



EASTERN TULE
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**MINUTES OF THE
ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE
HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

At approximately, 2:03 p.m. on February 8, 2024, 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	David Hass
	Jason Guthrie	John Gaugel
	Julia Inestroza	Armando Leal
	James Parsons	William Bennett

Members Absent:	Matthew Leider	Sopac Mulholland (Online)
		Tom O’Sullivan (Online)

Others Present:	Rogelio Caudillo	Anthony Moore
	Dalee Chang	Susan Long
	Allison Tristao	John M. Domondon
	Don Tucker	Sean Geivet
	Joel Kimmelshue	

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the October 12, 2023 & January 18, 2024 Stakeholder Committee Meeting

The Stakeholder Committee is two members 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 and update by LandIQ on ET in ETGSA

Joel Kimmelshue from Land IQ presented to the Committee with the presentation and update on ET within the ETGSA.

*Committee member Castle arrived at 2:05pm.

Discussion ensued regarding data collected from Land IQ.

*Committee member Parsons arrived at 2:07pm.

Committee member Gaugel provided a comment on fallowed verse Grassing land.

Mr. Kimmelshue addressed the differences in ET reading.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Castle provided a comment.

*Committee member Guthrie arrived at 2:33pm.

Discussion ensued regarding water consumption on Booth Ranches comparison on water meter and ET.

Committee member Leal provided a comment on ET on a field-by-field basis.

Discussion ensued on received water and evapotranspiration in the winter months along with precipitation on non-irrigated lands.

Sean Geivet provided a comment.

Committee member Mulholland provided a comment on pastor land.

The Stakeholder Committee directed staff to look into non-irrigated lands.

Discussion ensued.

Updates from the Board of Directors Meetings

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the report from the Board of Directors meeting held on February 1, 2024.

Committee member Castle provided a comment on 215 waters.

Discussion ensued regarding the process of accessing 215 waters.

Committee member Gaugel provided a comment.

Sean Geivet addressed the Committee.

Chair Bennett provided a comment on Tier 1 and banking of 215 waters.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member O'Sullivan provided a comment on appointing a Stakeholder member to be the 9th member on the Board.

Discussion ensued.

Land Subsidence Management Area Updates

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the updates for the Land Subsidence Management Area.

Committee member Castle provided a comment on landowners in the Land Subsidence Management Area.

Don Tucker addressed the Committee on enforcement and the rule and regulations.

Committee member Parsons provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member O'Sullivan provided a comment on the timeline of enforcement measures for those landowners in the Land Subsidence Management Area.

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement measures.

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the October 12, 2023 & January 18, 2024 Stakeholder Committee Meeting

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with minutes of the October 12, 2023 and January 18, 2024 Stakeholder Committee Meeting for review. Attached to the Stakeholder packet as Agneda Item #3a-b.

Committee member Inestroza moved for the approval of the minutes of the October 12, 2023 and January 18, 2024 Stakeholder Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Castle, and the Committee unanimously approved the motion.

POLICY ISSUES

Discussion regarding the development of a plan for ETGSA as part of the Multi Land Repurposing Program (MLRP)

General Manager Caudillo reported on the development of a plan for ETGSA as part of the Multi Land Repurposing Program (MLRP).

Susan Long address the Committees regarding the Multi Land Repurposing Program.

Don Tucker from 4Creeks provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Meeting- Thursday, March 14, 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, March 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board