

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
March 21, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** The Regular Board Meeting of the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency was called to order by Chairman Buddy Mendes 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, and Cities, Mary Fast. Directors absent, Tulare County, Eddie Valero. 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:** Mary Fast commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** None.
4. **Public Comment:** Don Wright commented, he has been appointed to conduct public outreach for the Fresno State Wet Center.
5. **Communications:** None.
6. **Audit Presentation:** Mike Cuttone, a CPA with Cuttone & Mastro Certified Public Accountants reviewed the audit for fiscal year end 2017 and 2018. It is the opinion of Cuttone & Mastro, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects. Ms. Layne made a correction to the date the GSA was formed as a special act district. With this correction to the audit report, it was M/S/C unanimously (Valero absent) by Brown/Brandt to accept the fiscal year end 2017 and 2018 audit. (see insert 6.1)
7. **Board of Director Reports:** None.
8. **Consent Calendar Items:** It was M/S/C unanimously (Valero absent) by Fast/Rubalcaba to approve the consent calendar as presented.
 - 8.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of February 2019 invoices (see Insert 8.1)
 - 8.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of February 14, 2019 regular Board meeting.
9. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
 - 9.1. Treasurer's Statement – Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer's statement for the period ending February 28, 2019 and then it was M/S/C unanimously (Valero absent) by Brandt/Brown to accept the Treasurer's report. (see Insert 9.1)
 - 9.2. Grant Reimbursements – General Manager Wegley explained DWR has approved the first reimbursement of approximately \$80,000, payment should be received by summer 2019. The second reimbursement has been submitted to DWR. Work continues with Denise England to process the Tulare County distressed counties grant.

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- 9.3. LAIF Resolution – It was M/S/C unanimously (Valero absent) by Rubalcaba/Brandt to adopt resolution 2019-03-01, removing J. Steven Worthley as a signer and adding Ernest “Buddy” Mendes as a signer on the LAIF account. (see Insert 9.3)
- 9.4. Rabobank Credit Card – It was M/S/C unanimously (Valero absent) by Brandt/Brown to open a credit card with a credit limit of \$5,000 for incidental expenses of the GSA and authorizing the cardholder to be Chad Wegley.

10. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

- 10.1. GSA Invoices – 2019 Proposition 26 fee invoices were mailed at the end of February. To date approximately \$94,000 has been collected in 2019 fees and \$4,300 in 2018 fees.
- 10.2. DWR Best Management Practices – General Manager Wegley reported DWR will be releasing frequently asked questions on water quality.
- 10.3. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) – General Manager Wegley reported Sections 1 and 2 of the GSP will be released soon to the Technical Committee and the Board.
- 10.4. Stakeholder Survey – It was M/S/C unanimously (Valero absent) by Brandt/Fast to post stakeholder survey on the website and send to interested parties, adding one (1) additional question, if the respondent lives within the KREGSA boundaries. (see Insert 10.4)
- 10.5. Professional Services – It was M/S/C unanimously (Valero absent) by Brandt/Boos to approve a contract amendment with Provost & Pritchard to provide additional professional services to Kings River East GSA for development of GSP elements associated with sustainable management/coordination within the Kings Subbasin.

11. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action: Attorney Layne reported the water tax is in a budget trailer bill and SB 200. ACWA sponsored SB 669 establishing a water trust fund, using the general fund surplus, has been introduced. AB 336 has been introduced to clean up SGMA language. SB 559 has been introduced to fund Friant Kern canal repairs. HR 1764 has been introduced to fund local infrastructure projects.

12. Future Agenda Item(s): None.

13. Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Buddy Mendes at 3:06 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on April 18, 2019.

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Signed: _____

Jack Brandt, Secretary

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