Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
December 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 2:00 p.m. and the following directors were present: Alta Irrigation District, Jack Brandt; Cities, Matthew Tuttle; Drinking Water Districts, Fernie Rubalcaba; Irrigation/Water Districts, Jack Paxton; Tulare County, Eddie Valero; Ag Production, Alternate Justin Brown. Also in attendance were Alta Irrigation District, General Manager, Chad Wegley; Operations Manager, Marc Limas; Administrative Analyst, Penny Durham, and KREGSA's attorney Lauren D. Layne.

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

3. **Public Comment** – None.

4. **Communications –** Review and Consider for Action.

   4.1. ACWAJPIA President's Special Award. (see Insert 4.1)

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

6. **Consent Calendar Items –** It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Paxton, seconded by Director Valero to approve consent calendar agenda items 6.1 and 6.3.

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

   6.2. Board Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the September 19, 2024, regular board meeting were pulled from the agenda and will be considered at the next meeting.

   6.3. 2025 Board Meeting Calendar – Review and consider approving 2025 Board Meeting Calendar. (see insert 6.3)

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

   7.1. Treasurer's Statement –The Board of Directors reviewed the Treasurer's Statement for the periods ending September, October, and November 2024. It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Brandt, seconded by Director Valero to accept the Treasurer's Statement as presented. (see Insert 7.1)

   7.2. Proposition 26/218 Consultant – Review and discuss status of responses to a request for proposal for a Prop 26/218 consultant. General Manager Wegley stated the Request for Proposal was sent out on December 16, 2024, with a due date of January 17, 2024. Responses to the RFP will be reviewed and considered at a future Board Meeting.

7.3. Filling Production Ag Seat – No action.

7.4. Board Officer Reorganization – Buddy Mendes was nominated Chairman. It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Valero, seconded by Director Brandt to elect Buddy Mendes Chairman. Mattew Tuttle was nominated Vice Chairman. It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Valero, seconded by Director Brandt to elect Mathew Tuttle Vice Chairman. Jack Brandt was nominated Secretary/Treasurer. It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Paxton, seconded by Chairman Mendes to elect Jack Brandt Secretary/Treasurer.

7.5. Bank Account Signature Cards – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Valero, seconded by Director Brandt to name Chairman Mendes, Vice Chairman Matthew Tuttle, Secretary/Treasurer Jack Brandt, and Marc Limas as signers on the Bank Account.

8. Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action

8.1 General Manager Wegley provided a presentation (see attachment) on current Subbasin and GSP activities. (see Insert 8.1)

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 – Review of September Meeting Minutes, Update on GSA Audit, Update on Ag Production Seat, adoption of the 2025 Update to the GSP, and consideration of responses to the RFP for a Prop 26/218 Consultant.

11. Adjournment - There being no further items to discuss, it was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Valero, seconded by Director Brandt to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned by Ernest "Buddy" Mendes at 3:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on January 16, 2025.

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Jack Brandt, Secretary

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