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Vandalia Water District
Terra Bella Irrigation District
Kern-Tulare Water District



**ETGSA Stakeholders
Committee**

Thursday, August 12, 2021
Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

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-----AGENDA-----

Action items are listed in **bold**.

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. MINUTES

- a. **ACTION** - Approve Minutes of June 10, 2021 Stakeholder Committee Meeting.
- b. **ACTION** - Approve Minutes of July 29, 2021 Special Stakeholder Committee Meeting.

5. POLICY ISSUES

- a. Update on ETGSA Land Subsidence Monitoring and Management Plan.
- b. Presentation and discussion on ET Consumption.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next Regular Stakeholders Committee Meeting– Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 2pm.

7. ADJOURMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE
ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE
HELD June 10, 2021**

At approximately, 2:09 p.m. on June 10, 2021, Chairman Bill Bennett called to order the meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Stakeholder Members Present: Jason Guthrie Julia Inestroza
Sopac Mulholland Tom O’Sullivan
Matthew Watkins Will Bennett

Stakeholder Members Absent: Kathy Briano Don Castle
James Parsons John Konda
Matthew Leider

Others Present: Rogelio Caudillo Trelawney Bullis
Dalee Chang Sean Geivet
Michael Knight

ROLL CALL

Chairman Bennett called roll call as follows:

Committee member Guthrie
Committee member Inestroza
Committee member O’Sullivan
Committee member Watkins
Committee Chairman Bennett

Stakeholder Committee is one member short of a quorum. No other action item besides the approval of the minutes, committee decided to go ahead and table Action Item #4.a.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was announced. No public comment was received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcement was made.

POLICY ISSUES

Report on ETGSA Emergency Ordinance No. 2021-01

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the Emergency Ordinance No. 2021-01. An emergency ordinance to address critically dry conditions and accounting of consumed groundwater use. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.a Exhibit A.

Staff informed the committee Emergency Ordinance applies to water year 2021 with a deduction of 10% consumptive use. Forms to Opt-out includes Fallowed Non-Irrigated Land, Fallowed Irrigated Land, and Non-Irrigated Ag. Land.

Trelawney Bullis provided a comment on allocations and carry over.

Discussion ensued regarding consumptive use.

Committee member Mulholland arrive at 2:22 p.m.

Discussion on irrigated parcels in Community Management Areas

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the City of Porterville Urban Development Boundary Management Areas. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.b Exhibit A.

Staff informed the committee at the Special Board Meeting in May; board directors had approved readjustment to the Urban Development Boundaries. City of Porterville has unaccounted irrigated acreages within the city's jurisdiction.

Committee member Guthrie provide a comment on irrigated lands within city boundaries.

Staff informed the committee that Eastern Tule GSA will manage the parcels.

Chair Bennett provided a comment on non-Irrigated land.

Michael Knight informed the committee irrigated lands will be manage the same way as it overlaps with the UDB.

Committee member O'Sullivan provided a comment on active irrigated lands and if the city was servicing them with water.

Discussion ensued regarding preexisting SGMA and city policy.

Sean Geivet provided a comment.

Michael Knight informed the committee irrigated acreage is manage in the same manner as the others. ETGSA has been tracking water consumption.

Committee member Watkins provided a comment regarding accounts.

Michael Knight informed the committee that the city is working with 4Creeks to have all APNs accounted for and invoices sent out.

Discussion on ETGSA Legal Split Parcel opt-in agreement

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with an Opt-In Agreement template. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.c Exhibit A.

Chair Bennett provided a comment on bisected parcels with multiple APN's.

Staff informed the committee parcels outside of ETGSA does not fall under the agency's jurisdiction defined by the Department of Water Resources. Those parcels are not within the Tule subbasin boundaries.

Discussion ensued regarding landowners not in compliance with ETGSA policies because portion of their land is inside the jurisdiction boundaries and the rest is outside.

Sean Geivet provided a comment on the parcel outside the boundaries. As a result, data is not collected based on pumping but on consumption in the APN.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member O'Sullivan provided a comment on how many acres are bisected.

Sean Geivet informed the committee there is about 13,000 acres total as bisected who can opt-in or out.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Inestroza provided a comment on pumping and exporting to a different parcel outside the boundaries and not wanting to be in violation to the policy.

Discussion ensued regarding having 5 different APN on 1 Ranch and 4 is only accounted for using the same well.

Committee member Guthrie provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Mulholland provided a comment

Staff informed the committee if your parcel is wholly inside the boundaries then you are in but if your parcel is outside then you are out.

Committee member Watkins provided a comment regarding the terms.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member O'Sullivan provided a comment on the new management areas and flexibility.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Watkins's recommendation is (1) agreement to opt-in would be by water year; (2) agreement to opt-in parcel should be a one-time only offer.

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of May 13, 2021 Stakeholder Committee Meeting

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the Minutes of the May 13, 2021 Stakeholder Committee Meeting, attached hereto, and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4. A

Exhibit A.

