



**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on September 7, 2023, at the City of Porterville, Council Chambers, Chairman Eric Borba called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”). The meeting was also conducted remotely for members of the public.

Members Present:	Eric Borba	John Corkins
	Steve Kisling	Matthew Leider
	Don Weyrauch	Dyson Schneider
	Dennis Townsend	Geoff Galloway

Members Absent: Curt Holmes

Others Present:	Aubrey Mauritson	Rogelio Caudillo
	Micheal Knight	Dalee Chang
	Anthony Moore	Sean Geivet
	Don Castle	Don Tucker
	Paul Shires	Tien Tran
	Ashley Walker	

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba announced the public comment period. Public comment was received from Paul Shires.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo advised that there are open seats on ETGSA’s Stakeholder Committee, as the current two-year terms are ending. The application to be considered for Committee service is available on the ETGSA website.

Public comment was received from Tien Tran.

Mr. Caudillo also announced that landowners interested in pre-purchasing Tier 1 allocations at the rate of \$284 per acre foot for next water year have until the end of this month to make the request.

CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager Caudillo referred the Board to Agenda Items #3a – #3b on the Consent Calendar portion of the agenda. A copy of the Minutes of the August 3, 2023, Board Meeting is attached as Agenda Item #3a. A copy of the financial statements is attached as Agenda Item #3b.

Director Corkins moved to approve Items #3a - #3b. Director Townsend seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATION

Consider Approval of Salary/Payment Adjustment: Administrative

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Mr. Caudillo reported that the recent emergence of full-time administrative staff within the Agency warranted an increase to reflect the increased level of responsibility and commitment.

Discussion ensued.

Director Kisling moved to approve the requested salary adjustment. Director Corkins seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Report from 4Creeks on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing

Don Tucker of 4Creeks provided a report on ETGSA accounts and invoicing.

Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4b is a copy of his report.

Discussion ensued.

GOVERNMENTAL AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Report on State Advocacy Efforts

Ashley Walker of Nossaman, LLP provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5a is a copy of her report.

Discussion ensued.

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 #6a and incorporated by reference.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Receive Report from the Finance Committee

General Manager Caudillo provided a report, a copy of which is attached as Agenda Item #7a.

Receive Report from the Stakeholder Committee

General Manager Caudillo provided a report, a copy of which is attached as Agenda Item #7b.

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 #8a is a copy of the report.

Public comment from Tien Tran.

Discussion ensued.

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: Four

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Number of Potential Cases: One

Claimant: Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc.

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.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be held on October 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, General Manager