

# Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers  
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618  
April 19, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** The Board Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Mary Fast at 2:04 p.m. and the following directors were present: County of Fresno, Ernest “Buddy” Mendes; Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt; Drinking Water Districts, Fernando Rubalcaba; and Production Ag, Steve Boos. Other attendees included: Alta Irrigation District, General Manager Chad Wegley and Attorney Lauren Layne.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Ernest “Buddy” Mendes commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** None.
4. **Public Comment:** Ms. Hylon Kaufmann, Business Development Manager for Ranch Systems, represents a company providing wireless equipment for monitoring of agricultural operations. She also explain that there may be some cross-over applications for addressing SGMA.
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** to approve, as written, minutes from both the February 15, 2018 regular Board meeting and February 1, 2018 Public Hearing.
7. **Communications- Review and Consider for Action:** None.
8. **Board of Director Reports – Discuss and Consider for Action:** None.
9. **Consent Calendar Items – None.**
10. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
  - 10.1 Payables – After review of the payables, it was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Mendes** to approve payment of the February and March 2018 invoices. **Insert 31A**
  - 10.2 Treasurer’s Statements – After review of the Treasurer’s statement for period ending 9/30/2018, it was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Mendes** to approve the Financial Statements period ending 09/30/2018. **Insert 31B**
11. **Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action**
  - 11.1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update
    - 11.1.1 Allocating Overdraft and Quantify Outflows in the Kings Subbasin –Chad Wegley reported that Provost & Prichard (P&P) is estimating overdraft for the entire Kings subbasin and developing a methodology for prorating overdraft to each GSA. Mr. Wegley also used KRCD’s Spring 2014 depth to groundwater level map to explain, in general terms, where most of the groundwater pumping was occurring in the subbasin.

11.1.2 Water Budget – No update.

11.1.3 Prop 26 Invoices – Chad Wegley reported that 4Creeks is assisting with development of the GSA's invoices, which are expected to be mailed later this month.

11.2 DWR / SWRCB Activities

11.2.1 Best Management Practices – No update.

11.2.2 SGMA Assistance Workshops – Chad Wegley explained that DWR is hosting workshop at the Clovis Veteran's Memorial Bldg on April 24 at 1 p.m. Workshop information was posted on the KRE-GSA's website and emailed to interested parties.

**12. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action**

12.1 Attorney Legal Update – Attorney Layne provided the Board with a synopsis of Assembly Bill (AB) 2649 – Water Rights: water management. The intent of this bill is to i) require SWRCB to prioritize temporary permit for a project capturing flood water, ii) exempt a project from CEQA, iii) reduce the application fee, and iv) identify diversion of water to underground storage as beneficial use if diverted water is put to a beneficial use.

12.2 Kings Subbasin Coordination Agreement – Attorney Layne explained that legal counsels for the GSAs are working on an agreement regarding disbursement of grants funds and dispute resolution.

**13. Future Agenda Items(s) – None.**

**14. Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Mary Fast, until the next regular schedule meeting on May 17, 2018.

**Kings River East – GSA**

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

Jack Brandt, Secretary to the Board

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