



**EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY
JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD MARCH 15, 2018**

At approximately, 2:06 p.m. on March 15, 2018, at the City of Porterville Coleman Conference Room, Chairman Eric Borba, called to order a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority ("ETGSA").

Members Present: Eric Borba Steve Dalke
Eric Limas Mike Reed
Steve Etchegaray Sean Geivet
Steve Drumright

Members Absent: Denise England

Others Present: Bill Bennett Liz DaBramo
Don Castle Steve Drumright
Kaitlin Bushell Michael Knight
Kari Daniska John Mathiessen
Jason Guthrie Tom O'Sullivan
David DeGroot Bill Samarin
Julia Inestroza Ryan Jensen
Tim Gobler

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Eric Borba announced public comment period. Public comment was received from Bill Samarin with a hand out. Mr. Samarin was asked if he was recording the meeting and he refused to answer.

OPEN ISSUES

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes for February 1, 2018 Meeting

Committee member Drumright moved for approval of the February 1, 2018 minutes, the motion was seconded by Committee member Michael Reed and the Committee unanimously approved the motion.

By-Laws – Review and Consider Recommending Draft By-Laws to the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee – Discuss the Options for Developing a TAC and How it May be Tasked

Interim Executive Director Sean Geivet indicated he would like to combine Agenda Items IVb and IVc. and that the work assigned last month has not yet been completed. Therefore, he recommended taking this item up again next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion with Liz DaBramo on Options for Transition Pumping and Allocation for her Study Project

Liz DaBramo provided a report and summary of her study on transitional pumping. Discussion amongst the committee ensued with Ms. DaBramo.

Public comment was also received.

Discussion of ETGSA Policy Points paper

The Committee took up the discussion of the first four points on the list. The first item was referred to the Attorney Mauritsen for an opinion of the legal ramifications to overlying water rights if those rights are separated or “unbundled” from the land. On the second point Geivet updated the Committee on the progress to date on calculating safe yield and the sub basin water budget. Discussion ensued. The Committee discussed various options for managing the transition period from years 2020 to 2040, including how much pumping may be allowed and over what time period. Discussion ensued with no final recommendation being made. Geivet explained Buffer Arrangements to be a volume of water that maybe allocated over and above safe yield in the first year to provide a buffer against the potential impacts of drought in the early years of implementation of SGMA.

Discussion of Agenda Items for April 5, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

Interim Executive Director Geivet will include the a study session on the Coordination Agreement.

Interim Executive Director Geivet will include a verbal report to the Board on the Policy Points discussion.

Interim Director Geivet announced the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be April 5, 2018. 2 p.m. Interim Director Geivet announced the next regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be the third Thursday, at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Borba adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Geivet, Interim Executive Director