

**EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**



**Draft Meeting Minutes**

**June 29, 2017 – 3:00 pm**  
**Special Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Cortez Hall**  
**12937 N. Cortez Avenue, Turlock, California 95380**

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

Chair Al Rossini called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Sign-in Sheet provided at meetings. *AS stated on the sign-in sheet a person is not required to sign the Sign-in Sheet. A person may participate in any meeting without filling out any sort of documentation.*

**Board Members Present:** Chair Al Rossini, Vito Chiesa, Hicham ElTal, Rodrigo Espinoza, and Dirk Ulrich. Alternates Walt Ward and Dennis Yotsuya were present at the beginning of the meeting. Members Chiesa and Ulrich arrived by 3:15 pm.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Interested persons in the audience are welcome to introduce any topic within the Agency's jurisdiction. No action may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Board may briefly respond to the comments, refer the matter to staff, or request it be placed on a future agenda.

There were no public comments.

**3. MINUTES FROM APRIL 27, 2017 MEETING**

Member Hicham ElTal moved, seconded by Member Dennis Yotsuya to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting, with the correction on Item 7 Technical Advisory Committee, third line: "...although identifying wells may ....". The motion passed unanimously.

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- i. The secretary gave a brief report on the January through June 2017 member invoices. Copies of the invoices were made available at the meeting. Members preferred to invoices emailed to them.
- ii. The secretary reported that the ETS GSA JPA must have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) to open a bank account. The secretary stated that the EIN was also necessary for preparing IRS forms for consultants' income. Member Vito Chiesa moved, seconded by Member Hicham ElTal to authorize the board chair to sign the application, and the secretary to submit the application to obtain an EIN. The motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Member Vito Chiesa moved, seconded by Member Dirk Ulrich to authorize the board secretary to obtain a post office box in Merced with the annual rent fee not to exceed \$200.00 (two hundred dollars).
- iv. The 2017-18 draft budget was presented for review and comments. The GSA coordinator said that he will work with the secretary, Lacey Kiriakou and Walt Ward from the TAC to finalize the draft budget for presentation to the board at their July board meeting.
- v. There was a brief update on the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) requirements. Once legal counsel is appointed a Conflict of Interest Code will be prepared for the board's review.
- vi. There was discussion about the need for the ETS GSA JPA to have an Ethics Policy. Once legal counsel is appointed a draft Ethics Policy will be prepared for the board's review.

**5. GSA STAFFING**

The GSA coordinator gave a brief report on the legal counsel selection process and the TAC's

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recommendation to the board. Member Vito Chiesa moved, seconded by Member Hicham ElTal to appoint Lauren Layne, of Baker, Manock and Jensen, as the ETS GSA JPA legal counsel.

**6. REPORT ON GSP ROAD MAP PROCESS**

- i. Staff gave a brief update on the GSP Road Map process. The GSA coordinator said that Phillis Stanin will make a presentation to the board at their July meeting.
- ii. Member Vito Chiesa moved, seconded by Member Dirk Ulrich to authorize Todd Groundwater to assemble a grant application and adopt Resolution 2017-02 supporting the application. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. TGBA PUBLIC OUTREACH AND WORKSHOPS**

The GSA coordinator gave a brief update on the TGBA outreach process.

**8. CLARIFYING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPRESENTATION AND ROLES WHEN PARTICIPATING IN THE GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSOCIATION (TGBA) MEETINGS**

Member Vito Chiesa moved, seconded by Member Dirk Ulrich to authorize the members of the East Turlock Subbasin Technical Advisory Committee to represent the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency when participating in the TGBA meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. OTHER NEW OR OLD BUSINESS**

There was no additional new business or old business to discuss.

**10. 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 were no comments from the board.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Hicham ElTal moved to adjourn the June 29, 2017 meeting at 4:06 pm.