Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Special Board Meeting
MINUTES

City of Dinuba – Council Chambers
405 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618
July 17, 2025

1. **Call to Order** - The Special 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 Elliott Rossotti. 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** – Landowner Bert de Jong commented about the possibility of moving a portion of his land into the Kings River East GSA and the Kings Subbasin, and out of the Greater Kaweah GSA and the Kaweah Subbasin.

4. **Communications** – None.

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

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

   6.1. Payables – Review and approve payment of March, April, May, and June 2025, invoices (see Insert 6.1)

   6.2. Board Meeting Minutes – Review and approve minutes of March 20, 2025, 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, May, and June 2025. It was M/S/C unanimously, on motion by Vice Chair Tuttle, seconded by Director Valero to accept the Treasurer's Statement as presented. (see Insert 7.1)

8. **Groundwater Sustainability Activities – Review for Possible Action**

   8.1. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Review – Chad Wegley explained that the Department of Water Resources has not yet completed its review of the seven Groundwater Sustainability Plans submitted for the Kings Subbasin.

   8.2. DWR Funding for a New Monitoring Well – Chad Wegley reported that two potential sites in the southwest corner of Alta Irrigation District are under consideration for a new monitor well and provided an overview of groundwater levels for Spring 2024 and 2025.

   8.3. Domestic Well Mitigation Program. Review and approve the various documents associated with implementation of a domestic well mitigation program. – Tabled until next meeting.

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) – Domestic Well Mitigation Program, Budget, and RFP for Auditor.

Adjournment - There being no further items to discuss, it was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Paxton, seconded by Director Valero to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on September 18, 2025.

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Jack Brandt, Secretary

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