

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

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 November 19, 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 2:02 p.m. and the following directors were present via the telephone conference line, Ag Production, Steve Boos, Cities, Mary Fast, Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba, Tulare County, Eddie Valero, Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt, and Irrigation Districts, David Brown. Also, in attendance – Alta Irrigation District, General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, and attorney Lauren D. Layne. Nine (9) 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 Valero/Fast to approve the Consent Calendar. The vote was taken by roll call as follows: Director Valero aye, Vice-Chair Fast aye, Chairmen Mendes aye, Director Boos aye, Director Rubalcaba aye, Director Brandt aye, Director Brown aye. The motion passed unanimously.
 - 7.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of August, September, and October 2020 invoices (see Insert 7.1)
 - 7.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of August 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 August, September, and October 2020 and it was M/S by Brandt/Fast to accept the Treasurer’s Statement. The vote was taken by roll call as follows. Director Brandt aye, Vice-Chair Fast aye, Chairman Mendes aye,

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Director Boos aye, Director Rubalcaba aye, Director Brown aye, Director Valero aye. The motion passed unanimously. (see Insert 8.1)

- 8.2. Grant Reimbursements – Reimbursements one through five were paid by DWR with a retention of approximately \$21,000 outstanding. The final report was delivered to DWR along with a request for payment of retention.
- 8.3. Budget – It was M/S by Valero/Rubalcaba to approve Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The vote was taken by roll call as follows: Director Valero aye, Director Rubalcaba aye, Chairman Mendes aye, Vice-Chair Fast aye, Director Boos aye, Director Brandt aye, Director Brown aye. The motion passed unanimously. (see Insert 8.3).

9. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

- 9.1. GSA Invoices – Approximately \$1,000,000 was billed in Prop 26 fees for a three-year period covering 2018, 2019, and 2020, with ninety-five percent (95%) collected to date. Staff is working on collecting the remainder of unpaid bills from landowners.
- 9.2. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Chad Wegley reported on the Proposition 68 grant process with the Sultana Community Services District's stormwater project. Provost & Pritchard is working on the monitoring well network to gain access and verify well construction.
- 9.3. Kings River Conservation District Subsidence Monitoring Cost-Sharing Agreement – It was M/S by Brandt/Fast to approve a cost-sharing agreement with KRCD for surveying related activities associated with the subsidence monitoring network. The vote was taken by roll call as follows: Director Brandt aye, Vice-Chair Fast aye, Chairman Mendes aye, Director Boos aye, Director Brown aye, Director Rubalcaba aye, Director Valero aye. The motion passed unanimously. (see Insert 9.3).
- 9.4. Kings River Conservation District Outreach Agreement – It was M/S by Rubalcaba/Brandt to approve the outreach agreement. The vote was taken by roll call as follows: Director Rubalcaba aye, Director Brandt aye, Chairman Mendes aye, Vice-Chair Fast aye, Director Boos aye, Director Brown aye, Director Valero aye. The motion passed unanimously. (see Insert 9.4).

10. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action

- 10.1. Attorney Legal Update – Attorney Layne gave an update on the Madera Sub-Basin signed coordination agreement and DWR will take the full two (2) years to review the GSP's.

11. Future Agenda Item(s) – No Action

12. **Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Ernest “Buddy” Mendes at 2:34 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on February 18, 2021.

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Signed: _____

Jack Brandt, Secretary

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