Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
September 19, 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 2:01 p.m. and the following directors were present: Alta Irrigation District, Alternate John Kalender; Cities, Matthew Tuttle; Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba; Irrigation/Water Districts, Alternate Kyle Moeller; Tulare County, Eddie Valero was absent; Ag Production, Vacant; Also in attendance were Alta Irrigation District, General Manager, Chad Wegley; Operations Manager, Marc Limas; Administrative Analyst, Penny Durham, and attorney Lauren D. Layne.

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

3. **Public Comment** – None.

4. **Communications –** No action.

   4.1. Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Letter. (see Insert 4.1)

   4.2. Department of Water Resources Letter. (see Insert 4.2)

   4.3. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Letter. (see Insert 4.3)

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

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

   6.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of June, July, and August 2024, invoices (see Insert 6.1)

   6.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of June 20, 2024, Regular Board meeting with 2 corrections (Irrigation/Water Districts Jack Paxton absent; Ag Production, Alternate Justin Brown present).

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

   7.1. Treasurer's Statement –The Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer's Statement for the periods ending June, July, and August 2024. It was M/S/C unanimously (Ag Production vacant with Director Valero absent) on motion by Director Rubalcaba,

seconded by Director Tuttle to accept Treasurer's Statement as presented. (see Insert 7.1)

7.2. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget – It was M/S/C unanimously (Ag Production vacant with Director Valero absent) on motion by Director Tuttle, seconded by Director Rubalcaba, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2024 Budget. (see Insert 7.2)

7.3. Reallocation of Funds from FY 2023-2024 Budget – It was M/S/C unanimously (Ag Production vacant with Director Valero absent) on motion by Director Tuttle, seconded by Director Rubalcaba, to reallocate a portion of the FY 2023-24 approved budget for implementation of the Domestic Well Mitigation Program.

7.4. Proposal for Ongoing Management of Website – It was M/S/C unanimously (Ag Production vacant with Director Valero absent) on motion by Director Tuttle, seconded by Director Rubalcaba, to approve a proposal from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group to provide professional services to KREGSA on a time and material basis, not to exceed, $5,000 for ongoing management of the GSA's website. (see Insert 7.4)

7.5. Proposition 26/218 Consultant –No action

7.6. Filling Production Ag Seat – No action

8. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

8.1 Domestic Well Mitigation Program – Domestic Well Mitigation Guidance Document and Domestic Well Mitigation Program - Rules and Regulations. No action taken.

8.2 Proposals for Assistance with Administration of the Domestic Well Mitigation Program and Assistance with Interim Measures – It was M/S/C unanimously (Ag Production vacant with Director Valero absent) on motion by Director Rubalcaba, seconded by Director Tuttle, to approve two (2) proposals from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group to provide professional services to KREGSA for its pro rata share of a $320,000 cost estimate for administering the Domestic Well Program in the Kings subbasin and a $115,323 cost estimate for assisting with interim measures within the GSA. (see 8.2a and 8.2b)

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 and updates on the status of neighboring subbasins.

10. Future Agenda Item(s) – No Action – Policy on Domestic Well Mitigation Program, Update on Proposition 218 Funding, and Update on Ag Production Seat.

11. Adjournment - There being no further items to discuss, it was M/S/C unanimously (Ag Production vacant, Tulare County, Eddie Valero was absent) on motion by Director Rubalcaba, seconded by Director Tuttle to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned by Ernest "Buddy" Mendes at 2:57 p.m. until the next Meeting scheduled on December 19, 2024.

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Jack Brandt, Secretary

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