

MINUTES of the special meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("SWKGS") held on May 15, 2020 at the office of the Agency, 286 W. Cromwell Avenue, Fresno, California. Due to the Coronavirus shelter in place order, all participants attended via video-conference or tele-conference.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kimberly Brown, Dudley Ridge Water District
 Steven Jackson, White Area representative
 Bernard Puget, Dudley Ridge Water District
 Jim Wilson, Tulare Lake Reclamation District 761
 Mark Grewal, Tulare Lake Reclamation District 761

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dale Melville, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
 Joe Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
 Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
 Lauren Layne, Baker, Manock and Jensen
 Deanna Jackson, Tri-County Water Authority
 Pamela Silkwood, Horan Lloyd
 Dusty Ference, Kings County Farm Bureau
 Sonja Theide, KRCD
 Kiti Campbell, Westlands Water District
 Dennis Tristao, J.G. Boswell
 Riley Jones, Tulare Lake Compost
 Dennis Mills, Mid-Kings River GSA/ Kings County Water District

Chair Brown called the Board meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

MINUTES

Upon a motion by Director Grewal and second by Director Jackson, the minutes from the April 27, 2020 special meeting of the Agency were approved as presented by the following roll call vote:

Brown	Puget	Grewal	Wilson	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Besecker presented the Treasurer's Report with the budget to-date. Mr. Besecker noted that assessments were received from Kings County. Executive Director Melville informed the Board that he'd received an email late yesterday that there is a potential need for the Agency to pay about \$25,000 as the Agency's portion for final consultant invoices for the GSP and Annual Report due to delays in payments from DWR; this request will need to be dealt with at the next Agency meeting. After a short discussion, Director Jackson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Director Puget and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the roll call vote, Mr. Melville announced that the directors voted as follows:

Brown	Puget	Grewal	Wilson	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

APPOINTMENT OF 2020 OFFICERS

Certain Directors considered it necessary to reorganize the Agency's officer positions to better represent the majority of the Agency's landowners. After a short discussion, Director Wilson

motioned to appoint Director Jackson as Chair, Director Grewal as Vice Chair, and Director Brown as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Director Grewal and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the roll call vote, Mr. Melville announced that the directors voted as follows:

Brown	Puget	Grewal	Wilson	Jackson
No	No	Aye	Aye	Aye

Control of the meeting was passed to Chair Jackson.

REORGANIZATION OF AGENCY STAFF

Certain Directors also considered it necessary to reorganize the Agency staff and legal counsel to better represent the majority will of the landowners in the Agency. The services are proposed to be provided by Tri-County Water Authority staff and its consultants. Director Grewal motioned to appoint Tri-County Water Authority’s Deanna Jackson as the Interim Executive Director. The motion was seconded by Chair Jackson and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the roll call vote, Mr. Melville announced that the directors voted as follows:

Brown	Puget	Grewal	Wilson	Jackson
No	No	Aye	Aye	Aye

Mr. Melville noted that Provost & Pritchard will support a successful transition from the current staffing to Tri-County Water Authority’s personnel.

Director Jackson motioned to appoint Tri-County Water Authority’s Deanna Jackson as the Agency’s Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Director Grewal and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the roll call vote, Mr. Melville announced that the directors voted as follows:

Brown	Puget	Grewal	Wilson	Jackson
No	No	Aye	Aye	Aye

Director Jackson motioned to appoint Tri-County Water Authority’s engineering consultant, Geosyntec, as the Agency’s Engineer. The motion was seconded by Director Grewal and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the roll call vote, Mr. Melville announced that the directors voted as follows:

Brown	Puget	Grewal	Wilson	Jackson
No	No	Aye	Aye	Aye

Legal Counsel, Ms. Layne, noted her resignation was provided on May 8, 2020 and would be effective close-of-business May 15, 2020. Director Jackson motioned to appoint Tri-County Water Authority’s legal counsel, Pamela Silkwood of Horan Lloyd, as legal counsel for the Agency. The motion was seconded by Director Grewal and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the roll call vote, Mr. Melville announced that the directors voted as follows:

Brown	Puget	Grewal	Wilson	Jackson
No	No	Aye	Aye	Aye

Finally, the Agency’s principal office and regular meeting dates were discussed. Director Jackson motioned to change the Agency’s principal office to 944 Whitley Ave. Corcoran, CA 93212, and to set the regular board meeting date and time to be on the 1st Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Director Grewal and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the roll call vote, Mr. Melville announced that the directors voted as

follows:

Brown	Puget	Grewal	Wilson	Jackson
No	No	Aye	Aye	Aye

AGREEMENT WITH WWD

Mr. Melville presented the letter agreement *Interim Principles of a GSA Coordination Agreement Between Southwest Kings and Westlands Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agencies* (attached to and made part of these minutes). Ms. Layne and Mr. Hopkins then discussed the details of the document. After a short discussion, Director Grewal motioned for the Chair to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Director Wilson and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the roll call vote, Mr. Melville announced that the directors voted as follows:

Brown	Puget	Grewal	Wilson	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

GSP COMMENT LETTERS RECEIVED

Mr. Melville informed the Board that multiple GSP comment letters have been received, and that the letters are available on the SGMA portal. Of particular interest was a letter received from El Rico GSA seeking additional transparency on Southwest Kings GSA's water budgets. Most other comment letters revolved around subsidence in the Tulare Lake Subbasin. Finally, it was noted that Westlands Water District would be sending a letter noting the Agency's cooperation to coordinate a process to discuss future impacts.

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT BOARD MEETING


Chair Jackson noted that the next Board meeting would be the regularly scheduled time on July 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Grewal motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Wilson and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the roll call vote, Mr. Melville announced that the directors voted as follows:

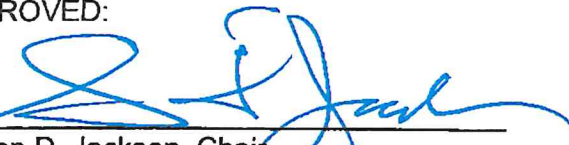
Brown	Puget	Grewal	Wilson	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.



Kimberly M. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:



Steven D. Jackson, Chair