

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
March 16, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** The Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven Worthley at 2:05 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Worthley commenced with the Pledge and the meeting was brought to order.

Those in attendance were: Irrigation/Water Districts, Loren Booth; Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt; Production Ag, Steve Boos; Cities, Vice Chair Mary Fast; County of Fresno, Ernest “Buddy” Mendes; Drinking Water Districts, Fernando Rubalcaba; County of Tulare, Chairman Steven Worthley. Also in attendance: Alta Irrigation District, General Manager Chad Wegley; Controller Irma Faria; Attorneys-Doug Jensen and Lauren Layne.

3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** None.
4. **Public Comments:** None.
5. **Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda:** None.
6. **Review/Approval of Stakeholder Board Meeting Minutes:** It was **M/S/C unanimously by Chairman S. Worthley/B. Mendes** to approve the February 16, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes as written.

7. **Communications:**

7.1 Letter dated March 1, 2017, from KRCD: Kings River Conservation District sent a letter to KRE-GSA requesting four people be added to distribution list. C. Wegley mentioned that those people were added to that list.

8. **Board of Director Reports:** None.
9. **Consent Calendar Item(s):** None.

10. **Other Board Items:**

10.1 Agreement with Keller-Wegley Consulting Engineers: Item was tabled until further notice.

10.2 Agreement with Kenneth D Schmidt and Associates: Item was tabled until further notice.

10.3 Resolution Recognizing Chris M. Kapheim: It was **M/S/C unanimously E. Mendes/Vice Chair, M. Fast** to recognize Chris M. Kapheim’s vision and leadership.

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10.4 Fiscal Year Policy: It was **M/S/C unanimously Secretary/Treasurer J. Brandt/L. Booth** to adopt the policy with the revision of two (2) signers.

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- 10.5 Review and discuss By-Laws: Attorney, Layne reviewed the draft By-Laws and recommended the Board Member's legal counsel(s) independently review, before adopting. No action taken.
- 10.6 Discuss and approve formation of Advisory Committee: It was the consensus of the Board to setup a seven (7) member committee to advise the Board on policy recommendations for complying with SGMA. Chad Wegley will provide the Board with a list of potential members to the Advisory Committee for consideration at the April Board meeting. No action taken.
- 10.7 Discuss and Approve Formation of a Technical Committee: It was the consensus of the Board to establish a Technical Committee, based on a committee meeting at Alta Irrigation District since last summer, to assist the Board with development of a GSP and other technical issues associated with complying with sustainability pursuant to the Water Code. This Committee will meet quarterly, the same day as the KRE-GSA on the third (3rd) Thursday of the month, at 10:00 a.m., at the Alta Irrigation District building. It was the recommendation to keep the same participants, who have been meeting informally for the last year. Chad Wegley will provide the Board with a list of potential members to the Technical Committee for consideration at the April board meeting.

11. Informational Item(s):

- 11.1 California Supreme Court cases regarding the charging of fees in terms of SGMA: Attorney Lauren Layne suggested hiring an outside consultant to develop a fee structure, based on groundwater extraction, to cover costs associated with preparing a GSP and operating KRE-GSA for the first three years. L. Layne also mentioned there would be more certainty after the California Supreme Court ruled on the five (5) Proposition 26 & 218 cases being hear by the Court. A ruling on one of the five cases should be available late spring of 2017.
- 11.2 Resignation of Mike Prado, Sr.: Chairman S. Worthley directed staff to send a letter to the Drinking Water Districts notifying them of a vacancy of the Alternate seat and requesting filling of that vacancy. **Insert 9B**
- 11.3 Breakdown of Budget for KRE-GSA: The budget was restated, to cover 2/1/2017 to 9/30/20. No action taken. **Insert 9C**

12. Groundwater Sustainability Activities:

- 12.1 Sustainable Ground Water Management Act (SGMA): C. Wegley explained that he will be participating in another coordination meeting with the other GSAs or soon-to-be GSAs, within the Kings Subbasin during the last week of March 2017. He also mentioned that, Consolidated Irrigation District (CID) filed with DWR, a boundary that overlapped KRE-GSA's boundary, which preceded CID's boundary by about a year. No action taken.
- 12.2 Kings Basin Coordination and Hydrogeological Investigations: C. Wegley stated that Ken Schmidt continues to work on the geological and hydrogeological components for the GSP. No action taken.
- 12.3 DWR Best Management Practices: No update.

13. Future Agenda Item(s) – No update.

14. **Adjournment:** With no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled board meeting on April 20, 2017.

Sincerely,
Kings River East GSA

Jack Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer

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