

# PORTERVILLE

IRRIGATION DISTRICT



## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, Convenes at 10:30 a.m.

Or immediately following the Porterville Irrigation District Meeting

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22086 Avenue 160, Porterville, CA 93257

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## -----AGENDA-----

Action items are listed in **bold**.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call

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### **2. 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 Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to provide

comments at the time the Board considers the item. Any person addressing the Board 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.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Information for GSAs and Reporters on Extraction Reports Due May 1, 2026.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. No Items scheduled for the Special Meeting.

**5. ADMINISTRATION**

- a. **Consider Authorization to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Tess Dunham for Tule Subbasin Groundwater Quality and Mitigation Program Assistance. (Action).**

**6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

- a. Provide a report to Committee Members on meetings conducted to facilitate the Tule Subbasin Multi-GSA efforts and progress.

**7. CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. No Closed Session Scheduled

**8. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

- a. Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

- a. Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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ADMINISTRATION

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Board of Directors

Subject: ADMINISTRATION / Consider Authorization to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Tess Dunham for Tule Subbasin Groundwater Quality and Mitigation Program Assistance. (Action).

Submitted By: General Manager

The Tule Subbasin GSAs are continuing coordinated efforts to respond to SGMA requirements, State Water Resources Control Board review, and ongoing updates to groundwater sustainability planning documents. The need for a Professional Services Agreement has been identified among the participating Tule Subbasin GSAs, and an acreage-based cost-share methodology has been established to cover shared consultant expenses.

The proposed contracting structure approach would allow the Porterville Irrigation District GSA to contract directly with Tess Dunham for work performed on behalf of the Tule Subbasin GSAs.

This direct-contract approach is intended to simplify administration, keep the work tied directly to GSA obligations under SGMA, and allow the participating GSAs to share costs in the same manner previously contemplated.

Tess Dunham has provided a scope of work titled “**Assistance to Tule Subbasin GSAs re: Groundwater Quality and Mitigation Program,**” dated May 11, 2026. The scope is specifically directed toward supporting the Tule Subbasin GSAs on groundwater quality and mitigation program issues.

<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Estimated Hours</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Task: 1. Coordination and internal meetings with Groundwater Quality Technical Working Group	30 hours	\$14,250
Task: 2. Review and edit draft GSP sections regarding water quality; review and edit Mitigation Program Plan, including potential multiple revisions due to GSA input and State Water Board staff review	60 hours	\$28,500
Task: 3. Participate in external meetings and communications with State Water Board staff regarding water quality and Mitigation Plan issues	20 hours	\$9,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>110 hours</b>	<b>\$52,250</b>

The scope reflects work that will directly assist the GSAs in addressing groundwater quality and mitigation program requirements, including coordination with technical working groups, review of GSP language and the Mitigation Program Plan, and participation in communications with State Water Board staff.

Under a Professional Services Agreement, shared consultant costs were proposed to be allocated based on each GSA's acreage within the Tule Subbasin. The agreement is structured on each GSA's acreage and its percentage of the total Tule Subbasin acreage. Staff recommends using this cost share methodology for the direct-contract arrangement.

### **Proposed Cost Share**

Based on the total scope amount of **\$52,250**, the estimated cost share by GSA would be as follows:

<b>GSA</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Estimated Share</b>
Alpaugh ID	14,403.99	3.03%	\$1,583.17
Delano-Earlimart ID	57,330.74	12.06%	\$6,301.35
Tule East GSA	98,403.50	20.70%	\$10,815.75
Porterville ID	15,497.36	3.26%	\$1,703.35
Saucelito ID	19,680.70	4.14%	\$2,163.15
Terra Bella ID	13,786.00	2.90%	\$1,515.25
Kern-Tulare WD	8,604.36	1.81%	\$945.73
Lower Tule River ID	104,630.97	22.01%	\$11,500.23
Pixley ID	69,880.75	14.70%	\$7,680.75
Tri-County WA	68,787.38	14.47%	\$7,560.57
Teapot Dome WD	2,994.89	0.63%	\$329.18
Vandalia WD	1,378.60	0.29%	\$151.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>475,379.24</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$52,250.00</b>

Porterville ID GSA's estimated share would be \$1,703.35, based on its 3.26% share of the Tule Subbasin acreage. The interim agreement identifies Porterville ID's acreage as 15,497.36 acres, representing 3.26% of the Tule Subbasin.

Under the proposed arrangement, Porterville ID GSA would enter into the professional services agreement directly with Tess Dunham. The work would be performed on behalf of the participating Tule Subbasin GSAs, and the Porterville ID GSA would invoice or otherwise seek reimbursement from the participating GSAs using the same cost-share breakdown.

The proposed scope of work addresses a current and important need for the Tule Subbasin GSAs. Groundwater quality and mitigation program issues remain central to SGMA compliance, State Water Board review, and coordinated subbasin planning. The updated scope provides focused assistance in areas requiring legal, technical, and regulatory coordination.

The direct contract through Porterville ID GSA would allow the GSAs to move forward efficiently while maintaining the previously developed cost-share structure. This also provides a clearer nexus between the work being performed and the GSAs' regulatory responsibilities.

Staff recommends approval, subject to the other Tule Subbasin GSAs' participation in reimbursement.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board authorize the GSA Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Tess Dunham for assistance to the Tule Subbasin GSAs regarding groundwater quality and mitigation program matters, with costs to be shared among the Tule Subbasin GSAs based on the same acreage-based cost share percentages identified.

Staff further recommends that the Board authorize Porterville ID GSA to serve as the contracting agency on behalf of the participating Tule Subbasin GSAs, with reimbursement from each participating GSA based on its respective pro rata acreage share.

**PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
SCOPE OF WORK  
ASSISTANCE TO TULE SUBBASIN GSAS RE: GROUNDWATER QUALITY AND MITIGATION  
PROGRAM**

**MAY 11, 2026**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Estimated Hours</b>	<b>Estimated Costs</b>
Task 1 – Coordination and Internal Meetings with GWQ Technical Working Group	30 hours	\$14,250
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