

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
February 20, 2020

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 Alternate, John Kalender, Cities, Mary Fast, Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba, and Irrigation/Water Districts, David Brown. Directors absent, Eddie Valero Tulare County. Also, in attendance – Alta Irrigation District, General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, 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:** Chad Wegley discussed two (2) well permit applications that were forwarded to the Kings River East – GSA for comment by Fresno County.
6. **Audit Presentation –** Mike Cuttone of Cuttone and Mastro presented the fiscal year end September 30, 2019 audit. In the opinion of the auditor the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects. It was M/S/C unanimously (Valero absent) by Fast/Rubalcaba to accept the fiscal year end September 30, 2019 audit. (see Insert 6.1)
7. **Board of Director Reports:** None.
8. **Consent Calendar Items –** It was M/S/C unanimously (Valero absent) by Rubalcaba/Fast to approve the consent calendar as presented.
 - 8.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of December 2019 and January 2020 invoices (see Insert 8.1)
 - 8.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of December 19, 2019 regular Board meetings.
9. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
 - 9.1. Treasurer’s Statement – Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer’s statement for the periods ending December 2019 and January 2020 and it was M/S/C unanimously (Valero absent) by Brown/Boos to accept the Treasurer’s statement (see Insert 9.1)
 - 9.2. Grant Reimbursements – The fifth and final reimbursement of approximately \$17,000 has been submitted to DWR for processing.
10. **Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action**
 - 10.1. GSA Invoices – 2020 Prop 26 fee invoices were mailed in January 2020, along with remaining unpaid 2018 and 2019 fees.

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10.2. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) – Chad Wegley gave an update on the GSP, which has been submitted, the Annual Report due April 1, 2020 and an upcoming outreach event in Easton on February 24th.

11. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action

11.1. Attorney Legal Update – Attorney Layne gave an update on legislation that was introduced by the January deadline. Also, Attorney Layne mentioned the public records act lawsuit MAGSA filed against James Irrigation District.

12. **Future Agenda Item(s):** GSP Annual Update and Technical Committee standard response for well permits.

13. **Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Ernest “Buddy” Mendes at 2:39 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on March 12, 2020.

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Signed: _____
Jack Brandt, Secretary

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