

SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 29, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Tuesday, December 29, 2020, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. Per Executive Order N-29-20, the meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Chair Jackson presided and Executive Director Jackson kept the minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Steve Jackson
Mark Grewal
Kim Brown
Jim Wilson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Bernard Puget

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Jackson, Executive Director
Staci Wilkins, Administrative Assistant
Riley Jones, Tulare Lake Compost

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None offered

ACTION CALENDAR

1. Consider for discussion and possible action to approve membership with the Association of California Water Agencies and to remit payment in the amount of \$506.48 for the membership fee.

Executive Director Jackson reported that we have been approved for an Affiliate Membership within ACWA. Our annual fee will be \$1,012.96 but the first year they offer a step-up discount of 50%, making our first payment \$506.48. The second year will be discounted by 25% and full payment will be required in year 3.

On the motion of Director Grewal and seconded by Director Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve the payment to ACWA for the first year of membership. (4-0)

2. Consider for discussion and possible adoption Resolution 20-04 **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY CONSENTING TO ENTER THE JOINT PROTECTION PROGRAMS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES/JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY.**

Executive Director Jackson reported that a Resolution is required by JPIA to put before their Executive Committee during its approval process for liability coverage.

On the motion of Director Grewal and seconded by Director Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 20-04. (4-0)

3. Consider for discussion and possible approval of the Application to ACWA JPIA for Liability Insurance.

Executive Director Jackson explained that this is a required document for ACWA Executive Committee consideration in the approval process for JPIA coverage.

On the motion of Director Grewal and seconded by Director Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Application for ACWA JPIA Liability Insurance. (4-0)

4. Consider for discussion and possible approval to submit a letter of **Support for the 2021 Kings CWD Recharge Project application for a Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Implementation Round 1 Grant.**

Executive Director Jackson presented a draft copy of the letter of support for the Kings County Water District project which has been selected for submission for the Prop 68 grant funding by the Tulare Lake Subbasin. Although this project would not require the \$5M maximum it was the project that best matched the scoring criteria for this round of funding. Each GSA has been asked to write a letter of support for the project which will then be submitted with the application. Other GSA projects will be considered for selection to be submitted in the next round of funding in 2022.

On the motion of Director Brown and seconded by Director Grewal, the Board voted to approve putting forth a letter from Southwest Kings GSA to support the project. (4-0)

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. **Director's Reports/Comments/Suggestion**

None

ADJOURNMENT

6. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of December 29, 2020, meeting, Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m. until the next Regular Meeting to be held on February 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., at 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Kim Brown, Secretary-Treasurer



Steve Jackson, Chair