

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
December 15, 2022

1. **Call to Order** – The Special Board Meeting of the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency was called to order by Ernest “Buddy” Mendes at 2:00 p.m. and the following directors were present, Ag Production, Steve Boos, Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt, Cities Alternate, Linda Launer, Tulare County, Eddie Valero, Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba, and Irrigation Districts, Jack Paxton. Also, in attendance – Alta Irrigation District, General Manager Chad Wegley, Operation Manager Marc Limas, and attorney Lauren D. Layne.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Director Paxton 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. ACWA JPIA Presidents Award. (see Insert 5.1)
 - 5.2. GSP Comment Letter. (see Insert 5.2)
6. **Board of Director Reports** – None.
7. **Consent Calendar Items** – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Brandt, seconded by Director Paxton to approve the consent calendar.
 - 7.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of June through November 2022 invoices (see Insert 7.1)
 - 7.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of February 17, 2022, May 19, 2022, regular Board meetings, and July 5, 2022 special Board meeting.
 - 7.3. 2023 Meeting Dates – Set 2023 Regular Meeting Dates of February 16, May 18, August 17, and November 16 at 2:00 p.m.
8. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
 - 8.1. Treasurer’s Statement – Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer’s statement for the periods ending June, July, August, September, October, and November 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 8.1)
 - 8.2. Budget – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Rubalcaba, seconded by Director Valero to approve the fiscal year 2022-2023 Budget. (See insert 8.2)
 - 8.3. Grant Reimbursements – No update.

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- 8.4. **Board Officer Reorganization** – Chairman Mendes handed control of the meeting to attorney Layne, who then asked for nominations for President. It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Paxton, seconded by Director Brandt to elect Ernest “Buddy” Mendes as Chairman. Attorney Layne handed control of the meeting back to Chairmen Mendes. Chairman Mendes asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Paxton, seconded by Director Brandt to elect Mary Fast as Vice Chairman. Chairman Mendes asked for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Paxton, seconded by Chairman Mendes to elect Jack Brandt as Secretary/Treasurer.
9. **Groundwater Sustainability Activities** – General Manager Wegley stated DWR has not released comments on the updated Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Comments are expected sometime in 2023. Work has begun on preparing the annual report that is due April 1st.
10. **Groundwater Sustainability Plan Resolution** – No update.
11. **Legal Issues** – Attorney Layne gave an updated on various bills from this legislative session.
12. **Future Agenda Item(s)** – Audit Presentation and Proposition 218 planning.
13. **Adjournment** – There being no further items to discuss, it was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Rubalcaba, seconded by Director Brandt to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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Jack Brandt, Secretary

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