

Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2018 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, Walt Ward (Alternate for Vito Chiesa), Lloyd Pareira, and Dirk Ulrich

Board Members Absent: Hicham ElTal.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3. MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 26, 2018 MEETING

Member Walt Ward moved, seconded by Member Dirk Ulrich to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2018 board meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

4. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- i. Member Dirk Ulrich moved, seconded by Member Walt Ward to accept the Treasury Report and approve the payment of the May 2018 bills as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- ii. Member Dirk Ulrich moved, seconded by Member Lloyd Pareira to adopt the revision of the 2018-2019 budget regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Plan cost changes and approve submitting the invoices to the partners. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- iii. There was discussion on the job description of a future General Manager position. **For information only.**
- iv. The board requested the item to approve a website consultant to post agendas and minutes for the ETS GSA on the joint WTS and ETS GSAs website be brought back to the board at their June meeting. They requested the proposal from the consultant include posting other materials and making improvements.

5. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Lauren Layne gave an update on current legislation and its impact on the GSA, including Groundwater Recharge legislation (SB2649) and its benefits to SGMA. **For information only.**

6. STANISLAUS COUNTY GROUNDWATER ORDINANCE – LOOK BACK PROVISION

Walt Ward provided a report on the intention of the ordinance. He stated it is more of a look forward provision that is in place until the Groundwater Sustainability Plan is implemented. The board directed staff to prepare a letter from all the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies requesting the ordinance have a sunset term when the Groundwater Sustainability Plans are adopted. **For information only.**

7. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Kevin Kauffman gave a brief update on work by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which included the following items:

- i. The award notification of the Proposition 1 2017 Sustainable Groundwater Planning (SGWP) grant.

- ii. Member Lloyd Pareira moved, seconded by Member Walt Ward to delegate and direct the Technical Advisory Committee to comment in a timely manner on SGMA related CEQA documents on local projects that may affect groundwater resources or SGMA implementation. If the deadline is before the ETS GSA meeting, the board will ratify the action of sending the comment letter at its next meeting. However, if there is time to bring it to the ETS GSA board, the board will take action to send the comment letter. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- iii. A review of items for discussion at the May 24, 2:00 p.m. Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

8. 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Member Dirk Ulrich moved to adjourn the May 24, 2018 meeting at 11:35 am.

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 24, 2018

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