



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

Meeting of the Authority Board of Directors
City of Porterville Council Chambers
291 N. Main St., Porterville, California
Thursday, May 25, 2017 - Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

-----AGENDA-----

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1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes. At all times, please use the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Current Announcements.

4. MINUTES:

Approval of April 20, 2017, Minutes.

5. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE:

- a. Discussion regarding the entire Tule Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation status.
- b. Discussion regarding the Eastern Tule GSA's Notification to the Department of Water Resources.

6. COMMITTEE FORMATION AND REPORTS:

- a. Receive and discuss Executive Committee Monthly Report, including a status update on the development of Bylaws.
- b. Discuss options for the establishment and function of the Stakeholder Committee.
- c. Consider appointment of applicants to Stakeholder Committee.
- d. Consider approval of Ad Hoc Committee and appointments to the Committee to formulate a Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

7. GROUNDWATER RECHARGING

- a. Discussion of current groundwater recharging efforts and update of public outreach regarding the GSA's position on groundwater recharging.

8. AGENCY BUDGET:

- a. Approval of 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget GSA and method of cost distribution among the members of the Eastern Tule Joint Powers Authority.

9. SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of every month unless directed otherwise by the Board of Directors.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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1. **ROLL CALL:** Matthew Leider, Mike Ennis, Dyson Schneider, Eric Borba, Steven Kisling, Geoffrey Galloway and Tim Allan.

Absent: Kern-Tulare Water District Director and City of Porterville Director.

Chairman Borba called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

2. **ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

Bill Samarin, a resident of Terra Bella and farmer, introduced himself and spoke briefly about his application for the Stakeholder Committee and his interest in joining.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Reminder to complete and submit the Form 700 for all Directors and Alternates.

4. **GOVERNING BOARD ADMINISTRATION:**

At its last meeting the Executive Committee discussed the silence in the JPA concerning Executive Committee appointment representing the "White Area," and seeks the BOD's action on this matter. The BOD agreed to allow Mike Ennis and Tim Allan to appoint the Executive Committee White Area representative.

5. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE & ACTION ITEMS:**

Minutes – GSA meeting of March 16, 2017.

Mr. Ennis moved for approval of the March 16, 2017 minutes, seconded by Mr. Leider.

Ayes: Leider, Ennis, Schneider, Borba, Kisling, Galloway and Allan.

Noes: None

Disposition: Passed

Status Report Tule Subbasin – Mr. Reed updated the BOD's on the GSA formations for the Tule Subbasin. No overlaps have been noted. DWR's 90-day process ends June 6 or June 8.

Stakeholder Committee – Mr. Reed shared that 7 applications have been received as of this date. He has and will reach out to various media outlets and other resources about SGMA and the need to have more applicants to the Stakeholders Committee.

Bylaws – It was reported that the Executive Committee has started on the Bylaws. A budget component is of utmost importance which will include cost, and cost sharing.

County Auditor and Treasurer Agreements – Required by Tulare County, they are structured for Tulare County to be the holder, distributor and the auditor of the ETGSA funds.

Mr. Ennis moved to authorize Executive Committee to finalize the agreements and distribute to the Board of Directors for approval after County agrees to any revisions. Seconded by Mr. Leider.

Ayes: Leider, Ennis, Schneider, Borba, Kisling, Galloway and Allan.

Noes: None

Disposition: Passed

A correction was noted in the Auditor-Controller agreement.

6. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

Discussion of Groundwater Recharging – A brief report was shared with the Board of Directors about Executive Committee discussion on encouraging groundwater recharging. Board members shared thoughts of providing a document stating recharge was accomplished, or continuing to encourage people to recharge. Continue discussion after presentation.

Presentation from Professor Michael Young, The Duke Institute - The Board received a web-based presentation of *Sharing Groundwater: A Robust Framework and Implementation Roadmap for Sustainable Groundwater Management in California*.

After Prof. Young's presentation a question and answer period followed between Director's/attendee's and Prof. Young. The Directors discussed

A motion was made by Mr. Schneider to move forward in adopting our own groundwater sustainability plan and with the intent to incorporate Prof. Young's roadmap. Seconded by Mr. Galloway.

Ayes: Leider, Ennis, Schneider, Borba, Kisling, Galloway and Allan.

Noes: None

Disposition: Passed

The Directors returned to discussion of Groundwater Recharging – in particular, providing groundwater recharge “credits” to this wet year. Concern was voiced about this suggestion due to the lack of a GSP and how it will eventually look once it has been developed. The City and the Irrigation districts are doing as much as they can. It's all the land in between those districts and city that could be flooded for recharge. The Executive committee would like open discussion with this Board to be amenable to that type of program in the future. In summary, this subject is great for the Director's to discuss, and put out a policy statement, and direct staff to get the word out that this is direction we're headed, and encourage all the farms to do as much as they can today knowing that, ultimately, we are heading towards some type of allocation crediting for groundwater recharge.

A motion was made by Mr. Ennis to direct staff to create a press release for the media that the Board of Directors of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Authority encourage the policy direction of the Board for groundwater recharge and explain its direction in regards with the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Seconded by Mr. Leider.

Ayes: Leider, Ennis, Schneider, Borba, Kisling, Galloway and Allan.

Noes: None

Disposition: Passed

7. SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of every month unless directed otherwise by the Board of Directors. It was noted that May 18th is a “show” day at the Porterville Fair and many directors are attending. Mr. Reed

stated he will be on vacation that day. Directors and key staff stated they are available May 25th.

A motion was made by Mr. Ennis to reschedule the May 18th BOD's meeting to May 25th at 2 pm. Seconded by Mr. Kisling.

Ayes: Leider, Ennis, Schneider, Borba, Kisling, Galloway and Allan.

Noes: None

Disposition: Passed

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION:

Name not stated: Shared his concerns with how the agenda is created, the public comment period with the need for public comment during each agenda item, lack of farmer input into its creation, the presentation by Prof. Young, groundwater rights, and groundwater recharge.

Name not stated: Shared he was happy to hear of the support of groundwater recharge, and requested the development of farmer guidance book.

Name not stated: Expressed concerns on if the roadmap will be shared with the public. The Eastern Tule GSA web address is:

<http://www.ci.porterville.ca.us/depts/PublicWorks/easterntulegsa.cfm>

The roadmap is available at:

http://www.ci.porterville.ca.us/depts/PublicWorks/documents/ni_wp_17-02.pdf

He also expressed concern with bottled water companies in light of the historic loss of 70ft of groundwater levels.

Name not stated: Shared that he would like the Board to adopt a policy to not allow surface water importers to sell excess water outside the GSA.

9. CLOSED SESSION:

None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.