

Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Board Meeting

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City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
August 17, 2023

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 2:00 p.m. and the following directors were present, Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt, Cities, Matthew Tuttle, Tulare County, Eddie Valero, Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba, Irrigation District, Jack Paxton. Production Ag seat vacant. Also, in attendance – Alta Irrigation District, General Manager, Chad Wegley, Operations Manager, Marc Limas, Administrative Analyst, Penny Durham, and KREGSA attorney Lauren D Layne.
2. **Potential Conflicts of Interest** – None.
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Communications – Review and Consider for Action**
 - 4.1. Steven Boos Resignation Letter – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Valero, seconded by Director Brandt, to accept Steven Boos’ Resignation Letter. (see Insert 4.1)
5. **Board of Director Reports – Discuss and Consider for Action** – None.
6. **Consent Calendar Items** – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Tuttle, seconded by Director Valero, to approve the consent calendar.
 - 6.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of March, April, May, June, and July 2023 invoices (see Insert 6.1)
 - 6.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of March 23, 2023, special Board meeting.
7. **Other Board Items – Take Action**
 - 7.1. Treasurer’s Statement – Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer’s Statement for periods ending March, April, May, June, and July 2023, and it was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Valero, seconded by Director Brandt, to accept the Treasurer’s Statement. (see Insert 7.1)
 - 7.2. Grant Reimbursements – We are still waiting on the final reimbursements from DWR.
 - 7.3. Fiscal Year End September 30, 2022 Audit. – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Brandt, seconded by Director Valero, to accept the Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022. (see Insert 7.3)
 - 7.4. Budget – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Brandt, Seconded by Director Paxton, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget. (see Insert 7.4)

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7.5. Proposition 218 Election – Board of Directors gave direction to solicit proposals from consultants to conduct a rate study and develop a plan for a Proposition 218 Election.

8. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

8.1. Department of Water Resources GSP Approval Letter – General Manager Wegley and Attorney Layne reviewed the Department of Water Resources GSP Approval Letter with the Board. (see Insert 8.2)

9. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action

9.1. Attorney Legal Update on Matters Affecting the GSA and Legislation - Attorney Layne gave an update on various bills from the current legislative session.

10. Future Agenda Item(s) – Review for Possible Action

10.1 Solicit Rate Study Proposals from Consultants.

11. Adjournment – There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Ernest “Buddy” Mendes at 2:46 p.m. until the next the next regular scheduled meeting on November 16, 2023.

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Jack Brandt, Secretary

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