

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting

Per Executive Order N-29-20, which allows local and state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, this Regular Meeting of the Board of Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

was held via telephone conference call on
Thursday May 21, 2020

and was accessed as follows:
Teleconference Number (559) 823-8500

The public participated in the meeting as otherwise permitted under the Brown Act by calling into this telephone number.

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 2:03 p.m. and the following directors were present via the telephone conference line, Ag Production Alternate, Justin Brown, Cities, Mary Fast, Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba, Tulare County, Eddie Valero. Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt, joined the meeting at 2:10 p.m. Directors absent, David Brown, Irrigation Districts. Also, in attendance – Alta Irrigation District, General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, and attorney Lauren D. Layne. Seven (7) members of the public were also on the telephone conference line.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** None.
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 by Fast/Valero to approve the Consent Calendar. The vote was taken by roll call as follows: Vice Chairman Fast aye, Director Valero aye, Alternate Director Brown abstain, Director Rubalcaba aye, Chairman Mendes aye. Directors Jack Brandt and David Brown were absent.
 - 7.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of February, March, and April 2020 invoices (see Insert 7.1)
 - 7.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of February 20, 2020 regular Board meeting.
8. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
 - 8.1. Treasurer’s Statement – Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer’s statement for the periods ending February, March, and April 2020 and it was M/S by Rubalcaba/Fast to accept the Treasurer’s Statement. The vote was taken by roll call as follows: Director Rubalcaba aye, Vice Chairman Fast aye, Alternate Director Brown aye, Director Valero aye, Chairman Mendes aye. Directors Jack Brandt and David Brown were absent. (see Insert 8.1)

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- 8.2. Grant Reimbursements – Reimbursements one (1) through five (5) have been paid by DWR. The retention of approximately \$21,000 remains outstanding. The final report has been submitted to DWR for payment of the retention.

9. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

- 9.1. GSA Invoices – Approximately \$1,000,000 was billed in Prop 26 fees over three (3) years; 2018, 2019, 2020. To date, ninety percent (90%) has been collected. Staff is working on collections with the remaining landowners.
- 9.2. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) – Chad Wegley gave an update on the GSP and the first annual report due April 1, 2020. Both have been submitted. Two (2) public comment letters on the GSP were received through the DWR portal by May 15, 2020. These letters will be taken into consideration and the intent is to address them in the GSP update in 2025.

10. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action

- 10.1. Attorney Legal Update – Attorney Layne gave an update on Prop 68 funding and a bill introduced by Senator Feinstein for \$800 million of infrastructure funding for the San Joaquin Valley.

11. Future Agenda Item(s): None.

12. **Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Ernest “Buddy” Mendes at 2:27 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on June 18, 2020.

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Signed: _____
Jack Brandt, Secretary

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