

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
February 15, 2018
2:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** The Board Meeting was called to order by County of Tulare, Chair Steven Worthley at 2:00 p.m. and the following directors were present: Cities, Vice-Chair Mary Fast; County of Fresno, Ernest “Buddy” Mendes (arrived at 2:07); Irrigation/Water Districts, Alternate Jack Paxton; 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 Controller Irma P. Faria; Attorney Lauren Layne.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair S. Worthley 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 Fast/Brandt (Paxton abstained)**, to approve the minutes of January 18, 2018 meeting as written.

7. **Communications- Review and Consider for Action**

7.1 Groundwater Quality Presentation – Ms. Adriana Renteria and Mr. Ryan Jensen from Community Water Center gave a presentation explaining how work from the CV-SALTS effort may be useful in developing a groundwater sustainability plan. Presentation will be made available on the GSA’s website.

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8. **Board of Director Reports – Discuss and Consider for Action:** None.
9. **Consent Calendar Items –** None.
10. **Other Board Items –** None.

10.1 Payables – After review of the payables, it was **M/S/C Unanimously by Mendes/Brandt** to approve payments of the January 2018 invoices in the amount of \$26,653.05.

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10.2 Financial Statements – After review of the Treasurer’s statement for period ending 01/31/18, it was **M/S/C Unanimously by Paxton/Mendes** to approve the Financial Statements period ending 01/31/2018.

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10.3 CEQA Guideline Resolution – It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Mendes/Brandt** to approve a resolution adopting CEQA guidelines.

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10.4 Distressed Counties Grant – It was **M/S/C Unanimously by Mendes/Paxton (Worthley abstained)**, to approved contract with Tulare County to receive a portion of funding from distressed counties grant after legal review.

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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 – Mr. Chad Wegley mentioned that DWR has not released any new BMPs but that The Nature Conservancy released a report January 2018 regarding groundwater dependent ecosystems. Mr. Chad Wegley also informed the Board that Provost & Pritchard is working, on behalf of all the GSAs within the Kings subbasin, to quantify overdraft and then prorate it to the various GSAs. The tentative deadline for having prorated overdraft numbers is mid-March. DWR award the Kings subbasin \$1.5 million to assist with the development of groundwater sustainability plans. Grant funds will be split equally between the seven GSAs.

12. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action

- 12.1 Attorney Legal Update - No update.
- 12.2 Kings Subbasin Coordination Agreement – No update.

13. Future Agenda Items(s) – None.

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

Kings River East – GSA

Signed: _____

Jack Brandt, Secretary to the Board

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