Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
June 20, 2024

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 2:04 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; Ag Production, Alternate Justin Brown; Irrigation/Water Districts, Jack Paxton was absent. Also in attendance were Alta Irrigation District, General Manager, Chad Wegley; Operations Manager, Marc Limas; Administrative Analyst, Penny Durham, and attorney Douglas B. Jensen

2. **Potential Conflicts of Interest** – None**.**

3. **Public Comment** – None**.**

4. **Communications** – None**.**

5. **Board of Director Reports** – None.

6. **Consent Calendar Items –** It was M/S/C unanimously (Ag Production vacant) on motion by Director Valero, seconded by Director Brandt to approve consent calendar agenda items as presented:

   6.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of March, April, and May 2024, invoices (see Insert 6.1)

   6.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of March 21, 2024, Regular Board meeting.

7. **Other Board Items – Take Action**

   7.1. Treasurer's Statement –The Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer's Statement for the periods ending March, April, and May 2024. It was M/S/C unanimously (Ag Production vacant) on motion by Director Tuttle, seconded by Director Valero to approve Treasurer's Statement as presented. (see Insert 7.1)

   7.2. Grant Reimbursements – Grant reimbursements have been received and reconciled. Final disbursements were received in the first part of June 2024.

   7.3. Proposition 26/218 Consultant – The request for proposal for a Prop 26/218 consultant should be ready by the last of part June or early July 2024.

7.4. Filling Ag Production Seat – Applications for the vacant seat on the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency were submitted by the Fresno and Tulare County Farm Bureaus and are currently under review by staff.

8. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

8.1. Monitor Network Groundwater Levels. Chad Wegley pointed out that the rise in groundwater levels from 2022 to 2023 can be attributed to two main factors: increased surface water deliveries and nearly record-setting rainfall during 2023, which has been classified as a "wet year." This combination of factors significantly contributed to the replenishment of groundwater resources.

8.2. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Schedule. Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) within the Kings subbasin are expected to carry out internal reviews of critical sections of their groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) in August or September 2024. Feeback from these reviews will be submitted to Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group by October 2024. The final deadline for submitting updated GSPs is set for January 2025.

8.3. Domestic Well Mitigation. Implementation documents for the domestic well mitigation program will be reviewed with the Advisory Committee. Other GSAs within the Kings subbasin are expected to adopt framework documents in July or August 2024. This program is slated to launch in October 2024 and will require a third party to assist with administration and implementation.

9. Legal Issues – Review for Possible Action

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

10. Future Agenda Item(s) – None.

11. Adjournment - There being no further items to discuss, it was M/S/C unanimously (Ag Production vacant) on motion by Director Brandt, seconded by Director Tuttle to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned by Ernest "Buddy" Mendes at 2:45 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 19, 2024.

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Jack Brandt, Secretary

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