

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
January 18, 2018
2:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** The Board Meeting was called to order by Cities, Vice-Chair Mary Fast at 2:00 p.m. and the following directors were present: County of Fresno, Ernest “Buddy” Mendes (arrived at 2:06); Irrigation/Water Districts, Loren Booth; Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt; and Production Ag, Steve Boos. Also, in attendance: Alta Irrigation District, General Manager Chad Wegley and Controller Irma P. Faria; Attorney Lauren D. Layne.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Booth commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** None.
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 Booth/Brandt** to approve the minutes of December 20, 2017 meeting as written.
7. **Communications- Review and Consider for Action**
 - 7.1 Notice of Public Hearing 2018-2020 fees - The Public hearing scheduled for February 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. was noticed in compliance with Government Code Section 6066, on the GSA website, and emailed to interested parties. **Insert 27A**
 - 7.2 Community Outreach Meeting – A Community Outreach scheduled for January 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. was posted in the local newspaper, on KRE-GSA’s website, and emailed to interested parties. **Insert 27B**
8. **Board of Director Reports** – Director Mendes mentioned that GSAs (7) within the Kings subbasin are working on an MOU to address the dispute resolution process, which will be overseen by local water industry experts. It was major accomplishment for these GSAs to come together and recognize the need for a plan to resolve disputes before they arise. This MOU will serve as a template for developing a formal coordination agreement for the subbasin.
9. **Consent Calendar Items** – None.
10. **Other Board Items:**
 - 10.1 Payables – After review of the payables, it was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Mendes** to approve payments of the December 2017 invoices in the amount of \$20,000.30. **Insert 27C**
 - 10.2 Financial Statements – After review of the Treasurer’s statement for period ending 12/31/17, it was **M/S/C Unanimously by Mendes/Booth** to approve the Financial Statements period ending 12/31/2017. **Insert 27D**

- 10.3 Budget – Initial costs, not incurred in FY 2017, were rolled into the current budget. After review of the FY 2018 Budget, it was **M/S/C Unanimously by Brandt/Booth** to approve the Budget for FY 2018.
- 10.4 Advisory Committee –It was suggested leaving the seat open; no one has shown interest in the position.

11. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

- 11.1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update - See Item 11.2 for discussion.
- 11.2 DWR's Best Management Practices - DWR held an online seminar January 19, 2018, introducing their fully integrated web portal for submitting SGMA related documents. KRE-GSA strongly desires for DWR to fast-track release of best management practices regarding water quality and depletion of interconnection surface waters as these items are major issues in addressing sustainability and the deadline for submitting a draft GSP is two years away. Technical Advisory Committee is waiting for a BMP on the depletion of interconnected streams and water quality.
- 11.3 Proposition 26 Report update and review – Ms. Alison Lechowicz from Lechowicz + Tseng Municipal Consultants gave a presentation covering some of the main points within the Groundwater Fee Study report. She mentioned that the GSA will have both a nominal fee and groundwater pumping fee to address areas that impact the aquifer differently, discussed the methodology used to develop a rate structure, explained how water budgets utilized crop surveys from 2014 and 2016 to estimate groundwater pumping, and identified the requirements (outlined in the fee report) for providing metered well data in lieu of estimated groundwater pumping values. DWR has two years to review and comment on a GSP; however, the clock does not start until all GSPs within a subbasin are sent to DWR.

12. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action

- 12.1 Attorney Legal Update – No update.
- 12.2 California Supreme Court Cases – No update.

13. Future Agenda Items(s) –Ms. Adriana Renteria from Community Water Center will give a presentation at the next regular scheduled Board meeting on February 15, 2018 and the contract with Tulare County for GSA grant funding should be ready for review.

14. Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Steven Worthley, until the next regular schedule meeting on February 15, 2018.

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Signed: _____
 Jack Brandt, Secretary to the Board

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