

# Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Regular Board Meeting

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers  
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618  
December 19, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency was called to order by Chairman Ernest “Buddy” Mendes at 2:09 p.m. and the following directors were present, Ag Production, Steve Boos, Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt, Cities, Mary Fast, Tulare County Alternate Kuyler Crocker, Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba, and Irrigation/Water Districts Alternate, Jack Paxton. 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:** Jack Paxton commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:** None.
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Communications:** None.
6. **Board of Director Reports:** None.
7. **Consent Calendar Items:** It was M/S/C unanimously by Crocker/Brandt to approve the consent calendar as presented.
  - 7.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of November invoices (see Insert 7.1)
  - 7.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of November 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 November 30, 2019 and it was M/S/C unanimously by Brandt/Crocker to accept the Treasurer’s report. (see Insert 8.1)
  - 8.2. Grant Reimbursements – The payment for the fourth reimbursement was received in November, the fifth and final reimbursement of approximately \$17,000 on the Prop 1 grant was submitted to DWR for processing.
9. **Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action**
  - 9.1. GSA Invoices – Invoices for the 2020 fee will be processed and mailed in January 2020 along with any remaining unpaid 2018 and 2019 fees.
  - 9.2. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) – Chad Wegley gave an update on the GSP ongoing outreach efforts. Two (2) workshops were held in Dinuba with a combined attendance of approximately sixty (60) people. Outreach efforts will continue once the GSP is submitted.

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9.2.1. KREGSA GSP Comment Letters – Chad Wegley reviewed written comments received by the November 14, 2019 deadline. All comments can't be addressed by the January 31, 2020 deadline. The Technical Committee recommended to include the table with written comments and responses summarized in the appendix of the GSP. Written comment periods will be available for every five (5) year update to the GSP.

**10. Public Hearing for Adoption of Kings River East – GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan:** Chairman Ernest "Buddy" Mendes opened the Public Hearing at 2:22 p.m. Chad Wegley gave a brief presentation about the GSP and also explained potential impacts to domestic wells if water levels reach measurable objective levels.

Wendy Avila with Community Water Center commented on the impacts to domestic wells and Community Water Center's opposition to adoption of the GSP.

There being no further comments Chairman Ernest "Buddy" Mendes closed the Public Hearing at 2:50 p.m.

10.1.1. KREGSA GSP Resolution – It was M/S/C unanimously by Fast/Brandt to adopt resolution 2019-1201 adopting Kings River East – GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan with written comments and responses summarized in the appendix of the GSP. (see Insert 10.1.1)

**11. Legal Issues** – Attorney Layne gave an update on the adoption of coordination agreements and GSP's in the neighboring Subbasins.

**12. Future Agenda Item(s):** None.

**13. Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ernest "Buddy" Mendes at 2:58 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on January 16, 2019.

### Kings River East – GSA

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

Jack Brandt, Secretary

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