

**EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY,
JPA**

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



ETGSA

**Stakeholder
Committee Meeting**

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

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**Web Meeting Attendance
Available for Interested Parties:**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86393492419>

Meeting ID: 863 9349 2419

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-----AGENDA-----

Action items are listed in **bold**.

1. 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 at the Chairman's discretion. At all times, please state your name for the record.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. MINUTES

- a. **ACTION** – Approve the April 13, 2023, Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Minutes.

Eric Borba
GSA Chairman

Steve Kising
GSA Vice-Chairman

Aubrey Mauritson
Legal Counsel

Rogelio Caudillo
General Manager

Meeting Location:

Transit Multi-Purpose Center
15 E. Thurman Ave, Suite D
Porterville, CA 93257

4. POLICY ISSUES

- a. Presentation and ET Updates from LandIQ
- b. Presentation from Susan Long from the Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust.
- c. Updates on ETGSA Meetings.

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next regularly scheduled Stakeholder Committee Meeting– Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 2pm.

6. ADJOURMENT

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Agenda Item #3.a
Exhibit A

**MINUTES OF THE
ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE
HELD APRIL 13, 2023**

At approximately, 2:01 p.m. on April 13, 2023, 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
 Armando Leal James Parsons
 Sopac Mulholland William Bennett

Members Absent: Tom O’Sullivan Julia Inestroza
 Matthew Leider

Others Present: Rogelio Caudillo Matthew Watkins (Online)
 John Gaugel (Online) Dalee Chang
 John M. Domondon Sean Geivet
 Joel Kimmelshue Michael Knight

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stakeholder Committee Chairman Bennett announced the public comment period. No public comment was received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo announced the ETGSA has offered a new position for Financial Controller. A Outreach for LandFlex is scheduled for April 18, 2023.

Committee member Guthrie provided a comment regarding the new position.

Discussion ensued.

MINUTES

Approved the March 23, 2023 Meeting of the ETGSA Special Stakeholder Committee Minutes

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the Minutes of March 23, 2023 Special Stakeholder Committee Meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4a.

Committee member Castle moved for the approval of the minutes of March 23, 2023 Stakeholder Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee member Mulholland, and the Committee unanimously approved the motion.

PRESENTATION

Presentation & Update on ET from Land IQ

Joel Kimmelshue from Land IQ provided a presentation and update on ET.

Chair Bennett provided a comment.

Discussion ensued regarding different types of ground stations that are in place.

Committee Parsons provided a comment on non-irrigated lands.

Discussion ensued.

Committee member Castle provided a comment regarding surface water.

Sean Geivet provided a comment.

Discussion ensued regarding precipitation.

POLICY ISSUES

Updates on ETGSA Meetings

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the updates on ETGSA Meetings, attached hereto, and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5a.

Committee member Castle provided a comment regarding the state bills.

Staff informed the Committee the Board wanted to further discuss the bills before any action was taken.

Discussion ensued.

NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Transit Multi-Purpose Center (15 E. Thurman Ave, Suite D, Porterville, CA)

The next meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee shall be a regular meeting, set for May 11, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board



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Agenda Item 4.a

Presentation and ET updates from LandIQ

Staff Report to the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee

Subject: ETGSA ET Presentation from LandIQ

Submitted By: General Manager

Recommended Action: None

Executive Summary:

The presentation will be given by Joel Kimmelshue.

Background:

- n/a

Fiscal Impact:

- n/a



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Agenda Item 4.b

Presentation from Susan Long from the Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust

Staff Report to the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee

Subject: Multi-Land Repurposing Program

Submitted By: General Manager

Recommended Action: None

Executive Summary:

The presentation will be given by Susan Long.

Background:

- n/a

Fiscal Impact:

- Landowner Advisory Committee Application



Tule Basin
LAND & WATER CONSERVATION TRUST

**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR
TULE SUB-BASIN MULTIBENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM**

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred method of contact: Phone / Text / Email Best Time to Contact: _____

What is your availability to meeting: weekly biweekly monthly bimonthly quarterly
(select all you are available for) We plan to keep meetings to a minimum and productive, but need to know availability)

REPRESENTING: Landowner Farmer

Number of Acres Farmed: _____

Crops Grown: _____

GSA: _____

Irrigation District(s): _____

Geographic Area: _____

Why are you interested in participating on the Tule Sub-basin Ag Advisory Board: _____

Funded by:



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**Department of
Conservation**

In Partnership with: Pixley Irrigation District GSA (PIX GSA), UC Merced, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT), Self-Help Enterprises (SHE), SocioEnvironmental and Education Network (SEEN), Audubon, Eastern Tule GSA (ET GSA), Tri-County Water Authority GSA (TCWA GSA), Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership (TBWP), Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust (TBLWCT), Ag Innovations

Questions should be directed to Susan Long, Executive Director, Tule Basin Land & Water Conservation Trust





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Agenda Item 4.c

Updates on ETGSA Meetings

Staff Report to the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee

Subject: ETGSA Meetings

Submitted By: General Manager

Recommended Action: *N/A, for report purposes only.*

Executive Summary:

ETGSA Board of Directors meet on May 4, 2023:

- Approved ETGSA 9th Amended Rules and Regulations.
- Approved a new logo for ETGSA.
- Approved Date for Public Hearing to Enforce Tier 1 Penalty Delinquencies.
- Approved Letter of Support from State Assemblyman Devon Mathis: AB62 & AB66.

ETGSA Board of Directors meet on June 1, 2023:

- Approved LandFlex Grower Contracts for Applicants.
- Approved Scope of Work for State Advocacy Services from Nossaman LLP.

ETGSA Board of Directors meet on June 15, 2023:

- Approved Resolution 2023-2 authorizing staff to record certificates of Lien for delinquent Tier 1 Penalties.
- Approved authorizing staff to submit a 90-day notice of GSP Amendment to the County and Cities pursuant of Water Code Section 10728.4.
- Approved Nossaman Engagement Contract.

ETGSA Board of Directors meet on August 3, 2023:

- Approved Draft ETGSA FY23-24 Budget.
- Approved Rate Payers Report and Set Date for Public Hearing on Groundwater Extraction Fee.
- Approved Tulare County FY23-24 Budget Form and Approval of Agency Authorized Signatories for Disbursement of Funds.

Background:



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- n/a

Fiscal Impact:

- n/a