

**MINUTES** of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency held on September 12, 2018 at the office of the Agency Office, 286 W. Cromwell Avenue, Fresno, California.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

William Phillimore, Dudley Ridge Water District  
Steven Jackson, White Area representative  
Bernard Puget, Dudley Ridge Water District

**DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT:**

Vacant, Tulare Lake Reclamation District 761  
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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dale Melville, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group  
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group  
Lauren Layne, Baker, Manock, & Jensen  
Kiti Campbell, Westlands Water District  
Riley Jones, Tulare Lake Compost  
Andrew Edstrom, Wonderful Orchards  
Hylon Kaufmann, Ranch Systems  
Michael Nordstrom, Sandridge Partners

Chair Phillimore called the Board meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. and initiated a round of self-introductions by the Board and attendees.

**MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Director Puget and second by Director Jackson, the minutes from the July 11, 2018 meeting of the Agency were approved as presented by the following vote:

Phillimore	Puget	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye

**DIRECTOR POSITIONS**

The Board was provided an update on vacant director positions. The Chair reported that Doug Jackson had resigned after the last meeting, leaving both RD 761 seats vacant. The open seats are planned to be filled by Mark Grewal and a RD 761 director yet to be named. Mr. Grewal was not in attendance at the Board meeting due to a conflict and will likely be conferred at the next meeting.

**VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENT**

Chair Phillimore postponed discussion on this item until the vacant board seats were filled.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Executive Director Melville reported that the Mid-Kings River GSA was requesting a second-round payment for seed money to cover the costs of the GSP consultant, noting that this and the prior payment would be reimbursed with DWR grant funding. Director Jackson motioned to pay the Agency's portion of the seed money of \$45,995. The motion was seconded by Director Puget and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the vote, Chair Phillimore announced that the directors voted as follows:

Phillimore	Puget	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye

Mr. Besecker presented the budget to-date, warrants to be ratified as paid, and the warrants to be paid. After a short discussion, Director Puget motioned to ratify the prior warrants as paid and to pay the current warrants. The motion was seconded by Director Jackson and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the vote, Chair Phillimore announced that the directors voted as follows:

Phillimore	Puget	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye

**SUBBASIN ISSUES**

Executive Director Melville reported that the September status report was available on the website. He then presented an update to the Board on the most recent draft hydrogeologic model document prepared by Wood (formally AMEC, consultants to the GSAs in the Tulare Lake Subbasin). It was noted that the first draft is complete, fulfilling the requirements of the State grant and that a presentation was given by Wood to the Kings County Board of Supervisors in August, the County being the official grantee for the DWR modeling grant. The

model will continue to be refined as a part of GSP development, and is anticipated to be finalized by the end of the year.

Next, Executive Director Melville reviewed the updated project schedule with the Board, noting that progress on the GSP was two months behind schedule.

Mr. Melville then reported that the Tri-County GSA was using Waterfind software as their Data Management System (DMS). Chair Phillimore directed staff to prepare a list of DMS options, summarizing the pros/cons of the various DMS options.

Finally, Mr. Melville reviewed the useable groundwater map with the Board. Concerns were raised about how well the map depicts the GSA and staff was directed to modify the map to more accurately reflect existing conditions within the GSA.

#### **REPORT OF COUNSEL**

Ms. Layne reported that AB 2649, which would make groundwater recharge a beneficial use, was pulled out of session; AB 845 and AB 846, which would impose a State water tax, died in session; and SB 929, requiring special districts to have a website, was waiting for the Governor to sign.

#### **DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The Executive Director noted that the Board may not need to meet for another 2-3 months, but it would be held at its regular date (second Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.) at the Agency office.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 3:58 p.m. Chair Phillimore adjourned the meeting.

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Steven D. Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:

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William D. Phillimore, Chair