

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
September 20, 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, Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba. Director(s) not present at this meeting: Fresno County, Ernest “Buddy” Mendes. Also, in attendance: Alta Irrigation District, General Manager Chad Wegley, Controller Marc Limas, Resource Analyst Luis Rios, and Attorney Lauren D. Layne.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Worthley commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** Chair Worthley will not participate in Item 10.4 as it requires action on an agreement with Tulare County for grant funding.
4. **Public Comment:** Chair Worthley invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board’s jurisdiction. Ken Becker, a landowner in Alta ID, addressed the Board regarding adjustments to his initial bill from the GSA. Chair Worthley directed Mr. Becker to meet with Chad Wegley or Lauren Layne on billing issues. Randy Witherspoon, Engineer with Tulare County, addressed the Board regarding the opening of a public comment period for the County’s Storm Water Resources Plan; handouts were provided to the Board and the Public.
5. **Review/Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:** It was M/S/C unanimously (Rubalcaba abstaining) by Paxton/Fast to approve, as written, the minutes from August 16, 2018 regular Board meeting.
6. **Communications:** None.
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 Brandt/Rubalcaba to approve payment of the August 2018 warrants in the amount of \$20,721.15 (see Insert 9.1).
 - 9.2. Treasurer’s Statement – Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer’s statement for period ending 8/31/2018 and then it was M/S/C unanimously by Paxton/Brandt to accept the Treasurer’s report (see Insert 9.2).
 - 9.3. Kings River East GSA Audit – Board of Directors reviewed a proposal from Cuttone & Mastro for Audit of Fiscal Years Ending 9/30/17 and 9/30/18 and then it was M/S/C unanimously by Paxton/Rubalcaba to accept this proposal and engage the services of Cuttone & Mastro. (see Insert 9.3)
10. **Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action**

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- 10.1. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update – No update.
- 10.2. GSA Invoices – Approximately \$100,000 remains outstanding from the inaugural 2018 billing efforts. The 2019 invoices will be sent in January 2019 and any landowners that did not pay their 2018 invoice will be rebilled at this time as well. Delinquent 2018 payments may also include a nominal late fee.
- 10.3. DWR Best Management Practices – No update.
- 10.4. Grant Funding – Board of Directors reviewed the Tulare County Grant Agreement and then it was M/S/C unanimously (Worthley abstaining) by Brandt/Paxton to approve the Tulare County Grant Agreement.

11. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action

- 11.1. Attorney Legal Update: Attorney Layne reported on a favorable decision by the California Supreme Court regarding Prop 26 fees. Also, Attorney Layne reported on various bills from the legislative session ending August 31, 2018 that either died in session or are on the Governor’s desk awaiting action.

12. Future Agenda Item(s) – Subgrantee agreement for Department of Water Resources Grant. Analysis and proposal for action on outstanding invoices.

13. Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Steve Worthley at 2:30 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on October 18, 2018.

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Jack Brandt, Secretary of the Board

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