

**EASTERN TULE
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY,
JPA**

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ETGSA

**Stakeholder
Committee Meeting**

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

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Eric Borba
GSA Chairman

Steve Kising
GSA Vice-Chairman

Aubrey Mauritsen
Legal Counsel

Rogelio Caudillo
General Manager

Meeting Location:

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

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

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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 August 10, 2023 Meeting of the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Minute.

4. POLICY ISSUES

- a. Update and discussion on the 2024 Stakeholder Committee Applications.
- b. Updates and developments for the Land Subsidence Management Zone.
- c. Updates on ETGSA meetings and developments.

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next regularly scheduled ETGSA Stakeholder Committee Meeting– Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 2pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE
ETGSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE
HELD AUGUST 10, 2023**

At approximately, 2:02 p.m. on August 10, 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
	Julia Inestroza	Armando Leal
	William Bennett	Matthew Watkins
	Sopac Mulholland	
Members Absent:	Matthew Leider	James Parsons
	John Gaugel	
Others Present:	Rogelio Caudillo	Tom O’Sullivan (Online)
	Dalee Chang	Joel Kimmelshue
	Anthony Moore	Susan Long
	Micheal Knight	Benton Boyd
	John M. Domondon	David Payne
	Don Davis	

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Caudillo advised that the ETGSA is happy to announce the hiring of a controller. Mr. Caudillo also provided a friendly reminder that applications are open for the next year staggering 2-year seats for the Stakeholder Committee coming up year 2024-2026.

Chair Bennett provided a comment regarding which seats are available for the upcoming year 2024-2026.

Comments were made regarding the available seats which consist of the Environmental Interest and three of the Agricultural/Groundwater Usage Interests seats.

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the April 13, 2023 Stakeholder Committee Meeting

The Stakeholder Committee is one member short of a quorum. The committee decided to go ahead and table Action Item #3a till a quorum of the committee was present.

PRESENTATION

Presentation and ET Updates from Land IQ

Joel Kimmelshue from Land IQ provided a presentation and update on ET. Mr. Kimmelshue provided examples of ET data collected from this current water year.

*Committee member Leal arrived in person at 2:10pm.

Discussion ensued regarding ET measurements of applied vs. consumed.

Committee member Mullholand provided a comment regarding run-on/run-off.

Discussion ensued on excessive water.

Committee member Leal provided a comment.

Don Davis asked a question regarding ET and overdraft.

Discussion ensued.

With no further discussion, Chair Bennett provided a final comment before concluding the agenda item.

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

Susan Long from the Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust provided a presentation on the Tule Subbasin Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) and applications are available for those interested to be on the Agriculture Advisory Committee for the Tule Subbasin multibenefit land repurposing program.

*Committee member Mulholland arrived in person at 2:46pm.

Committee member Castle provided a comment.

Discussion ensued regarding the Tule Trust.

Committee member Inestroza provided a comment regarding the types of projects.

Discussion ensued.

After the discussion on the presentation concluded, Chair Bennett entertained the motion of going back to approve the minutes. During the presentations, the committee had acquired a quorum of committee members after the meeting had started.

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the April 13, 2023 Stakeholder Committee Meeting

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee with the Minutes of the April 13, 2023 Stakeholder Committee Meeting. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #3a.

Committee member Castle moved for the approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2023 Stakeholder Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee member Mulholland, and the Committee unanimously approved the motion.

PRESENTATION

Updates on ETGSA Meetings

General Manager Caudillo presented the Committee Updates on ETGSA Meetings. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4c.

Committee member Castle provided a comment regarding the State Advocacy Services.

Discussion regarding State Advocacy Services from Nossaman LLP.

Committee member Watkins provided a comment on the Water Rate Study for Water 2023-2024.

Discussion ensued.

With no further discussion, Chair Bennett moved to the next item.

NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Meeting- Thursday, September 14, 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 set for Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogelio Caudillo, Secretary to the Board

TO BE APPROVED



EASTERN TULE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE APPLICATION

December 2024

Authorizing Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Agreement Language:

ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES Section 4.01(a): Committee members shall fall within categories of interested persons or representatives of interested entities as described in SGMA. Committee members shall be appointed by the Board from among applicants.

When selecting from the applicants, the GSA Board will be looking to balance the representation of interest of the basin to groundwater use and for individuals that can, based on skills and experience, best contribute to the planning and implementation necessary to manage groundwater in the basin. The appointment is for a 4-year term.

Date Application Submitted: _____

Name and residence address of applicant:

ETGSA Account Id or APN of applicant's land holdings(s) within Eastern Tule GSA boundary:

List of qualifications supporting active engagement in production agriculture, representation of stakeholder, or other groundwater use within the Eastern Tule GSA boundary:

State reason(s) for applying:

Submit to: Rogelio Caudillo, General Manager
Eastern Tule GSA, 881 W. Morton Ave. Suite D., Porterville, CA
93257rcaudillo@easterntulegsa.com



ETGSA Stakeholder Committee

August 10, 2023

Agenda Item 4.b

Updates and Development for the Land Subsidence Management Zone

Staff Report to the ETGSA Stakeholder Committee

Subject: ETGSA Land Subsidence Management Zone

Submitted By: General Manager

Recommended Action: None

Executive Summary:

- Noticing of Landowners who hit Tier 2 in management zone.
- Well Canvassing in management zone in progress.
- Technical work is underway in Basinsafe.
- Next Land Subsidence Monitoring Committee scheduled for September 19th at 2pm.

Background:

- n/a

Fiscal Impact:

- n/a



ETGSA Stakeholder Committee

August 10, 2023

Agenda Item 4.c

Updates on ETGSA meetings and development

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 Finance Committee met on August 17, 2023:

- Approved ETGSA Website Updates Proposal.
 - New website redesign and logo updates.

ETGSA Board of Directors met on September 7, 2023:

- Approved Salary/Payment Adjustment: Administrative Assistant.
- Report on State Advocacy efforts.

Current ETGSA Activities:

- Website redesign in progress.
- Continued communication with SWRCB members and staff regarding subbasin determination.
- Continued monitoring and reporting for parcels enrolled in the LandFlex program.

Public Hearing for Groundwater Extraction Fee

- Scheduled for October 5, 2023, at 2pm.
- Sustainable Yield and Tier 1 Allocations

Background:

- n/a

Fiscal Impact:

- n/a