Committee member O'Sullivan moved for the approval of the May 13, 2021 stakeholder committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee member Mulholland, and approved by the way of the following roll call vote:

Committee member Guthrie: Yes

Committee member Inestroza: Yes

Committee member Mulholland: Yes

Committee member O'Sullivan: Yes

Committee member Watkins: Yes

The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Chair Bennett wanted to revisit the announcement section. An announcement was made on a job well done to staff for the workshop that took place on June 8th.

Committee member Mulholland provided a comment on the workshop.

Discussion ensued regarding educating and informing landowners about SGMA.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Stakeholder Committee is for Thursday July 8th. Committee discussed changing Stakeholder meeting till after the Special Meeting of the Board and Public Hearing held on Friday July 9th. Therefore, committee tentatively scheduled the Stakeholder Committee Meeting for Thursday July 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm should the Executive Committee decide to postpone their meeting as well.

ADJOURMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board

TO BE APPROVED



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Agenda Item #4.b
Exhibit A

**MINUTES OF THE
ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE
HELD July 29, 2021**

At approximately, 2:03 p.m. on July 29, 2021, Chairman Bill Bennett called to order the meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Stakeholder Members Present:	Jason Guthrie Tom O’Sullivan Will Bennett Matthew Watkins	Julia Inestroza John Konda Don Castle
Stakeholder Members Absent:	Kathy Briano James Parsons	Sopac Mulholland Matthew Leider
Others Present:	Rogelio Caudillo Dalee Chang Andrew Hart Jeff Looker	Trelawney Bullis Thomas Harder Stacie Ann Silva Matt Konda

ROLL CALL

Chairman Bennett called roll call as follows:

Committee member Castle
Committee member Guthrie
Committee member Inestroza
Committee member O’Sullivan
Committee member Watkins
Committee member Konda
Committee Chairman Bennett

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was announced. No public comment was received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo announce when providing comment to identify oneself so staff can record comments to present to the board.

POLICY ISSUES

Follow up and Discussion on Land Subsidence Monitoring and Management Plan Workshop

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the Land Subsidence Management Plan Presentation and maps of the land subsidence management zones. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.a Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C.

Hydrogeological consultant Thomas Harder provided an overview of the land subsidence monitoring and management plan. Mr. Harder addressed concerns and comments provided at the workshop held on July 20, 2021.

Chair Bennett provided a comment on monitoring wells and grants.

Mr. Harder informed the committee prop 1 grant allowed two wells to be placed within ETGSA. One of which is monitoring the San Margarita formation, the other measuring the upper aquifer near Ducor effects of the pumping is measured every 30 minutes. Prop 68 will allow an additional four wells to be place within the Tule Subbasin.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Konda provided a comment on depths and zone influences base on wells within the 2-mile radius.

Discussion ensued.

Stacie Ann Silva provided a comment regarding the 96 management zones.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Castle provided a comment on the 2-mile radius.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Bennett provided a comment regarding the deadline date to have comments from the public submitted for the land subsidence management zones.

Mr. Harder informed the committee that the deadline for comments is July 31, 2021 to give time to compile information for the board meeting in August.

Trelawney Bullis provided a comment clarifying when comments are presented to the board.

Discussion ensued.

Matt Konda provided a comment on acquiring surface water to those that irrigate along the canal.

Discussion ensued.

Jeff Looker provided a comment on extending the deadline.

Discussion ensued.

Andrew Hart provided a comment on ET consumption for parcels with mature citrus trees.

Discussion ensued.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Stakeholder Committee would be on Thursday August 12, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board



ETGSA Stakeholder Meeting

August 12, 2021

Agenda Item 5.a

Update on ETGSA Land Subsidence Monitoring and Management Plan

Staff Report to the ETGSA Stakeholder Meeting

Subject: ETGSA Land Subsidence Management Zone

Submitted By: General Manager

Recommended Action: *N/A (report is for informational purposes)*

Executive Summary:

August 5, 2021 – Meeting of the Board of Directors

- Staff provided update from Land Subsidence Management Zone Ad-Hoc Committee who met prior to the Board Meeting to discuss a recommendation to the Board.
- Staff summarized letters submitted and comments given at our Workshop and Special Meeting of the Stakeholders.
- Ad-Hoc Committee recommended for the plan to be split in two, one for the Monitoring and the other for the Management. This would allow for the monitoring to start gathering data and the work on the management portion of the plan may continue.
- Board directed staff to proceed with the Committee's recommendation.

Background:

Thomas Harder presented the DRAFT Land Subsidence Management Zone Plan to the ETGSA Board of Directors and Committees in 2020. After receiving feedback from the committees, Board created a Land Subsidence Management Zone Ad-Hoc Committee to review the feedback and concerns given to Thomas Harder.

Fiscal Impact: n/a

Attachments: n/a



ETGSA Stakeholder Meeting

August 12, 2021

Agenda Item 5.b

Presentation and discussion on ET Consumption

Staff Report to the ETGSA Stakeholder Meeting

Subject: ETGSA Land Subsidence Management Zone

Submitted By: General Manager

Recommended Action: *N/A (report is for informational purposes)*

Executive Summary:

- Presentation will be given by Land IQ.

Background: n/a

Fiscal Impact: n/a

Attachments: n/a