

PORTERVILLE

IRRIGATION DISTRICT



BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 21, 2026, Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

<http://www.portervilleid.org> / PIDGSA@ocsnet.net

22086 Avenue 160, Porterville, CA 93257

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-----**AGENDA**-----

Action items are listed in **bold**.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Flag Salute

All items on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may consider agenda items in any order. Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Board of Directors after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the Porterville Irrigation District, 22086 Avenue 160, Porterville, CA 93257, during regular business hours.

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 on GSA assistance with Gears Reporting for 2025 Extraction (Reports Due May 1, 2026).
- b. Surface Water, and 2026 Allocations have been posted in PID Basinsafe Accounts.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. **Consideration and Approval of April 16, 2026, GSA Board Meeting Minutes (Action).**
- b. **Consideration and Approval of May 12, 2026, GSA Special Board Meeting Minutes (Action).**

5. ADMINISTRATION

- a. **Consider and Approve a Draft Resolution of the PID GSA Board of Directors Appointing Don Tucker (of 4Creeks, Inc.) as the Tule Subbasin Plan Manager and Point of Contact. (Action)**
- b. **Consider and Approve, in addition to the Draft Board Resolution, a Draft Tule Subbasin Plan Manager/ Point of Contact Agreement and Authorize the GSA Manager to Execute, subsequent to any Legal Recommendation. (Action)**

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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

7. CLOSED SESSION:

- 1. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation: One (1) case.

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, June 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request that the PIDGSA provide a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in any public meeting. Such assistance includes appropriate alternative formats for the agendas and agenda packets used for any public meetings of the GSA. Requests for such assistance and for agendas and agenda packets shall be made in person, by telephone, facsimile, or written correspondence to the General Manager of the Porterville Irrigation District GSA at (559) 782-6321, at least 48 hours before a public meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Board of Directors

Subject: CONSENT CALENDAR / Consideration and Approval of April 16, 2026, GSA Board Meeting Minutes (Action).

Submitted By: General Manager

PORTERVILLE

IRRIGATION DISTRICT



MINUTES OF THE GSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD APRIL 16, 2026

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on April 16, 2026, at the Porterville Irrigation District, Board Room, President Eric Borba called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“PIDGSA”). The meeting was also conducted remotely for members of the public.

Members Present: Eric Borba, David Gisler
Timothy Witzel Brett McCowan

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Michael Knight, *GSA Manager*
Sean Geivet, *District Manager*
Aubrey Mauritsen, *District Legal Counsel*
Nick Keller, *District Engineer*
Jeff Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer*

List of signed-in attendees:

Terry Schuler Armondo Leal
Mike George Douglas Jackson
Mike DePaoli Andrew Hart
Jason Guthrie

Additional members of the public were present in person and via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Eric Borba called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Flag salute: Michael Knight

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Borba opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were received.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ongoing efforts for the transition from ETGSA to PID GSA.

The GSA Manager provided an update on ongoing coordination efforts for the transition from the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA) to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA.

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

The GSA Manager reviewed State Water Resources Control Board correspondence regarding groundwater extraction reporting requirements for the Tule Subbasin. Staff noted that certain groundwater extractors remain subject to annual reporting requirements through the Groundwater Extraction Annual Reporting System (“GEARS”), with reports due May 1, 2026, unless an applicable exemption or exclusion applies. The Board was also advised of available State Water Board reporting resources and outreach materials.

- c. State Water Board Draft Resolution for Exclusion of Small Pumpers in the Tule Subbasin from extraction reporting.

The GSA Manager reported on the State Water Board’s April 7, 2026, action approving an exclusion from probationary reporting and fee requirements for persons extracting 20 acre-feet or less annually, provided the wells are not located within two miles of the Friant-Kern Canal, subject to the terms of the adopted resolution.

- d. State Water Board Draft Resolution Denying Groundwater Agencies' Exclusion Request.

The GSA Manager advised the Board that the State Water Board had released a draft resolution recommending denial of exclusion requests submitted by eight Tule Subbasin GSAs, including PIDGSA. The matter was scheduled for consideration by the State Water Board on April 21, 2026. Staff noted that Tule Subbasin GSAs continued to coordinate on responses, public comment, and next steps to address State Board concerns.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Consideration and Approval of March 20, 2026, GSA Board Minutes.

