

# Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Regular Board Meeting

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers

405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618

November 21, 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 2:00 p.m. and the following directors were present, Ag Production, Steve Boos, Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt, Cities, Mary Fast, Tulare County Alternate, Kuyler Croker, 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, and attorney Lauren D. Layne.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Kuyler Crocker 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. ACWA/JPIA Letter. The letter from ACWA/JPIA regarding claims history and the President’s Special Recognition Award was reviewed. (see Insert 5.1)
  - 5.2. State Water Resources Control Board Letter. The letter from the SWRCB denying the stay of the FAS on the Kings River was reviewed. (see Insert 5.2)
6. **Board of Director Reports:** None.
7. **Consent Calendar Items:** It was M/S/C unanimously by Crocker/Fast to approve the consent calendar as presented.
  - 7.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of October invoices (see Insert 7.1)
  - 7.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of October 17, 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 October 31, 2019 and it was M/S/C unanimously by Brandt/Fast to accept the Treasurer’s report. (see Insert 8.1)
  - 8.2. Grant Reimbursements – The fifth and final reimbursement of approximately \$17,000 on the Prop 1 grant has been submitted to DWR for processing.
9. **Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action**
  - 9.1. GSA Invoices – 2020 bills will be processed and mailed in January 2020 for the 2020 fee and any remaining unpaid 2018 and 2019 fees.

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9.2. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) – Chad Wegley gave an update on the GSP and ongoing outreach efforts. Two (2) workshops were held in Dinuba with a combined attendance of approximately sixty (60) people.

9.2.1. Kings Subbasin Coordination Agreement – Adriana Renteria from Community Water Center addressed the Board regarding the coordination agreement with suggested changes and clarification to language. Also, Renteria offered comments on the draft GSP. Nicole Zieba from the City of Reedley addressed the Board regarding California housing mandates and the effects on SGMA. It was M/S/C unanimously by Crocker/Brandt to approve the Kings Subbasin Coordination Agreement. (see Insert 9.2.1)

9.2.2. KREGSA GSP Comment Letters – Chad Wegley explained that 93 written comments were received by the November 14, 2019 deadline. The Technical Committee met to review and categorize the comments. The Technical Committee will meet again and provide a recommendation to the Board at the December Board meeting.

**10. Legal Issues:** No update.

### 11. Future Agenda Item(s) – No Action

11.1. Public hearing to adopt the KREGSA GSP is set for December 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

11.2. Technical Committee recommendations for the draft GSP written comments.

**12. Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ernest “Buddy” Mendes at 2:38 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on December 19, 2019.

## Kings River East – GSA

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

Jack Brandt, Secretary

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