

**EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY,
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ETGSA

**Meeting of the Authority
Board of Directors**

Thursday, October 5, 2023
Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

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Meeting Location:
City of Porterville
City Council Chambers
291N. Main Street
Porterville, CA 93257

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-----**AGENDA**-----

Action items are listed in **bold**.

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1. CLOSED SESSION:

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:

[Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]
Number of Potential Cases: Seven

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. v. Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCU302028

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 Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of **three (3)** minutes or the Chairman's discretion. At all times, please use the microphone and state your name for the record.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Staff Report on Groundwater Extraction Fee and Water Rate Study
- b. Public Hearing on Groundwater Extraction Fee. Written protests by individuals will be accepted up until the end of the Hearing. Protests submitted after the Hearing has concluded will not be considered.
- c. Close Public Hearing, report on Status of Written Protest.
- d. **ACTION** – Consider Approval of Resolution 2023-03, setting Groundwater Extraction Fee.

5. CONSENT CALANDER

- a. Approval of September 7, 2023 Meeting of the Board Minutes.
- b. Approval of ratification of bills paid and approval of bills to be paid. (*Materials to be distributed on the day of the Board Meeting.*)
- c. Approval of Letter to County of Tulare Treasurer Re: Petty Cash

6. ADMINISTRATION

- a. WY 2024 Sustainable Yield and Tier 1 Penalty Allocations (*staff will present the WY2024 allocations*).
- b. **ACTION** – Consider Approval of Resolution 2023-04, establishing Tier 1 penalty rates.
- c. **ACTION** – Member Agency Calls for Funds.
- d. **ACTION** – Consider Approval of Appointments to Finance Committee.
- e. Discussion regarding Water Bucket Prioritization
- f. Report from 4Creeks on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing.

7. GOVERNMENTAL AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- a. Report on State Advocacy efforts.

8. STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- a. Report on ongoing ETGSA outreach efforts.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. Receive report from Finance Committee.
- b. Receive report from Stakeholder Committee.
- c. Receive report from Land Subsidence Monitoring Committee.

10. TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

- a. Presentation on Revised Methodology and Revised Sustainable Management Criteria for Addressing DWR Comments.
- b. Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items.

11. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

- a. Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 2 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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