

# Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers  
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618  
June 20, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** The Regular Board Meeting of the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency was called to order by Chairman Ernest “Buddy” Mendes at 2:01 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 Cities, Mary Fast. Also, in attendance Alta Irrigation District, General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager 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:** Lawrence O’Leary commented that his company sells SCADA equipment that utilizes radio communication to operate operate facilities and he believes this equipment can help with SGMA implementation.
5. **Communications – Review and Consider for Action**
  - 5.1. Letter from McMullin Area GSA: General Manager Wegley commented on a letter received from the McMullin Area GSA. (see Insert 5.1)
  - 5.2. Letter from Friant Water Authority: General Manager Wegley commented on a letter received from the Friant Water Authority. (see Insert 5.2)
6. **Board of Director Reports:** None.
7. **Consent Calendar Items:** It was M/S/C unanimously by Valero/Brandt to approve the consent calendar as presented.
  - 7.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of April and May 2019 invoices (see Insert 7.1)
  - 7.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of April 24, 2019 special 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 April 30, 2019 and May 31, 2019 and then it was M/S/C unanimously by Valero/Fast 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, the total reimbursement of approximately \$59,000 from the distressed counties grant administered by Tulare County was received in May.

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- 8.3. CV-SALTS Management Zone Pilot Study Technical Assistance – It was M/S/C unanimously by Valero/Brandt to approve an additional scope of the professional services contract with Kenneth D. Schmidt & Associates to provide technical assistance with information developed during this project.

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

- 9.1. GSA Invoices – To date approximately eighty-five percent (85%) has been collected of 2019 fees and \$20,000 in 2018 fees.
- 9.2. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) – General Manager Wegley reported on his participation in the outreach meeting facilitated by Self-Help and KRCD in Riverdale; a date is being set to for a similar outreach meeting in Dinuba soon. Also, General Manager Wegley met with the Asian Business Institute and a landowner regarding the KREGSA. The technical committee will be meeting to review the water budget, which suggests an upper limit of about 19,000 acre-feet for overdraft, while the water level/storage methodology shows a value of 11,000 acre-feet.

10. **Board of Directors Items:** None.

11. **Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action:** Attorney Layne reported the draft coordination agreement will be released soon with some new amendments. Attorney Layne also reported on bills introduced this legislative session.

12. **Future Agenda Item(s):** Draft GSP release schedule.

13. **Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ernest “Buddy” Mendes at 2:48 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on July 18, 2019.

### Kings River East – GSA

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

Jack Brandt, Secretary

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