

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
September 19, 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, Ag Production, Steve Boos, Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt, Cities, Mary Fast, Tulare County, Eddie Valero, Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba, and Irrigation/Water Districts, David Brown. 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:** None.
5. **Communications – Review and Consider for Action**
 - 5.1. Letter from Kevin O'Brien with Downey Brand: Chad Wegley commented on letter received from Kevin O'Brien with Downey Brand regarding the Kings River. (See Insert 5.1)
6. **Board of Director Reports:** None.
7. **Consent Calendar Items:** Item 7.2 was pulled from the Agenda, no action taken on this item. It was M/S/C unanimously by Valero/Brandt to approve item 7.1 on the consent calendar.
 - 7.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of July and August 2019 invoices (see Insert 7.1)
8. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
 - 8.1. Treasurer's Statement – Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer's statement for the period ending July 2019 and August 2019 and then it was M/S/C unanimously by Brandt/Rubalcaba to accept the Treasurer's report. (see Insert 8.1)
 - 8.2. Grant Reimbursements – The third reimbursement on the Prop 1 grant of approximately \$50,000 was received in September and the fourth reimbursement has been submitted to DWR. The fifth and final reimbursement will be submitted to KRCD for processing in October.
 - 8.3. Audit Engagement Letter – It was M/S/C unanimously by Rubalcaba/Brown to approve Fiscal Year End September 2019 audit engagement letter from Cuttone & Mastro Certified Public Accountants. (see Insert 8.3)
 - 8.4. ACWA Committee Appointments – It was M/S/C unanimously by Valero/Brandt to appoint Lauren D. Layne to the ACWA State Legislative Committee and the ACWA Legal Affairs Committee.

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8.5. KRCD Contract – It was M/S/C unanimously by Brown/Brandt to approve a contract with KRCD for public outreach services in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.

8.6. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Letter Regarding the Semitropic Project – It was M/S/C unanimously by Rubalcaba/Fast to send and authorize the chairman to sign a letter opposing the Semitropic project, subject to legal counsel review (see Insert 8.6).

9. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

9.1. GSA Invoices – To date approximately eighty-eight percent (88%) of the \$711,000 billed in 2018 and 2019 have been collected.

9.2. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) – Chad Wegley gave an update on the GSP and ongoing outreach efforts. (Insert 9.2) Also, Chad Wegley mentioned that a draft GSP is available for review.

9.2.1. It was M/S/C unanimously by Fast/Boos to release the draft GSP, set the public comment deadline for November 14, 2019, and to set the public hearing date for December 19, 2019.

10. Legal Issues: Attorney Layne reported on various bills introduced this legislative session.

11. Future Agenda Item(s): None.

12. Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ernest “Buddy” Mendes at 3:32 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on October 17, 2019.

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Signed: _____

Jack Brandt, Secretary

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