

***EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
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**ETGSA Stakeholder  
Committee**

Thursday, April 13, 2022  
**Convenes at 2:00 p.m.**

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-----AGENDA-----

Action items are listed in **bold**.

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Committee at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Committee consideration. Any person addressing the Committee will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes or the Chairman's discretion. At all times, please state your name for the record.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4. **MINUTES**

- a. **ACTION** – Approve the March 23, 2023 Special Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Minute

## **5. POLICY ISSUES**

- a. Presentation and Updates from LandIQ.
- b. Updates on ETGSA Meetings.

## **6. NEXT MEETING DATE**

- c. Next Regular Stakeholder Committee Meeting– Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 2pm.

## **7. ADJOURMENT**

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**Agenda Item #4.a**  
**Exhibit A**

**MINUTES OF THE  
ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE  
HELD MARCH 23, 2023**

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At approximately, 2:01 p.m. on March 23, 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	Armando Leal
Sopac Mulholland	William Bennett

Members Absent:

Matthew Watkins	James Parsons
Matthew Leider	

Others Present:

Rogelio Caudillo	Tom O’Sullivan (Online)
John Gaugel (Online)	Dalee Chang
John M. Domondon	Bryan Osorio
Bill Wallace	Adam Mendoza
Warren Hutchings	Matt Brady

**ROLL CALL**

Chair Bennett called roll call as follows:

Committee member Castle  
Committee member Guthrie  
Committee member Watkins  
Committee member Mulholland  
Chair Bennett

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

General Manager Caudillo announced letters have been sent to Landowners regarding the Land Subsidence Management Zone. There will be a Land Subsidence Management Workshop at 10am on March 27, 2023 at the Porterville Veterans Memorial Building.

## MINUTES

### Approved the January 12, 2023 Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Minutes

Stakeholder Committee is one member short of a quorum. No other action item besides the approval of the minutes, committee decided to go ahead and table Action Item #4a.

## PRESENTATION

### Presentation & Update on ET from Land IQ

Joel Kimmelshue from Land IQ provided a presentation and update on ET.

Committee member Inestroza provided a comment on consumption of the hillside.

Discussion ensued regarding ET data of the foothills.

Chair Bennett provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

## 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 #6a.

Chair Bennett provided a comment on Consumption and recommended to the Board to hold workshops.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Leal provided a comment.

\*Committee member Inestroza arrived in person at 2:51pm, had previously been participating online.

Discussion ensued.

Bryan Osorio provided a comment.

After discussion Chair Bennett entertained the motion of going back to approve the minutes. During the meeting, the committee had acquired a quorum of committee members after the meeting had started.

## MINUTES

### Approved the January 12, 2023 Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Minutes

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the Minutes of January 12, 2023 Stakeholder Committee Meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4a.

Committee member Castle moved for the approval of the minutes of January 12, 2023 Stakeholder Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee member Mulholland, and the Committee unanimously approved the motion.

## POLICY ISSUES

### Update on the ETGSA Land Subsidence Management Zone

General Manager Caudillo presented to the Committee with the update on the ETGSA Land Subsidence Management Zone. Attached and hereto and incorporated as Agenda Item #6b.

Committee member Leal provided a comment on the landowners who resides in the Management Action Tier 2.

Discussion ensued regarding management actions of each Tier.

Chair Bennett brought up comments regarding the GSP letter provided by DWR.

Staff provided clarification and return to the updates on the Land Subsidence Management Zone.

Committee member Mulholland provided a comment on the requirement management actions restrictions of the Tier 2 LSMA action Tier.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Inestroza provided a comment of landowner groundwater credits generated in the management zone.

John M. Domondon provided a comment regarding ETGSAs implementation of well depth and well meters.

Matt Brady provided a comment.

Committee member Gaugel provided a comment on how parcels are going to be identified in Basinsafe.

Discussion ensued regarding pumping restrictions.

NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, April 13, 2023 at the Transit Multi-Purpose Center  
(15 E. Thurman Ave, Suite D, Porterville, CA)

The next meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee shall be a regular meeting, set for April 13, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board



# ETGSA Special Stakeholder Committee

## March 23, 2023

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### Agenda Item 5.b

## 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 April 6, 2023:

- Staff reported that the 2022 Annual Report was submitted to DWR.
- Board had discussion regarding bills submitted for consideration of approval for Letters of Support. The board requested staff to look further into the bills proposed.

Summary of Bills submitted for Letter of Support consideration:

AB 62 (Mathis): This bill sets a goal to increase total water storage by 3.7 million acre-feet (AF) by 2030 and 4 million AF by 2040 and directs the SWRCB to consult with DWR to design and implement measures to attain this goal.

AB 66 (Mathis): This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency to approve permits for projects funded by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Project Act (Prop 1) within 180 days if the projects have a project labor agreement or use a skilled and trained workforce.

SB 550 (Grove): adds a study to the Water Code to analyze the uncertainties and delays in the state's process of water trading and close information gaps on the supply of water. SB 550 also assesses trends, barriers to entry and how a better understanding of water markets could assist in our state's water-resilience efforts. The study will analyze barriers to entering the water market or effectively trading in the market and include proposals for improving the regulatory framework to make the water market more market friendly and to encourage growth.

SB 651 (Grove): will codify parts of Governor Newsom's March 2021 executive order into statute, streamlining water project permitting. The bill gives the Secretary of Natural Resources the authority to expedite projects relating to water conservation, and automatically expedite permitting with respect to groundwater recharge projects.



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### Background:

- n/a

### Fiscal Impact:

- n/a

### Attachments:

- n/a