

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
August 17, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** The Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Steven Worthley at 2:05 p.m. and the following directors were present: County of Tulare, Chair Steven Worthley; Vice-Chair, Mary Fast, County of Fresno, Ernest “Buddy” Mendes, Irrigation/Water Districts, Loren Booth, 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 lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** No potential conflicts of interest were identified.
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 Brandt/Rubalcaba (Fast/Booth 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 Fast/Boos** to approve payment of the payables for July 2017 in the amount of \$17,937.87. Director Boos suggested that Mr. Brandt, the Board treasurer, approve payables in advance of the board meeting. **Insert 20A**
 - 10.2 Advisory Committee – Advisory Committee agreed to meet bi-monthly on the third Wednesday starting on October 18, 2017. The focus of these meeting is to provide stakeholder input in the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan policy and other issues.
 - 10.3 Liability Insurance – Attorney Layne handed out a sample resolution for the Board to review regarding JPIA membership. A sample ethics policy was also provided for review; membership in JPIA is a requirement. No action taken.
 - 10.4 Grant Funding for GSA Development – Attorney Layne discussed the proposal from Provost & Pritchard for proposal for preparation of a DWR SGMA Planning Grant Application for the Kings Groundwater Sub-basin. The cost of the application estimated between \$25,000-\$30,000 will be split among the Kings River Basin GSAs. It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Booth/Brandt** to authorize the Chair’s signature on the agreement. **Insert 20B**
11. **Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action**

- 11.1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA): Chad Wegley mentioned there are very few unmanaged areas and that overlap issues were resolved. DWR will be hosting a SGMA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Workshop on September 20th from 1 to 5 p.m. at Clovis Veteran's Memorial District. Workshop is open to the public.
- 11.2 Kings Basin coordination and hydrogeological investigation - No update.
- 11.3 DWR's Best Management Practices - No update.
- 11.4 Tulare County Well Ordinance – County of Tulare may decide to let the well ordinance be addressed by the GSA.

12. Legal Issues-Review for Possible Action

- 12.1 Attorney Legal Update-Attorney Layne gave a report on the development of the Prop 26 fee. Evapotranspiration data from 2015 will be used as the baseline for crop water use by parcel. Public hearing may be scheduled for October.
- 12.2 California Supreme Court Cases – No update.

13. Future Agenda Items(s) – No Action: Advisory committee will meet on October 18, 2017 to discuss Prop 26. They will talk about the specifics on our GSA, and the collection of information for development of a sustainability plan.

14. Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Steven Worthley, until the next regular schedule meeting on September 21, 2017.

Kings River East – GSA

Signed: _____
Jack Brandt, Secretary to the Board

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