

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Special Board Meeting

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City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
July 5, 2022

1. **Call to Order** – The Special Board Meeting of the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency was called to order by Chairman Ernest “Buddy” Mendes at 2:34 p.m. and the following directors were present: Ag Production, Steve Boos; Tulare County, Eddie Valero; Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba, and Irrigation Districts, Jack Paxton. Directors absent: Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt and Cities, Mary Fast. Also, in attendance – Alta Irrigation District, General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, and attorney Lauren D. Layne.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman Mendes commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Potential Conflicts of Interest** – None.
4. **Public Comment** – None.
5. **Communications – Review and Consider for Action**
 - 5.1. Letter from Community Water Center. (Insert 5.1)
 - 5.2. Email from Ngodoo Atume. (Insert 5.2)
6. **Board of Director Reports – Discuss and Consider for Action** – Director Valero thanked Alta Irrigation District for their swift response to a canal overtopping in Orosi. Chairman Mendes commented that MAGSA will be requiring domestic wells to be a minimum of three hundred feet deep.
7. **Consent Calendar Items** – It was M/S/C unanimously (Brandt and Fast absent) on motion by Director Valero, seconded by Director Rubalcaba, to approve consent calendar item 7.1.
 - 7.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of May 2022 invoices (see Insert 7.1)
 - 7.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Tabled until next meeting.
8. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
 - 8.1. Treasurer’s Statement – Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer’s statement for May 2022, and it was M/S/C unanimously (Brandt and Fast absent) on motion by Director Valero, seconded by Director Paxton, to accept the Treasurer’s statement. (see Insert 8.1)
 - 8.2. Grant Reimbursements – no update.
9. **Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action**
 - 9.1. GSA Invoices – no update.

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10. Public Hearing for Adoption of Kings River East – GSA Revised Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Chairman Mendes opened the Public Hearing at 2:45 p.m. Chad Wegley gave a brief presentation about the revised GSP addressing chronic lowering of groundwater levels, land subsidence, degraded water quality, and interconnected surface water and groundwater. The Board will also need to consider funding options in the near future and how to potentially fund and implement a domestic well mitigation program. No public comment provided. Chairman Mendes closed the Public Hearing at 3:13 p.m.

View Revised GSP Here

11. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Resolution

11.1. Groundwater Sustainability Resolution – It was M/S/C unanimously (Brandt and Fast absent) on motion by Director Paxton, seconded by Director Valero, to adopt resolution 2022-0701 adopting a revised Groundwater Sustainability Plan for Kings River East GSA. (see Insert 11.1)

12. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action – Attorney Layne commented on various bills introduced this legislative session.

13. Future Agenda Item(s) – After submission of the GSP to DWR, staff is going to start coordinating a meeting of the TAC to discuss potential funding options.

14. Adjournment - There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ernest “Buddy” Mendes at 3:21 p.m., until the next regular scheduled meeting on August 18, 2022

Kings River East – GSA

Signed: _____

Jack Brandt, Secretary

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