



EASTERN TULE  
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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE HELD February 11, 2021

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At approximately, 2:01 p.m. on February 11, 2021, Chairman Bill Bennett called to order a meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency. 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.

Stakeholder Members Present:

Bill Bennett	Sopac Mulholland
Don Castle	Tom O'Sullivan
Jason Gruthrie	Matt Watkins
Julia Inestroza	

Stakeholder Members Absent:

Kathy Briano	James Parsons
John Konda	Matthew Leider

Others Present:

Rogelio Caudillo	Dalee Chang
Sean Geivet	David De Groot
Garrett Busch	Trelawnley Bullis

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Bill Bennett announced the public comment period. No public comment was received.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo announce a friendly reminder for all those landowners within the ETGSA to setup account with Basin Safe.

Chairman Bennett asked a question regarding registering landowners.

Consulting Engineer De Groot provided an update of the overall landowners that is already register.

Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Castle asked what is the difference between purchasing and leasing water?

Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Watkins provided a comment regarding ownership and paperwork.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was provided from Garrett Busch.

Mr. De Groot responded to the comment about drafting a policy around fallow properties.

Public comment was provided from Trelawnley Bullis.

## MINUTES

### Approval of January 14, 2021 Stakeholder Committee Minutes

Committee member O’Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 Stakeholder Committee. The motion was seconded by Committee member Castle, and unanimously approved the motion by the way of the following roll call vote:

#### In Favor:

Committee member Watkins  
Committee member O’Sullivan  
Committee member Mulholland  
Committee member Inestroza  
Committee member Guthrie  
Committee member Castle

## POLICY ISSUES

### Report on ETGSA-FWA-AEWSD Settlement Agreement

General Manager Caudillo referred the committee to Agenda Item #5.a, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a copy of the ETGSA Board of Directors approved agreement with the Friant Water Authority and Arvin Edison Water Storage District press release. (as shown in Agenda Item #5.a Exhibit A)

Committee member Castle provided a comment asking if the Agreement will be posted on the website.

Discussion ensued regarding the early stages of the agreement.

Director Geivet gave an overview of the transition program pumping fee, land subsidence model, and accumulated funds thru tier 1.

Discussion ensued.

Committee Member O'Sullivan provided a comment regarding bonds.

Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Castle provided a comment about the City of Porterville.

#### Report & Discussion on ETGSA Fees

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on the ETGSA fees breakdown cost of the three-management area for future assessment and member contribution referred to the committee Agenda Item #5.b., attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a copy of the ETGSA Notice of the Groundwater Extraction Fee and 2021 Water Year Allocations. (as shown in Agenda Item #5.b. Exhibit A & Exhibit B)

Chairman Bennett commented on cost concurred and assessment.

Discussion ensued.

Director Geivet provided a comment about Kern-Tulare.

Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Castle asked does ETGSA fee breakdown include budget for technical monitoring and administration cost?

Staff responded that it was detailed in the water rate study.

#### TULE SUBBASIN ITEMS

##### Discussion on Aquilologic Memorandum response

General Manager Caudillo referred the committee to Agenda Item #6.a attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a copy of the Aquilologic Memorandum response to the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. (as shown in Agenda Item #6.a. Exhibit A)

Chairman Bennett open for discussion.

Committee Member Castle provide a comment about the Memorandum.

Discussion ensued regarding the land subsidence one-dimension model versus Aquilogic three-dimension model. Having different inputs can give ETGSA a more accurate analysis on land subsidence in the surrounding areas.

Director Geivet recommendations is to send the memorandum to the Ad-Hoc committee.

Committee Member Mulholland provided a comment.

Committee Member O’Sullivan motion for the Ad-Hoc committee to review Aquilogic’s Memorandum response. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Watkins, and unanimously approved the motion by the way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Committee member Watkins  
Committee member O’Sullivan  
Committee member Mulholland  
Committee member Inestroza  
Committee member Guthrie  
Committee member Castle

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Stakeholders Committee Meeting- Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 2pm

The next regular Stakeholder Committee Meeting is set for Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 2pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board