



**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD JUNE 1, 2023**

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on June 1, 2023, at the City of Porterville, Council Chambers, Chairman Eric Borba called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“ETGSA”). The meeting was also conducted remotely for members of the public.

Members Present:	Eric Borba	Bill Bennett (alt)
	Steve Kisling	Matthew Leider
	Don Weyrauch	Dyson Schneider
	Dennis Townsend	Curt Holmes

Members Absent:	John Corkins	Geoffrey Galloway
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Others Present:	Aubrey Mauritsen	Rogelio Caudillo
	Don Tucker	Vanessa Yap
	Susan Long	Don Castle
	John M. Domondon	Michael Knight
	Andrew Hart	Dalee Chang
	Brian Osorio	Sean Geivet

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba announced the public comment period. No public comment was presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo announced that ETGSA is still working toward filling its new Financial Controller position. Mr. Caudillo advised that interviews for the position will begin next month.

CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager Caudillo referred the Board to Agenda Items #3a – #3c on the Consent Calendar portion of the agenda. A copy of the Minutes of the May 4, 2023, Board Meeting is attached as Agenda Item #3a. A copy of the financial statements is attached as Agenda Item #3b. A copy of the Amended Office Lease Agreement with Rico Property Group, LLC is attached as Agenda Item #3c.

Director Leider moved to approve Items #3a - #3c. Director Kisling seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATION

Consider Approval of LandFlex Contracts

**Directors Borba and Kisling recused themselves and left the room at this time.*

General Manager Caudillo and General Counsel Mauritson provided a report on the LandFlex Contracts. Attached hereto as Item #4a are copies of the Contracts.

Discussion ensued.

Director Schneider moved to approve the LandFlex Contracts. Director Townsend seconded.

Director Weyrauch posed a question regarding the contracts.

Bryan Osorio of the Community Water Center provided public comment.

Discussion ensued.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Consider Approval of Scope of Work for State Advocacy Services from Nossaman LLP

**Directors Borba and Kisling returned to the council chambers.*

General Manager Caudillo referred the board to Agenda Item #4b a copy of the proposed scope of work for state advocacy services from Nossaman LLP. General Counsel Mauritson provided an overview of the scope.

Director Holmes moved to approve the scope of work for state advocacy services from Nossaman LLP. Director Townsend seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Report from 4Creeks on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing

Don Tucker of 4Creeks provided a report on ETGSA accounts and invoicing. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4c is a copy of his report.

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 #5a and incorporated by reference.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Receive Report from the Finance Committee

General Manager Caudillo provided a report, a copy of which is attached as Agenda Item #6a.

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 #7a is a copy of the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba reopened the public comment period.

Public comment received from Andrew Hart.

Don Tucker provided a review of status of GSP amendments.

Public comment from Susan Long from the Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing effort.

Public comment from Brian Osorio at CWC.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, July 6, 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 July 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

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: Five

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritson regarding five 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, General Manager