

## **EASTERN TULE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

### **STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE**

#### **What is the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act?**

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA, was approved by Governor Brown in 2014 to encourage local groundwater basins to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, or GSAs, to better manage groundwater supplies. These new GSAs need to be formed by July of 2017, and then they need to put together a plan for how to best manage groundwater in the local area. The ultimate goal of a GSA is to manage the basin to reach sustainability in twenty years.

#### **Who is the Eastern Tule GSA?**

The Eastern Tule GSA has just formed to become the GSA for parts of the Tule Subbasin, and it is made up of the County of Tulare, City of Porterville, Kern-Tule Water District, Tea Pot Dome Water District, Vandalia Water District, Porterville Irrigation District, Saucelito Irrigation District, and Terra Bella Irrigation District. The eight agencies have formed a Joint Powers Authority and established a Board of Directors to manage the business of the agency.

#### **What is the purpose of the Stakeholder Committee?**

The Eastern Tule GSA is looking to identify and engage the varied interest in the Tule Subbasin to best insure that SGMA is implemented effectively and efficiently, and is successful in reaching sustainability. Therefore, the Eastern Tule GSA is working to make sure that through the involvement of the Board of Directors and establishment of various specific committees, the interests of beneficial uses and user of groundwater are involved in the process.

The Stakeholder Committee is being established to play a key role participating and engaging in the steps the Eastern Tule GSA will perform in the development and implementation of the local plan. The committee will be given direction and items to review by the GSA board, and the committee has been given one seat of the Board of Directs so that a presentative of their efforts can be a part of the planning and decision making process.

The Stakeholder Committee will be made up of nine members, two of which will be from Ducor Community Service District and Richgrove Community Service District, anticipated to come from interests in agriculture, environmental, tribal, or other groundwater user in the Tule Subbasin. It is anticipated the committee will meet at least once a month and maybe more frequently during specific projects. Those wishing to serve on the committee must submit an application. Stakeholder Committee applicants will be reviewed and subject to appointment by the Board of Directors

#### **Who should submit an application for the Stakeholder Committee?**

Anyone is welcome to submit an application for the Committee. 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.

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**STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

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.

Name and residence address of applicant:

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APN and address of applicant's land holding(s) within Eastern Tule GSA boundary:

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Date Application Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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State reason for applying:

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