

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

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritson regarding existing litigation named above.

Director Schneider, Alternate Director Castro, and Alternate Director Domondon were recused from the remainder of the 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: One

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba announced the public comment period. No comment was provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo advised that there were no new announcements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager Caudillo referred the Board to Agenda Items #5a – #5b on the Consent Calendar portion of the agenda. A copy of the Minutes of the November 2, 2023, Board Meeting is attached as Agenda Item #5a. A copy of the financial statements is attached as Agenda Item #5b.

Director Corkins moved to approve Items #5a - #5b. Director Weyrauch seconded.

The board unanimously approved the motion.

ADMINISTRATION

Consider Approval of Appointments to the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Starting January 2024

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on potential appointments to the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee. Attached to the Board packet reference as Agenda Item #6a is a copy of the applications. Mr. Caudillo advised that five seats are open.

Director Corkins moved to approve the following the appointments to the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee starting January 2024: David Haas, John Gaugel, Julia Inestroza, Jason Guthrie, and Sopac Mulholland. Director Galloway seconded.

The board unanimously approved the motion.

Consider Approval of ETGSA Tenth Amended Rules and Regulations

General Counsel Mauritsen provided a report on a potential Tenth Amended Rules and Regulations. The Board directed that the proposed amendment be placed before the committees for review during the month of January.

Report from 4Creeks on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing

Consulting Engineer Dave De Groot of 4Creeks provided a report on ETGSA accounts and invoicing.

GOVERNMENTAL AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Report on State Advocacy Efforts

Lobbyist Ashley Walker provided a report. Attached to the Board packet as Agenda Item #7a is a copy of the report.

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 to the Board packet as Agenda Item #8.

Public comment was received from Tien Tran of the Community Water Center.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Receive Report from the Finance Committee

General Manager Caudillo provided a report, a copy of which is attached to the Board packet as Agenda Item #9a.

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 to the Board packet as Agenda Item #10a is a copy of the report.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be held on January 4, 2024, 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