

# Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Regular Board Meeting

### MINUTES

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers  
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618  
May 19, 2022

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, Ag Production, Steve Boos; Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt; Cities, Mary Fast; Tulare County, Eddie Valero; Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba; and Irrigation Districts, Jack Paxton. 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** - None.
6. **Audit Presentation** – Mike Cuttone, a CPA with Cuttone & Mastro CPAs, reviewed the fiscal year end September 30, 2021 audit. It was the opinion of Cuttone & Mastro, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency as of September 30, 2021, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. (see Insert 6.1) It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Valero, seconded by Director Brandt to accept the year end September 30, 2021 audit.
7. **Board of Director Reports** – None.
8. **Consent Calendar Items** – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Fast, seconded by Director Valero to approve item 8.1 on the consent calendar.
  - 8.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of February, March, and April 2022 invoices (see Insert 8.1)
  - 8.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Tabled until next meeting.
9. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
  - 9.1. Treasurer’s Statement – Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer’s statement for the periods ending February, March, and April 2022, and it was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Brandt, seconded by Director Paxton to accept the Treasurer’s statement. (see Insert 9.1)
  - 9.2. Valley Strong Credit Union – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Brandt, seconded by Director Fast to open a General Fund and Money Market account with Valley Strong Credit Union and authorize signers as Chairman Ernest “Buddy” Mendes, Vice Chairman Mary Fast, Secretary/Treasurer Jack Brandt, and Fiscal Agent Marc Limas

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- 9.3. Valley Strong Credit Union Contract for Deposit of Public Funds – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Valero, seconded by Director Brandt to approve Valley Strong Credit Union Contract for Deposit of Public Funds subject to legal review. (see Insert 9.3)
- 9.4. Mechanic's Bank – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Brandt, seconded by Director Rubalcaba to close General Fund and Money Market Accounts at Mechanic's Bank.
- 9.5. Grant Reimbursements – No update.
- 9.6. Irrigation/Water District Representative and Alternate – Director Jack Paxton took the Oath of Office prior to the start of the meeting.

### 10. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

- 10.1. GSA Invoices – No update.
- 10.2. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – General Manager Wegley reported that every subbasin south of Stockton was placed in probationary status, the Kings subbasin did not have a consultation with Department of Water Resources (DWR) prior to DWR's determination of the GSP being deemed incomplete. Revisions are currently being worked on and are due to DWR in July. The required annual report was submitted in April. The Kings subbasin received grant funds in the amount of \$7.6 million for shovel ready projects in the Central Kings GSA, North Kings GSA, and North Fork Kings GSA. Alta Irrigation District is currently investigating sites for recharge projects and will work on funding in the next round.
- 10.3. Executive Order N-7-22 – Potential impacts to constituents from Governor Newsom's latest order signed on March 28, 2022. Fresno County developed a one-page form for well permits. This morning, Tulare County and KREGSA came to an agreement on language for the form for the second time. The Board gave direction to continue issuing forms for well permits for both Fresno and Tulare Counties.
- 10.4. Letter to Governor Newsom – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Fast, seconded by Director Paxton to approve and send a letter to Governor Newsom regarding SGMA implementation. (see Insert 10.4)

### 11. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action

- 11.1. Attorney Layne reported on numerous bills introduced this legislative session and provided background on the well permit forms through discussions with the Counties.

### 12. Future Agenda Item(s) None.

13. **Adjournment** – There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Ernest "Buddy" Mendes at 3:15 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on August 18, 2022.

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Jack Brandt, Secretary

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