Action: Motion by Director McCowan, seconded by Director Witzel, to approve the GSA Minutes of March 20, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

5. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Consider and Approve Participation in Tule Subbasin Domestic Well Mitigation Reserve Fund. (Action)

The GSA Manager presented the Tule Subbasin Domestic Well Mitigation Reserve Fund framework. Staff explained that the reserve fund is intended to demonstrate the Subbasin's ability to respond promptly to drinking water well impacts associated with groundwater management, including impacts from declining groundwater levels and degraded groundwater quality.

The Board reviewed the Subbasin-wide reserve estimates, including:

- Total Full Mitigation Reserve Fund: \$3,844,800
- PIDGSA Full Mitigation Contribution: \$336,200
- PIDGSA Interim/Emergency Mitigation Contribution: \$118,700

Staff discussed the policy considerations associated with participation in a pooled Subbasin-wide fund versus maintaining PIDGSA's proportionate reserve locally, as well as the distinction between a full mitigation contribution and an interim/emergency contribution.

Following the discussion, the Board expressed support for continued participation in the Tule Subbasin mitigation reserve at the full mitigation amount.

Action: Motion by Director McCowan, seconded by Vice President Gisler, to approve the GSA participation at the full mitigation amount of \$336,200. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider and Provide Board Direction in Tule Subbasin Participation in One GSP Effort. (Action)

The GSA Manager provided an update on Tule Subbasin coordination efforts toward development of a Multi-GSA / coordinated Groundwater Sustainability Plan approach. Staff explained that the Subbasin Policy Group, Managers Group, and technical consultants have been evaluating a more unified GSP development process to address State Water Board concerns, reduce fragmentation, and present a more coordinated path toward exiting probationary status.

Staff noted that proposed scopes of work, cost estimates, governance documents, and schedules would be developed and returned to participating GSA boards for further consideration.

Action: Motion by Director McCowan, seconded by Vice President Gisler, to direct staff to continue PID GSA participation in the Tule Subbasin Multi-GSA GSP effort and return with any necessary agreements, scopes of work, schedules, and costs for Board review and approval. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Consider and Approve preliminary GSA Budget and Start the 218 Process for Groundwater Extraction Fee. (Action)

The GSA Manager presented the preliminary 2026 PIDGSA budget to implement the groundwater management program and administer PIDGSA responsibilities. The budget presented included projected administrative, staffing, computer/software, engineering, and legal expenses totaling approximately \$680,413.

Staff reviewed the preliminary groundwater extraction fee concept intended to support the budget and discussed initiating the Proposition 218 process to consider adopting a groundwater extraction fee. The Board was advised that the preliminary budget and fee calculation would be further refined, and a recommendation would be taken to the Stakeholder Committee before further consideration.

Action: Motion by Director McCowan, seconded by Director Witzel, to take the proposed budget and methodology to the Stakeholder Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Consider and Approve Mandatory Deadline for Well Registration for PID GSA Basinsafe Accounts. (Action).

The GSA Manager presented the need to establish a mandatory deadline for well registration within PIDGSA Basinsafe accounts. Staff explained that complete and accurate well registration is necessary for PID GSA to administer groundwater accounting, confirm account information, and coordinate extraction reporting. Staff's recommendation was to take it to the Stakeholder Committee for further consideration.

Action: Motion by Vice President Gisler, seconded by Director Witzel, to take the proposed Well Registration deadline to the Stakeholder Committee for consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. Report on April 2, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting.

The GSA Manager provided a report regarding the April 2, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting. Discussion included ongoing PIDGSA implementation efforts, stakeholder coordination, and matters anticipated for future Board consideration.

- b. Tule Subbasin Managers Meeting April 7, 2026 Meeting.

The GSA Manager summarized discussions from the April 7, 2026, Tule Subbasin Managers Meeting. Topics included continued coordination on the Multi-GSA GSP proposal, the Mitigation Reserve Fund framework, State Water Board communications, Groundwater Quality Technical Working Group activities, land subsidence coordination, and groundwater flow model updates.

- c. Tule Subbasin Policy Group Report from April 6, 2026, Meeting.

The Board received a report on the April 6, 2026, Tule Subbasin Policy Group meeting. Discussion focused on efforts to present a coordinated Subbasin approach, development of the

Multi-GSA GSP strategy, reserve fund planning for the domestic well mitigation program, and continued engagement with the State Water Board.

d. Tule Subbasin GWQ Technical Group April 10, 2026 Meeting.

