



EASTERN TULE  
GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 2021

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At approximately 2:00 p.m. on March 4, 2021, Chairman Eric Borba called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”). Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20 and social distancing directives, the meeting was conducted by teleconference only, with no physical location for the meeting.

Members Present:      Eric Borba                                      Dyson Schneider  
                                 Steve Kisling                                      John Corkins  
                                 Curt Holmes                                      Geoffrey Galloway  
                                 Matthew Leider                                      Monte Reyes  
                                 Dennis Townsend

Members Absent:      None

Others Present:      Aubrey Mauritsen                                      Rogelio Caudillo  
                                 Justine Massey                                      Todd Turley  
                                 David DeGroot                                      Andrew Hart

### ROLL CALL

General Manager Caudillo called the roll as follows:

Director Townsend  
Director Holmes  
Director Leider  
Director Galloway  
Director Corkins  
Director Reyes  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo announced that Form 700s are due April 1, 2021.

## MINUTES

### Approval of Minutes of the February 4, 2021 Meeting of the Board Minutes

Director Corkins moved for the approval of the minutes of February 4, 2021 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Kisling, and approved by way of the following roll call vote:

#### In Favor:

Director Townsend  
Director Leider  
Director Galloway  
Director Corkins  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Director Borba

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Director Reyes

## ADMINISTRATION

### Report on GSA-to-GSA Transfers

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on GSA-to-GSA transfers. Staff is working on a technical memorandum to be presented to the board.

Discussion ensued regarding rules related to GSA-to-GSA transfers.

### Update on Consumptive Use/Precipitation for Fallowed Properties

Joel Kimmelshue provided a brief report. Remaining discussion was tabled.

### Update on Land Subsidence Ad-Hoc Committee

General Manager Caudillo provided an update. He noted that the Board had previously directed staff to provide the Aquilogic report to the committees. Mr. Caudillo advised that the committees have recommended that the memo be forwarded to the Land Subsidence Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the draft land subsidence management plan.

Consulting Engineer De Groot provided a report. He advised that an update from the Ad Hoc Committee will be provided in April.

Update on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing

Consulting Engineer De Groot provided an update. He advised that the transfer and lease form is available online. Invoices for extraction fees are being sent out at the end of this week. An informational sheet is included in the mailers.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of invoices mailed and the transfer form.

Public comment was received from Trelawney Bullis from Sun Pacific.

Mr. De Groot reported on joining various APNs under one account.

Review and Discussion of ETGSA Rules and Regulations

General Counsel Mauritsen provided a report on the proposed Second Amended ETGSA Rules and Regulations.

Discussion ensued.

Director Corkins moved to approve amendments to the Rules and Regulations. Director Schneider seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by way of the following roll call vote:

In favor:

Director Townsend  
Director Holmes  
Director Leider  
Director Galloway  
Director Corkins  
Director Reyes  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Report on Ongoing ETGSA Outreach Efforts

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on the ongoing outreach efforts and upcoming events. A copy of his report is attached as Agenda Item #6a and incorporated by reference.

## REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

### Receive Reports from Executive Committee Members

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on the meetings of the Executive Committee. A copy of his report is attached as Agenda Item #7a and incorporated by reference.

### Receive Reports from Stakeholder Committee Members

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b is a copy of the report on the meeting of the Stakeholder Committee.

## BILLS AND WARRANTS

### Receive Finance Committee Monthly Reports

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a is a copy of the report on the meeting of the Finance Committee. Discussion ensued regarding the remaining areas outside the Greater Tule Management Area and the County of Tulare's participation in funding. The Finance Committee recommended to send call for funds for City of Porterville and Kern Tulare WD for contributions.

### Review the Financial Statements; Consider Ratification of Bills Paid and Approval of Bills to be Paid

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on current financial standing and accounts payable. The finance committee recommends payment of the accounts. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b is a copy of the financial statements.

Director Kisling moved to approve the financial statements, ratification of bills paid, and approval of bills to be paid, as presented in the agenda packet. The motion was seconded by Director Leider, and approved by way of the following roll call vote:

#### In Favor:

Director Townsend  
Director Holmes  
Director Leider  
Director Corkins  
Director Reyes  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None

Discussion of Member Agency Contributions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of FY20-21

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on the member agency contributions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of FY20-21.

Discussion ensued regarding the community areas and the County's participation in financing on a going forward basis.

Director Kisling moved to make a call for funds for City of Porterville and Kern Tulare Water District and to continue discussions with the Terra Bella and Ducor communities. Director Townsend seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend  
Director Holmes  
Director Leider  
Director Galloway  
Director Corkins  
Director Reyes  
Director Schneider  
Director Kisling  
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9b is a copy of the report.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting- Thursday April 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be held on April 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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 reported there was no reportable action from closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Borba adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rogelio Caudillo, General Manager