

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
January 17, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** The Regular Board Meeting of the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency was called to order by Vice-Chair Mary Fast at 2:02 p.m. and the following directors were present. Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt, Irrigation/Water Districts, David Brown, Ag Production, Steve Boos, Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba, Tulare County, Eddie Valero, and 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:** Steve Boos commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** None.
4. **Public Comment:** Mike Tietze from Formation Environmental, LLC explained their partnership with the City of Dinuba for administration of a \$1.75 million water quality Proposition 1 grant, a technical advisory committee will be formed with agencies involved in water quality. Scott Harness extended an invitation to join the Dinuba Government Affairs Committee – meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at Dinuba City Hall from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
5. **Review/Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:** It was M/S/C unanimously to by Brandt/Brown to approve, as written, the minutes from November 15, 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. Board Officer Reorganization – Vice Chair Fast handed control of the meeting to Attorney Layne. Vice Chair Fast nominated Director Buddy Mendes as Chairman, with no further nominations received, the Board voted unanimously to name Director Mendes Chairman of the Board. Attorney Layne handed control of the meeting to Chairman Mendes. Chairman Mendes nominated Director Mary Fast as Vice Chairman, with no further nominations received, the Board voted unanimously to name Director Fast as Vice Chairman of the Board. Chairman Mendes nominated Director Jack Brandt as Secretary/Treasurer, with no further nominations received, the Board voted unanimously to name Director Brandt as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.
 - 9.2. Steve Worthley Resolution – It was M/S/C unanimously by Brandt/Valero to approve Resolution 2019-01-01 recognizing Steve Worthley for his service as a Director of the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency (see Insert 9.2)
 - 9.3. Payables – Board of Directors reviewed the payables and then it was M/S/C unanimously by Brandt/Fast to approve payment of the November and December 2018 warrants in the amount of \$71,900.81. (see Insert 9.3)

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9.4. Treasurer's Statement – Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer's statement for the periods ending 11/30/2018 and 12/31/2018 and then it was M/S/C unanimously by Valero/Brown to accept the Treasurer's report. (see Insert 9.4)

9.5. Kings River East GSA Bank Accounts

9.5.1. It was M/S/C unanimously by Rubalcaba/Brandt to close Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency bank accounts at Bank of the Sierra.

9.5.2. It was M/S/C unanimously by Brandt/Fast to open new Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency bank accounts at Rabobank and authorize Chairman Mendes, Vice Chair Fast, Secretary/Treasurer Brandt, and Alta Irrigation District Controller Limas as signers on the accounts.

10. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

10.1. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and GSP Update: General Manager Wegley reported that the Technical Committee and Advisory Committee will meet in February. The Technical Committee will be discussing; setting measurable objectives and minimum thresholds.

10.2. GSA Invoices – The second round of invoices for GSA administration and GSP development will be mailed in approximately thirty (30) days.

10.3. CV-SALTS Management Zone Pilot Study – Richard Meyerhoff from GEI Consultants gave a presentation about a grant awarded to the Kings River Water Quality Coalition, as part of CV-SALTS, for implementation of a management zone pilot study. This pilot study effort will be looking at ways to address salt and nitrate management within a priority 1 subbasin. Kings subbasin is one of six priority 1 subbasin in the Central Valley.

10.4. DWR Best Management Practices – No update.

11. **Legal Issues:** Attorney Layne reported that Baker Manock and Jensen will be holding training on sexual harassment and AB 1234 this spring, free of charge for Directors. Attorney Layne also reminded Directors to complete their Form 700s by the end of March.

12. **Future Agenda Item(s):** Audit Presentation.

13. **Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Buddy Mendes at 3:10 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on February 21, 2019.

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Signed: _____

Jack Brandt, Secretary

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