

## Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2019 10:00 a.m.

### Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Cortez Hall

12937 N. Cortez Avenue, Turlock, California

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Al Rossini called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

**Board Members Present:** Chair Al Rossini, Hicham ElTal, Dirk Ulrich and Walt Ward (*Alternate for Vito Chiesa*)

**Board Members Absent:** Lloyd Pareira

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

#### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- i. Member Dirk Ulrich moved, seconded by Member Walt Ward to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2019 board meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- ii. Member Dirk Ulrich moved, seconded by Member Walt Ward to accept the Treasury Report and approve the payment of the March, April and May 2019 bills as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- iii. Action to adopt the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency audit will be brought back to the board at their June meeting to allow additional time for review of the audit. **No action required.**
- iv. Action to amend the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency bylaws will be brought back to the board at their June meeting to allow additional time for review of the audit. **No action required.**
- v. The board directed legal counsel to review the Support Services contract with EPUR and bring the contract back to the board at their June meeting. **No action required.**
- vi. Member Walt Ward moved, seconded by Member Dirk Ulrich to accept Hudson, Henderson and Company to perform the agency's independent annual audits, and directed legal counsel to review the engagement letter before signing. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- vii. Following discussion of the 2019-2020 East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's budget, action to adopt the budget will be brought back to the board at their June meeting. **No action required.**

#### 4. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN WELL MONITORING PROGRAM

John Lambie, EPUR gave an update on the Well Monitoring Program. His report included the progress of obtaining the remaining landowner consent forms and the progress of installing the equipment.

#### 5. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Callie Lindemann, Lauren Layne's associate gave an update on current legislation and its impact on the GSA, including the Water Tax that is in the governor's budget. She reported that there will be no new tax and that \$150 million will come out of appropriations. **For information only.**

#### 6. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

- i. Walt Ward and Lacey Kiriakou gave a report on the items for discussion at the Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) May 23, 2019, 2:00 p.m. meeting.

- ii. They also gave an update on the April 25 meeting, which included a technical presentation from Todd Groundwater on the work performed to date on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. **For information only.**

**7. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Board Members may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the Legislative Body. There were no comments from board members.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Hicham ElTal moved to adjourn the February 28, 2019 meeting at 11:24 a.m.

I hereby certify that this is a full and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency of Merced and Stanislaus Counties, California.

May 23, 2019

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