

# Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Special Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers  
405 East El Monte Way Dinuba, CA 93618  
April 24, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** The Special Board Meeting of the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency was called to order by Vice-Chairman Mary Fast at 2:02 p.m. and the following directors were present. Alta Irrigation District Alternate, John Kalendar, Irrigation/Water Districts, David Brown, Ag Production, Steve Boos, Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba. Directors absent, 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:** Fernie Rubalcaba commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** None.
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Communications – Review and Consider for Action**
  - 5.1. Letter from Asian Business Institute & Resource Center: General Manager Wegley reported on a letter received from the Asian Business Institute & Resource Center, which has been awarded a SGMA grant of \$400,000 to conduct outreach in the Asian community. General Manager Wegley will schedule a meeting with the ABIRC. (see Insert 5.1)
6. **Board of Director Reports:** None.
7. **Consent Calendar Items:** It was M/S/C unanimously (Valero and Mendes absent) by Boos/Brown to approve the consent calendar as presented.
  - 7.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of March 2019 invoices (see Insert 7.1)
  - 7.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of March 21, 2019 regular Board meeting
8. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
  - 8.1. Treasurer’s Statement – Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer’s statement for the period ending March 31, 2019 and then it was M/S/C unanimously (Valero and Mendes absent) by Rubalcaba/Boos to accept the Treasurer’s report. (see Insert 8.1)
  - 8.2. Grant Reimbursements – General Manager Wegley explained the first reimbursement of approximately \$60,000 from the Prop 1 grant was received in April with the second and third reimbursements already submitted to DWR. Also, all final paperwork has been submitted to Tulare County for reimbursement under the distressed counties grant.

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- 8.3. May Regular Board Meeting – It was M/S/C unanimously (Valero and Mendes absent) by Brown/Rubalcaba to cancel a regular Board meeting scheduled for May 16, 2019. Unless there is a need for a special meeting, the next meeting will be in June.

### 9. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

- 9.1. GSA Invoices – 2019 Proposition 26 fee invoices are due April 30, 2019. To date approximately sixty-eight percent (68%) has been collected of 2019 fees and \$6,100 in 2018 fees.
- 9.2. DWR Best Management Practices – No update.
- 9.3. 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. Provost & Pritchard continues to collect information within KREGSA so as to ensure coordination with the other GSAs in the subbasin regarding setting of measurable objectives and minimum thresholds.
- 9.4. Outreach – It was M/S/C unanimously (Valero and Mendes absent) by Rubalcaba/Brown to provide up to \$2,500 in financial support of and participation in a SGMA Town Hall Event Hosted by Fox26/CW 59.

### 10. Board of Directors Items – Discussion Item(s) Only

- 10.1. Board of Directors per diem pay – The consensus of the Board of Directors regarding per diem pay was to wait and discuss this issue during a future Proposition 218 effort.

11. **Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action:** Attorney Layne reported that the Agriculture & Prosperity Act; AB 417, will require economic impact analysis of SGMA on ag lands. Attorney Layne also reported on other bills introduced this legislative session.

12. **Future Agenda Item(s)** – None.

13. **Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairman Mary Fast at 2:55 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on June 20, 2019.

### Kings River East – GSA

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Jack Brandt, Secretary

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