ETGSA will restrict groundwater extraction within LSMA in order to protect against harmful land subsidence once the subsidence measured drops below a certain distance.

The classification of LSMA Tiers is determined for each management zone within the LSMA based on the cumulative subsidence that has occurred since 2020. As additional subsidence occurs, Management Zones enter LSMA Tiers that become more restrictive on groundwater extractions on lands within the management zone.

LSMZ Workshop: Porterville Veterans Memorial Building, March 27, 2023 at 10:00am

Background:

Thomas Harder presented the DRAFT Land Subsidence Management Zone Plan to the ETGSA Board of Directors and Committees in 2020. After receiving feedback from the committees, Board created a Land Subsidence Management Zone Ad-Hoc Committee to review the feedback and concerns given to the ETGSA which resulted in the creation of an updated plan that was later approved by Board.

Fiscal Impact:

- n/a

Attachments:

- Exhibit A: ETGSA Land Subsidence Management Area (LSMA) Management Zone Tiers
- Exhibit B: ETGSA LSMA 2021/22 Annual Report Map

Exhibit 1

ETGSA Land Subsidence Management Area (LSMA) Management Zone Tiers

LSMA Management Action Tier	Cumulative Land Subsidence	Requirement Management Actions (Groundwater Extraction Restrictions)
Tier 1	Between: 0 ft & 1.49 ft	No additional restrictions beyond the established Rules and Regulations for the ETGSA Greater Tule Management Area
Tier 2	Between: 1.50 ft & 1.99 ft	<p>All actions in Tier 1 apply plus the following additional management actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit extractions within the Management Area to 60% of current year Tier 1 Penalty Allocation, allocated to lands within the Tier 2 Management Zone. • The remaining 40% of Tier 1 Penalty Allocation is available to be extracted or transferred outside of the Management Area, provided such use and transfer is otherwise consistent with the ETGSA Rules and Regulations. • Any wells implementing pumping of any water 600 ft below land surface will require a meter and reporting of the data monthly to the ETGSA staff, and subject to meter specifications as defined in the ETGSA Rules and Regulations.
Tier 3	Between: 2.00 ft & 2.49 ft	<p>All actions in Tier 1 and Tier 2 apply plus the following additional management actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit extractions within the Management Area to 30% of current year Tier 1 Penalty Allocation, allocated to lands within the Tier 2 Management Zone. • The remaining 70% of Tier 1 Penalty Allocation is available to be extracted or transferred outside of the Management Area, provided such use and transfer is otherwise consistent with the ETGSA Rules and Regulations. • Any wells implementing pumping of any water 600 ft below land surface will require a meter and reporting of the data monthly to the ETGSA staff, and subject to meter specifications as defined in the ETGSA Rules and Regulations.
Tier 4	Between: 2.50 ft & 2.99 ft	<p>All actions in Tiers 1 through Tier 3 apply plus the following additional management actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No extraction of Tier 1 Penalty Allocation within the Management Area. • Extraction of Tier 1 can occur in the Management Area if analyses and data are provided to demonstrate that it will not result in additional land subsidence.

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