The GSA Manager provided an update on the April 10, 2026, Groundwater Quality Technical Working Group meeting. Discussion included spring monitoring updates, RMS network replacement efforts, proposed revisions to Attachment 5 of the Coordination Agreement, and the possible engagement of additional technical review support.

e. Tule Subbasin Land Subsidence Technical Working Group April 16, 2026, Meeting.

The GSA Manager reported on the Land Subsidence Technical Working Group meeting held earlier that day. The working group discussed well data compilation, preliminary water-budget areas, potential modeling refinements, alternative sensitivity analyses, baseline assumptions, and next steps for the Southern Land Subsidence Study Area effort.

6. CLOSED SESSION:

a. Closed Session Pursuant to:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1)) – Discussion with the Board for the employment of an Administrative Assistant I to serve the GSA.

7. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: No Report.

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

There was no reportable action pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Borba adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Knight, GSA General Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Board of Directors

Subject: CONSENT CALENDAR / Consideration and Approval of May 12, 2026, GSA Special Board Meeting Minutes (Action).

Submitted By: General Manager

PORTERVILLE

IRRIGATION DISTRICT



MINUTES OF THE GSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 12, 2026

At approximately 10:30 a.m. on May 12, 2026, at the Porterville Irrigation District, Board Room, President Eric Borba called to order the Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“PIDGSA”). The meeting was also conducted remotely for members of the public.

Members Present: Eric Borba, David Gisler
Timothy Witzel

Members Absent: Brett McCowan

Others Present: Michael Knight, *GSA Manager*
Sean Geivet, *District Manager*
Aubrey Mauritsen, *District Legal Counsel*
Nick Keller, *District Engineer*
Jeff Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer*

List of signed-in attendees:

Terry Schuler Brandon Sargent
Austin Blomquist Adam Mendoza
Blake Wallace Seth Bowser
Jason Guthrie Kathy Briano
Larry Suniga

Additional members of the public were present in person and via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Eric Borba called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Flag salute: Michael Knight

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Borba opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were received.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The GSA Manager provided an update regarding groundwater extraction reporting requirements for the Tule Subbasin and the State Water Resources Control Board's May 1, 2026, reporting deadline. Staff expressed that assistance is still available if needed.

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).

The GSA Manager presented the staff report regarding a proposed Professional Services Agreement with Tess Dunham to provide support to the Tule Subbasin GSAs on groundwater quality and mitigation program matters.

Staff explained that the proposed scope of work would assist the Subbasin GSAs with:

- Coordination and internal meetings with the Groundwater Quality Technical Working Group;
- Review and editing of draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan sections addressing water quality;
- Review and editing of the Mitigation Program Plan; and
- Participation in external meetings and communications with State Water Resources Control Board staff regarding water quality and mitigation program issues.

The proposed scope included estimated hours of work totaling \$52,250. Staff further explained that the costs would be shared among participating Tule Subbasin GSAs using the established acreage-based cost-share methodology. Based on PIDGSA's 3.26% share of Tule Subbasin acreage, PIDGSA's estimated share of the cost would be \$1,703.35.

Staff recommended that PIDGSA serve as the direct contracting agency for the agreement, with the participating Tule Subbasin GSAs reimbursing PIDGSA in accordance with the established cost-share percentages.

Following Board discussion, the Board expressed support for moving forward with the agreement as a coordinated Tule Subbasin effort.

Action: Motion by Vice President Gisler, seconded by Director Witzel, to authorize the GSA Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Tess Dunham for Tule Subbasin Groundwater Quality and Mitigation Program Assistance, with costs to be shared among the participating Tule Subbasin GSAs based on the established acreage-based cost-share methodology, and to authorize PIDGSA to serve as the contracting agency and seek reimbursement from participating GSAs. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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

The GSA Manager provided a report regarding recent meetings and coordination efforts undertaken to facilitate the Tule Subbasin Multi-GSA process. Staff summarized ongoing discussions among the Tule Subbasin GSAs related to coordinated groundwater sustainability planning, shared technical and policy work, State Water Board engagement, and continued efforts to support a unified path forward for the Subbasin.

6. CLOSED SESSION:

- a. No Closed Session Scheduled

7. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: No Report.

