



EASTERN TULE
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**MINUTES OF THE
ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE
HELD OCTOBER 12, 2023**

At approximately, 2:03 p.m. on October 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 John Gaugel
 Jason Guthrie Armando Leal
 Matthew Watkins William Bennett

Members Absent: Matthew Leider James Parsons

Others Present: Rogelio Caudillo Sopac Mulholland (Online)
 Dalee Chang Susan Long
 David Payne Julia Inostroza (Online)
 Don Tucker Sean Geivet
 Ruben Longoria Tom O’Sullivan (Online)

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo announce that application for Stakeholder Committee seats for the next year staggering 2-year seats coming up year 2024-2026 is due December 2024.

Committee member Guthrie provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the August 10, 2023 & September 14, 2023 Stakeholder Committee Meeting

The Stakeholder Committee is one member short of a quorum. The Committee decided to go ahead and table Action Item #3a-b till a quorum of the Committee was present.

POLICY ISSUES

Presentation on Revised Methodology and Revised Sustainable Management

Don Tucker from 4Creeks presented to the Committee with the presentation on Revised Methodology and Revised Sustainable Management from Tom Harder. Attach to the Stakeholder packet as Agenda Item #4a.

Committee member Leal provided a comment on the model forecasted change in groundwater level between 2022 and 2040.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Bennett provided a comment regarding potential well impact.

*Committee member Gaugel arrived at 2:17pm.

Discussion ensued on impacted wells, data complication, and deconstructed well, and those that already connected to the City of Porterville.

Committee member O'Sullivan provided a comment on domestic wells outside the City of Porterville.

Discussion ensued regarding worst case scenarios and connecting to the City of Porterville along with surrounding water system.

Committee member Gaugel provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Watkins provided a comment on the minimum threshold.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Watkins recommended approval to the Board of the revised methodology not to reduce transitional pumping by keeping current methodology baseline scheduled to 0% reduction. The motion was seconded by Committee member Castle.

Committee member Mulholland provided a comment on Tier 1 Transitional.

Discussion ensued regarding Tier 1 Transitional rates.

The Stakeholder Committee unanimously approved the motion.

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the August 10, 2023 & September 14, 2023 Stakeholder Committee Meeting

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with minutes of the August 10, 2023 and September 14, 2023 Stakeholder Committee Meeting for review. Attached to the Stakeholder packet as Agneda Item #3a-b.

Committee member Leal moved for the approval of the minutes of the August 10, 2023 and September 14, 2023 Stakeholder Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Guthrie, and the Committee unanimously approved the motion.

POLICY ISSUES

Review and discussion on ETGSA WY202324 groundwater allocations

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the Technical Memorandum on the Eastern Tule GSA Water Year 2024 Groundwater Allocations. Attached to the Stakeholder packet as Agenda Item #4b.

Chair Bennett provided a comment on Tier 1 allocation.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion regarding Water Bucket Prioritization

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the report regarding Water Bucket Prioritization. Attached to the Stakeholder packet as Agenda Item #4c.

Committee member O'Sullivan provided a comment regarding landowner activity on Basinsafe.

Discussion ensued on the Water Bucket.

NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Meeting- Thursday, November 9, 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 set for Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board