

***EASTERN TULE
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County of Tulare
City of Porterville
Porterville Irrigation District
Saucelito Irrigation District
Teapot Dome Water District
Vandalia Water District
Terra Bella Irrigation District
Kern-Tulare Water District



Eric Borba
GSA Chairman

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GSA Vice-Chairman

Aubrey Mauritson
Legal Counsel

Rogelio Caudillo
General Manager

**Meeting of the
ETGSA Executive
Committee**

Thursday, August 19, 2021
Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

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-----AGENDA-----

Action items are listed in **bold**.

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 Committee at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Committee consideration. Any person addressing the Committee will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes or the Chairman's discretion. At all times, please state your name for the record.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4. **MINUTES**

- a. **ACTION** - Approve the May 20, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.
- b. **ACTION** - Approve the June 17, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

5. **POLICY ISSUES**

- a. Update on ETGSA Land Subsidence Monitoring and Management Plan.
- b. Discussion on WY2021-22 Water Allocations and Fees.

6. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

- a. Next Regular Executive Committee Meeting- Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 2pm.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

Approve the February 18, 2021 Meeting of the ETGSA Executive Committee Minutes

Committee member Keller moved for approval of the minutes of the Committee's February 18, 2021 meeting. Committee member Geivet seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Committee member Domondon
Committee member Dalke
Committee member Geivet
Committee member Keller
Committee member Limas
Committee member Fowler

Opposed: None.

Committee member Knight arrive at 2:06 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Presentation from the Community Water Center

General Manager Caudillo introduced Justine Massey from the Community Water Center (CWC). Ms. Massey had previously provided comment to the Board regarding the prospect of making presentations on the Center's drinking water well programs for ETGSA's committees.

Ms. Massey provided a presentation on the CWC Drinking Water Mitigation Program.

Discussion ensued regarding the presentation.

POLICY ISSUES

Report and Update on ETGSA Meetings

General Manager Caudillo provided a report and update on ETGSA meetings. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a is a copy of his report.

Review and Discussion on GSA-to-GSA Transfers

General Manager Caudillo provided a report and on GSA-to-GSA transfers. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6b is a copy of his report. Consulting Engineer David De Groot also provided a review of the report. He advised that the recommendation from staff is

a limitation of 10,000 acre-feet transferred into the GSA, and a limit of 10,000 acre-feet transferred out of the GSA, with a nominal fee for each transfer to cover administrative costs.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Dalke recommended adding to the rules, in order to minimize local impacts.

Discussion ensued regarding Kern-Tulare Water District, and the minimum thresholds identified in the GSP.

Committee member Geivet moved to make the same recommendation as the Stakeholders Committee: (1) an annual limit of 10,000 acre-feet for both water transferred into and water transferred out of the GSA; (2) annual review; and (3) a minimal fee to cover the administrative expenses associated with the transfer. Committee member Domondon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by way of the following roll call vote:

In favor:

Committee member Domondon
Committee member Dalke
Committee member Etchegaray
Committee member Geivet
Committee member Keller
Committee member Fowler
Committee member Limas
Committee member Knight

Opposed: None.

Presentation and Discussion on Draft Land Subsidence Management Zone Plan

Thomas Harder and David De Groot gave a presentation on the draft Land Subsidence Management Zone Plan. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6c is a copy of his presentation.

Committee member Geivet noted prior to the presentation that this is only being circulated for discussion purposes, and that a joint meeting with the Stakeholders Committee, or a Q&A meeting, will take place next month. After the benefit of that meeting and any comments or feedback, the matter will be sent back to the ad hoc committee for further review. The committee does not need to act today.

Discussion ensued regarding process. Committee member Etchegaray asked that the Board provide a timeframe.

Public comment was received from Todd Turley and Don Castle.

Todd Turley requested a GIS map.

Messrs. De Groot and Harder advised that they were hopeful that a detailed GIS parcel map available.

Committee member Etchegaray recommended that the group simply make a recommendation to the Board to establish a schedule.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 2:00 pm

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is set for June 17, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Borba adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Eric Borba



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Agenda Item #4.b
Exhibit A

**MINUTES OF THE
ETGSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD June 17, 2021**

At approximately, 2:01 p.m. on June 17, 2021, Chairman Borba called to order the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Members Present:	Eric Borba Michael Knight	Steve Etchegaray John M. Domondon
Members Absent:	Steve Dalke Nick Keller Eric Limas	Sean Geivet Glen Fowler Denise England
Others Present:	Rogelio Caudillo Andrew Hart Dalee Chang	David De Groot Todd Turley

ROLL CALL

General Manager Caudillo called the roll with the following committee members indicating their presence:

Committee member Etchegaray
Committee member Knight
Committee member Domondon
Chairman Borba

Executive Committee is two members short of a quorum. No other action item besides the approval of the minutes, committee decided to 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 provided a report on ETGSA 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.

Committee member Domondon provided a comment on the 10% deduction.

Chairman Borba provided a comment.

Discussion ensued regarding fallowed irrigated ag land and non-irrigated ag land given the option to opt-out of the ETGSA rules and regulations by submitting a request.

Discussion on Split Legal Parcel opt-in agreement

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on split legal parcel opt-in template, attached hereto, and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5.b Exhibit A.

Staff informed the committee feedback from the Stakeholder is (1) agreement to opt-in would be by water year; (2) agreement to opt-in parcel should be a one-time only offer.

Chairman Borba provided a comment on split parcel.

Discussion ensued.

David De Groot provided a comment on the agreement.

Discussion ensued.

Andrew Hart provided a comment regarding allocations for fallow irrigated land.

Staff informed the committee for Water Year 2021 fallowed irrigated land are allowed to transfer their entire allocation.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday July 22, 2021 at 2:00 pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee is for Thursday July 15th. Committee postponed the meeting to the following week Thursday July 22, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Todd Turley provided a comment about the Land Management workshop and suggested the week of July 12th.

Staff inform the committee that ETGSA can attempt to book a date early to mid-July.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Borba adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Eric Borba

TO BE APPROVED



ETGSA Executive Committee Meeting

August 19, 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 first 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. A second DRAFT plan was presented to the Board and Committees in May 2021.

Fiscal Impact: n/a

Attachments: n/a



ETGSA Executive Committee Meeting August 19, 2021

Agenda Item 5.b

Discussion on WY2021-22 Water Allocations and Fees.

Staff Report to the ETGSA Stakeholder Meeting

Subject: ETGSA WY2021-22 Water Allocations
Submitted By: General Manager
Recommended Action: *N/A (report is for informational purposes)*

Executive Summary:

- Presentation will be given by staff.

Background: n/a

Fiscal Impact: n/a

Attachments: n/a