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

There was no reportable action pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Knight, GSA General Manager

ADMINISTRATION

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Board of Directors

Subject: ADMINISTRATION / Consider and Approve a Draft Resolution of the PID GSA Board of Directors Appointing Don Tucker (of 4Creeks, Inc.) as the Tule Subbasin Plan Manager and Point of Contact. (Action)

Submitted By: General Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX-XX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTING DON TUCKER AS
THE TULE SUBBASIN PLAN MANAGER AND DESIGNATED POINT OF CONTACT**

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2014, the California Legislature passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"). SGMA became effective on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Porterville Irrigation District is a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("PID GSA") in the Tule Subbasin 5-22.13 as defined by California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs. §351(z), the Plan Manager is defined as "an employee or authorized representative of an Agency, or Agencies, appointed through a coordination agreement or other agreement, who has been delegated management authority for submitting the Plan and serving as the point of contact between the Agency and the Department; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs. §357.4(b) a Coordination Agreement must describe a point of contact with the Department; and

WHEREAS, all Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreements approved by the Tule Subbasin GSAs to date have identified pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs. §357.4(b) and §351(z) the Plan Manager or point of contact as David De Groot, Principal Engineer, 4Creeks, Inc., 324 S. Sante Fe, Suite A, Visalia, CA 93292, (559) 802-3052, davidd@4-creeks.com; and

WHEREAS, due to internal staffing structures within 4Creeks, Inc., the Tule Subbasin GSAs, pursuant to §351(z), wish to update the Plan Manager or point of contact to Don Tucker, Principal Water Consultant, 324 S. Sante Fe, Suite A, Visalia, CA 93292, (559) 802-3052, don.tucker@4-creeks.com; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Manager or point of contact shall serve to communicate with the State Board members and staff and/or the Department. At the Tule Subbasin's discretion, the Plan Manager or point of contact shall invite policy representatives, such as Directors or landowners, to join various meetings with the State Board and/or the Department. However, in no circumstance shall anyone other than the Plan Manager or point of contact serve to initiate, schedule, direct, or organize meetings and communications with the State Water Board and/or the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the PID GSA does hereby find, resolve, declare, and order as follows:

1. The above recitals are deemed true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Don Tucker of 4Creeks Inc. is appointed Plan Manager or point of contact for the Tule Subbasin.
3. That the Groundwater Sustainability Agency General Manager or his/her designee is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the PID GSA Board of Directors on this XX day of XXX, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Eric L. Borba, President

ATTEST:

Michael Knight, GSA Manager

Jeffrey Row, Secretary

ADMINISTRATION

Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Board of Directors

Subject: ADMINISTRATION / Consider and Approve, in addition to the Draft Board Resolution, a Draft Tule Subbasin Plan Manager/ Point of Contact Agreement and Authorize the GSA Manager to Execute, subsequent to any Legal Recommendation. (Action)

Submitted By: General Manager

TULE SUBBASIN

PLAN MANAGER/POINT OF CONTACT AGREEMENT

This Plan Manager/Point of Contact Agreement is made effective as of May 21, 2026 (“Effective Date”), by and between the Tule Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies identified below.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Tule Subbasin currently includes 13 separate GSAs further defined as:
[list the GSAs]

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs. §351(z), the Plan Manager is defined as “an employee or authorized representative of an Agency, or Agencies, appointed through a coordination agreement or other agreement, who has been delegated management authority for submitting the Plan and serving as the point of contact between the Agency and the Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs. §357.4(b) a Coordination Agreement must describe a point of contact with the Department; and

WHEREAS, all Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreements approved by the Tule Subbasin GSAs to date have identified pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs. §357.4(b) and §351(z) the Plan Manager or point of contact as David De Groot, Principal Engineer, 4Creeks, Inc., 324 S. Sante Fe, Suite A, Visalia, CA 93292, (559) 802-3052, davidd@4-creeks.com; and

WHEREAS, due to internal staffing structures within 4Creeks, Inc., the Tule Subbasin GSAs, pursuant to §351(z), wish to update the Plan Manager or point of contact to Don Tucker, Principal Water Consultant, 324 S. Sante Fe, Suite A, Visalia, CA 93292, (559) 802-3052, don.tucker@4-creeks.com; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Manager or point of contact shall serve to communicate with the State Board members and staff and/or the Department. At the Tule Subbasin’s discretion, the Plan Manager or point of contact shall invite policy representatives, such as Directors or landowners, to join various meetings with the State Board and/or the Department. However, in no circumstance shall anyone other than the Plan Manager or point of contact serve to initiate, schedule, direct, or organize meetings and communications with the State Water Board and/or the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TULE SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Don Tucker of 4Creeks Inc. is appointed Plan Manager or point of contact for the Tule Subbasin.

GSA SIGNATURE BLOCKS, SUGGEST AS FOLLOWS:

1. PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT GSA

Michael Knight, General Manager

Date