



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
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MINUTES OF THE ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE HELD AUGUST 11, 2022

At approximately, 2:10 p.m. on August 11, 2022, Chairman Bennett called to order the meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”).

Members Present:

Don Castle
Jason Guthrie
John Gaugel
James Parsons

Tom O’Sullivan
Matthew Watkins
Julia Inestroza
William Bennett

Members Absent:

Matt Flynn
Matthew Leider

Sopac Mulholland

Others Present:

Rogelio Caudillo
David Payne
Reyn Akiona
Don Tucker
Dalee Chang

Michael Knight
John M. Domondon
Cristina Murillo-Barrick
Joel Kimmelshue
Stacie Ann Silva

ROLL CALL

Chair Bennett called roll call as follows:

Committee member Castle
Committee member O’Sullivan
Committee member Guthrie
Committee member Watkins
Committee member Gaugel
Committee member Inestroza
Committee member Parsons
Chair Bennett

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Board of Directors Meeting held on August 4, 2022 the Board approved water rate study and set a date for the Public Hearing to be held on October 6, 2022 at 2pm.

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the March 10, 2022 Stakeholder Committee Meeting

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the minutes of the March 10, 2022 Stakeholder Meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #3a.

Committee member Castle moved for the approval of the minutes of March 10, 2022 Stakeholder Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee member Guthrie, and approved by the way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Committee member Castle
Committee member O’Sullivan
Committee member Guthrie
Committee member Watkins
Committee member Gaugel
Committee member Inestroza
Committee member Parsons

Opposed: None

PRESENTATION

Presentation on the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program

General Manager Caudillo introduced Tule Subbasin Watershed Coordinator Reyn Akiona. Mr. Akiona gave a presentation on the SALC Program.

Discussion ensued.

Cristina Murillo-Barrick from UCCE also provided a presentation.

Chair Bennett provided a comment on the funding of the Program.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Parsons provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

Stakeholder Committee members recommendation is to have a letter of support for Tulare County's application for Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program Planning Project.

POLICY ISSUES

Report and updates on ETGSA Meetings

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the report and update on ETGSA Meetings, attached hereto, and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a.

Discussion ensued.

Update and discussion on ET from LandIQ

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the Financial Statements, attached hereto, and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4b.

Joel Kimmelshue presented to the Committee regarding ET.

Chair Bennett provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Guthrie provided a comment on varieties of citrus.

Discussion ensued.

Report on WY22-23 Water Rate Study

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the WY22-23 Water Rate Study, attached hereto, and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6c.

Staff informed the Committee Water Year 2022-2023 Water Rate Study is based on ETGSA budget for the coming year.

Chair Bennett provided a comment on the water allocation.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Parsons provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Guthrie provided a comment regarding grazing lands.

Discussion ensued.

Stacie Ann Silva provided a comment.

Discussion ensued.

John M. Domondon provided a comment on the public hearing date.

Staff informed the Committee the Public hearing date is set for October 6, 2022 at 2pm.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 2:00p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee would be on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

ADJOURMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board