



EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY
JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD JANUARY 5, 2023**

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on January 5, 2023, 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 social distancing directives, there was no physical location for the meeting.

Members Present: Eric Borba John Corkins
 Steve Kisling Matthew Leider
 Don Weyrauch John Michael Domondon
 Dennis Townsend
 Curt Holmes

Members Absent: Geoffrey Galloway Dyson Schneider

Others Present: Aubrey Mauritson Rogelio Caudillo
 Alexis Meneses Hailey Pritchett
 Don Castle Cristina Murillo-Barrick
 Eric Limas Armando Leal
 Andrew Heart David De Groot
 Don Tucker Nick Sahota
 Vanessa Yap Arshdeep Singh

ROLL CALL

General Manager Caudillo called the roll as follows:

Director Holmes
Director Leider
Director Corkins
Director Weyrauch
Director Kisling
Chairman Borba

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba announced the public comment period. Nick Sahota presented public comment. Arshdeep Singh provided comment.

**Director Townsend arrived at this time.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo advised one announcement. Christina Murillo-Barrick from the UC Cooperative Extension provided an announcement regarding the SALT Program.

**Alternate Director Domondon arrived at this time.*

CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager Caudillo referred the Board to Agenda Items 4a – 4c on the Consent Calendar portion of the agenda. A copy of the Minutes of the December 1, 2022 Board Meeting is attached as Agenda Item #4a. A copy of Resolution 2021-6 Re: Public Teleconference Meetings is attached as Agenda Item #4b. A copy of the financial statements is attached as Agenda Item #4c.

Director Corkins moved to approve Items 4a through 4c. Director Weyrauch seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend
Director Holmes
Director Leider
Director Corkins
Director Weyrauch
Alt. Director Domondon
Director Kisling
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None.

ADMINISTRATION

Consider Appointment of Agency Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary)

General Manager Caudillo reported on the annual appointment of officers.

Director Corkins moved and Director Leider seconded to re-appoint the current slate of officers. The motion was unanimously carried, by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend
Director Holmes
Director Leider
Director Corkins
Director Weyrauch
Alt. Director Domondon
Director Kisling

Director Borba

Opposed: None.

Consider Appointment of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

General Manager Caudillo reported on the annual appointment of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs.

Director Corkins moved and Director Leider seconded to appoint the same slate of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs. The motion was unanimously carried by way of the following vote:

In Favor:

Director Townsend
Director Holmes
Director Leider
Director Corkins
Director Weyrauch
Alt Director Domondon
Director Kisling
Director Borba

Opposed: None.

Review and Consider Approval of Draft ETGSA Scope of Work for MLRP

This matter was tabled.

Report from 4Creeks on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing

Consulting Engineer De Groot provided a report on accounting and invoicing. Mr. De Groot advised that the 2022 November ET data has been made available, and that the Groundwater Extraction Fee Invoice for WY 2023 has been sent out. Mr. De Groot also noted that the water market board is available online. Mr. De Groot reported that 138 accounts have opted out, totaling approximately 2,000 acres. Parcels which have opted in comprise approximately 85 acres.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Report on Ongoing ETGSA Outreach Efforts

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Receive Report from Finance Committee

General Manager Caudillo provided a report, a copy of which is attached as Agenda Item #7a. Mr. Caudillo noted that the Committee met immediately prior to the Board meeting.

TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a is a copy of the report.

Consulting Engineer David De Groot reported on the LandFlex grant.

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: Three

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritsen regarding three potential items of anticipated litigation.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

Chairman Borba announced that there was no reportable action from closed session.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be held on February 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, General Manager