

**Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Board Meeting Minutes**

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers  
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618  
June 15, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** The Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Steven Worthley at 2:00 p.m. and the following directors were present: County of Tulare, Chair Steven Worthley; Cities, Vice-Chair Mary Fast; County of Fresno, Ernest “Buddy” Mendes; Irrigation/Water Districts, Alternate Jack Paxton; Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt; Drinking Water Districts, Fernando Rubalcaba; and Production Ag, Steve Boos. Also in attendance: Alta Irrigation District, General Manager Chad Wegley; Attorney Lauren Layne and Alta Irrigation District Controller Irma Faria.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair S. Worthley commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** No potential conflicts of interest were given.
4. **Public Comment** None.
5. **Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda** None
6. **Review/Approval of Board Meeting Minutes** It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Mendes/Fast**, Chair Steve Worthley and J. Paxton abstained, to approve minutes of May 18, 2017 meeting as written.
7. **Communications**
  - 7.1 The Board reviewed a letter from the County of Fresno responding to South Kings Joint Powers Authority intent to form the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Groundwater Agency. This GSA would be comprised of the cities of Selma, Kingsburg, Fowler, Sanger, and Parlier, and would be inclusive of each city’s sphere of influence – land use authority outside a city’s sphere of influence lies with the County of Fresno, not the cities. This filing creates overlap issues within two exclusive GSAs and another GSA whose 90-day review period is nearly complete. If overlapping boundaries are not resolved on or before June 30, 2017 then a sub basin can be declared probationary by the State Water Resources Control Board. Counties can serve as GSAs when boundary conflicts are present in a sub basin. Central Kings GSA expressed a willingness to pull its boundary to the city limits, allowing the cities to form their separate GSA. **(Insert)**
8. **Board of Director Reports – Discuss and Consider for Action:** None.
9. **Consent Calendar Items – Take Action:** None.
10. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
  - 10.1 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Professional Services – The Board reviewed the statement of qualifications from 4 Creeks, Inc. and Luhdorff & Scalmanini and their fee schedules. After consideration, it was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Mendes** to contract with 4 Creeks to provide technical services to Kings River East GSA for compiling information from member agencies and developing a GSP. **(Insert)**
  - 10.2 Payables – It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Mendes/Brandt** to approve payment of the payables for June 2017. **(Insert)**
  - 10.3 Advisory Committee – C. Wegley informed the Board that David Te Velde will serve on this committee and that filling of the final seat will be completed by the next meeting.

- 10.4 Liability Insurance – Membership in ACWA is a requirement for obtaining liability insurance from ACWA JPIA.
- 10.5 California Supreme Court Cases – Attorney Layne explained that the California Supreme Court is likely to have rulings very soon on two of the five cases that could be applicable to Prop 26 efforts for KRE-GSA.

**11. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action**

- 11.1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update: Department of Water Resources (DWR) issued a draft proposal solicitation package (PSP) outlining how funding could potentially be available to offset costs for developing groundwater sustainability plans or develop project such as recharge basins. Comment period ends on Friday, June 16, and the final PSP should be released this fall. Many agencies keep reminding DWR the contract administration process needs to be improved so that it doesn't take 6-8 months to finalize a contract and receive that first reimbursement. Funds will be available for assistance with setting up a GPA or projects, such as a recharge basin. DWR is accepting comments prior to making available the Proposal Solicitation Package in the fall. Funding, about \$1.5 million, will be awarded by sub basin and not to individual GSAs.
- 11.2 Kings Basin Coordination and Hydrogeological Investigations: This month's coordination meeting will include the South Kings GSA JPA.
- 11.3 DWR's Best Management Practices: No update.

**12. Future Agenda Items(s):** Next month's agenda will include draft ethics and harassment policies for review.

**13. Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Steven Worthley at 2:30 p.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting on July 20, 2017.

**Kings River East – GSA**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Jack Brandt, Secretary to the Board

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