

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
July 20, 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; Vice-Chair Alternate, Linda Launer; 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 commence with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** No potential conflicts of interest were given.
4. **Public Comment:** A member of the public, Don Wright, requested to be notified of coordination meetings for the Kings subbasin.
5. **Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda:** None.
6. **Review/Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:** It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Mendes/Brandt (Launer abstained)**, to approve the minutes of July 20, 2017 meeting as written.
7. **Communications:** None.
8. **Board of Director Reports:** None.
9. **Consent Calendar Items:** None.
10. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
 - 10.1 Payables – It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Mendes/Brandt** to approve payment of the payables for July 2017.
 - 10.2 Advisory Committee – It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Mendes/Brandt** to approve the list of members to an Advisory Committee to assist the Board with developing policy recommendations for complying with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The Advisory Committee list will be modified next month as Kristin Dobbin is not working for Community Water Center (CWC). CWC will be listed as the replacement for Kristin Dobbin. These meetings will be held at Alta Irrigation District and are open to the public.
 - 10.3 Liability Insurance – Attorney Layne suggested the Board approve a resolution at the August meeting, authorizing the application, similar to what the JPIA requires from other agencies applying for insurance. ACWA membership required for JPIA eligibility. No action taken.
 - 10.4 California Supreme Court Cases – Attorney Layne reviewed a recent appellate court case deciding fees for wheeling water did not violate Prop 26 as long as there was a reasonable relationship.
11. **Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action**

- 11.1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA): Chad Wegley stated that GSA within the Kings subbasin complied with June 30, 2017 formation deadline. There are 7 GSAs within the subbasin. South Kings is the newest GSA and is made up of the cities of Kingsburg, Sanger, Parlier and community of Del Rey. Selma and Caruthers stayed with the Central Kings GSA.
- 11.2 Kings Basin coordination and hydrogeological investigations Chad Wegley informed the Board, the consultant on Prop 26, Alyson met with the Technical Committee, together they are working to resolve data gaps associated with developing a fee. Consultants are scheduled to provide an update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan at next months' meeting.
- 11.3 DWR's Best Management Practices: DWR is scheduled to release new BMPs this fall.
- 11.4 Tulare County Well Ordinance – Chad Wegley motioned that the County of Tulare released a draft well ordinance.
- 12. Future Agenda Items(s) – No Action:** None.
- 13. Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Steven Worthley, until the next regular schedule meeting on August 17, 2017.

Kings River East – GSA

Signed: _____
Jack Brandt, Secretary to the Board

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