



EASTERN TULE
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**MINUTES OF THE
ETGSA JOINT STAKEHOLDER & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD JANUARY 18, 2024**

At approximately, 2:01 p.m. on January 18, 2024, Chairman Bennett called to order the meeting of the Joint Stakeholder & Executive Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Stakeholder Members Present:	Don Castle Jason Guthrie Julia Inestroza	Armando Leal John Gaugel William Bennett
Stakeholder Members Absent:	Matthew Leider James Parsons	Tom O’Sullivan (Online) David Hass(Online) Sopac Mulholland (Online)
Executive Members Present:	Steve Etchegaray Nick Keller Steve Kisling	Sean Geivet John M. Domondon
Executive Members Absent:	Glen Fowler Michael Knight	Eric Limas Denise England
Others Present:	Rogelio Caudillo Susan Long Dalee Chang Don Tucker Greg Guerrero Aubrey Mauritson Matt Adam	Allison Tristao Johnny Amaral Anthony Moore Andrew Heart Tom Harder Darien Key David De Groot

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Long from Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust provided a public comment on Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC).

Johnny Amaral from Frait Water Authority provided a comment on the Letter to the GSA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcement was made.

POLICY ISSUES

Updates on the ETGSA Land Subsidence Management Area

Hydrogeological Consultant Harder presented the Committee with a presentation on the Annual Report Data in the last year regarding the water levels in comparison to the effects of the rain. Mr. Harder informed the Committee that a new monitoring well was placed along Deer Creek.

Stakeholder Committee member Castle provided a comment on the Management Area regarding the Well Management.

Discussion ensued.

Stakeholder Chair Bennett provided a comment on having meters on wells.

Staff informed the Committee that letters were sent to Landowners in the Management Zone Tier 2 were notified of the restrictions and compliance requirements.

Discussion ensued.

Executive Chair Kisling provided a comment.

Discussion ensued on the different well depths.

Executive Committee member Geivet provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

Review the draft ETGSA Tenth Amended Rules and Regulations

General manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the Draft ETGSA Tenth Amended Rules and Regulations.

Executive Chair Kisling provided a comment on the total amount of Tier 1 Transitional that will be expiring soon as of 2025.

Don Tucker from 4Creeks provided the Committee with an estimate.

Executive Committee member Etchegaray provided a comment.

Stakeholder Committee member Inestroza provided a comment.

Stakeholder Committee member Gaugel provided a comment on the 5-year extension on Tier 1.

Executive Committee member Keller provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

General Counsel Mauritsen addressed the Committee with their concerns about the Tier 1 extension including those that were already pre-purchased.

Stakeholder Committee member Inestroza provided a comment on the ramp down schedule of the Tier 1 Transition.

Executive Committee member Geivet provided a comment.

Andrew Hart provided a comment.

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of having a ramp down schedule of Tier 1 Transitional.

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Stakeholder Committee member Inestroza moved to recommend not to add additional language to the Rules and Regulations and to move forward with a robust water trading market. Stakeholder Committee Leal seconded. Discussion amongst the committee ensued. The Committee then unanimously voted to approve the motion.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Executive Committee member Geivet moved to recommend not adding additional language to the Rules and Regulations and to move forward with a robust water trading market and to build up the water marketing platform. Executive Committee Domondon seconded. Discussion amongst the committee ensued. The Committee then voted to approve the motion with Executive Committee member Etchegaray opposed.

Committee Chairs Bennett and Kisling opened discussion on the letter from Friant Water Authority and any additional recommendations to the ETGSA Rules and Regulations.

Matt Adam addressed the Letter from Friant Water Authority to the Executive and Stakeholders Committee regarding recommended amendments to the Rules and Regulations.

Don Tucker from 4Creeks address the Committee on fallowed land.

Executive Committee member Geivet provided a comment regarding TBID.

Stakeholder Committee member Guthrie provided a comment on transferable credits for landowners that have both White Area lands and lands in irrigation district.

Discussion ensued.

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Stakeholder Committee member Guthrie moved not recommend the Friant Water Authority amendments to the Board. The

motion was seconded by Stakeholder Committee member Castle. Discussion amongst the committee ensued. The Committee then unanimously voted to approve the motion.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Executive Committee member Etchegaray moved to not recommend the Friant Water Authority amendments to the Board. Motion was not seconded.

Discussion among the committee ensued.

NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Stakeholder Committee Meeting- Thursday, February 8, 2024 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, February 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Next Regular Executive Committee Meeting- Thursday, April 18, 2024 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, February 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board