

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
August 16, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Worthley at 2:00 p.m. and the following directors were present: Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt, Cities, Mary Fast, Irrigation/Water Districts Alternate, Jack Paxton, Ag Production, Steve Boos, Fresno County, Ernest “Buddy” Mendes. Director(s) not present at this meeting: Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba. Also, in attendance: Alta Irrigation District, General Manager Chad Wegley, Controller Marc Limas, Resource Analyst I Luis Rios, and Attorney Lauren D. Layne.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Member Buddy Mendes commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** None.
4. **Public Comment:** Adriana Renteria from Community Water Center appeared to invite the Board of Directors and the public to two (2) workshops in October regarding Groundwater Quality and SGMA. Maria Herrera from Self-Help Enterprises appeared to thank the Board for their letter of support to the DWR regarding Proposition 1 SGMA grant money.
5. **Review/Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:** It was M/S/C unanimously by Fast / Brandt to approve, as written, the minutes from the July 19, 2018 regular Board Meeting.
6. **Communications:** Attorney Layne discussed the California Farm Bureau Federation letter Kings River East GSA signed onto in opposition to the Bay Delta unimpaired flows proposal; Board members were provided with a copy of that letter.
7. **Board of Director Reports:** None.
8. **Consent Calendar Items:** None.
9. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
 - 9.1. Payables – Board of Directors reviewed the payables and then it was M/S/C unanimously by Mendes / Paxton to approve payment of the July 2018 warrants in the amount of \$10,235.42 (see Insert 9.1).
 - 9.2. Treasurer’s Statement – Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer’s statement for period ending 7/31/2018 and then it was M/S/C unanimously by Mendes / Fast to accept the Treasurer’s Report (see Insert 9.2).
 - 9.3. Alta Irrigation District Repayment – Board of Directors reviewed a repayment plan to Alta Irrigation District for funds loaned to the Kings River East GSA and then it was M/S/C unanimously, Member Brandt abstaining, by Paxton / Boos to approve an eighteen (18) month repayment plan commencing in September 2018 (see Insert 9.3).
 - 9.4. Postpone Kings River East GSA Audit – Board of Directors gave direction to not postpone audit, but to send out RFPs for audit services for Fiscal Year ending 9/30/2018 and to bring 3 proposals, time and materials basis only, to the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting.

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10. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

10.1. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update: None.

10.2. Provost & Pritchard Task 5-7 Contract: Board of Directors reviewed Provost & Pritchard's proposal and then it was M/S/C unanimously by Mendes / Fast to approve this proposal for professional consulting services on a time and material basis and understanding the fee will be split equally among the seven (7) GSAs in the Kings subbasin.

10.3. Prop 26 Invoice: Currently, outstanding fees for 2018 total approximately \$108,000. Attorney Layne mentioned that the Board can impose a nominal late fee of 2% on outstanding fees, but public hearing will be required if the Board wants to adopt a miscellaneous fee schedule. The Board should consider whether or not it wants to move forward with a miscellaneous fee schedule that includes late fees at its next Board meeting.

10.4. DWR Best Management Practices: None.

10.5. Grant Funding: None.

11. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action

11.1. Attorney Legal Update: Attorney Layne reported that a rally will be held on August 20, 2018 in Sacramento in opposition to the Bay Delta unimpaired flows proposal. The State Water Board meeting will be held August 21, 2018, public comments will be heard on the Bay Delta unimpaired flows proposal, but any decision by the Board will be delayed until a later date. Legislation is being considered for introduction this session that will delay any flow restriction decisions until 2021.

12. Future Agenda Item(s): Selection of an Independent Auditor.

13. **Adjournment**: There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Steve Worthley at 2:35 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on September 20, 2018.

Kings River East – GSA

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Jack Brandt, Secretary of the Board

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