

SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Friday, February 4, 2022, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. The meeting was available via Zoom for interested parties.

Vice Chair Grewal presided and Staci Wilkins kept the minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Mark Grewal
Kim Brown
Jim Wilson
John Vidovich

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Jackson, Executive Director
Staci Wilkins, Executive Assistant
Jason Howard, McCormick Barstow
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec
Kiti Campbell, Westlands Water District
Joel Kimmelshue, Land IQ
David Armanasco, California Strategies
Riley Jones, Tulare Lake Compost
Rusty Areias, California Strategies
Bryan Platt, DWR

Vice Chair Grewal called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

It was noted that Ceil W. Howe III resigned his position as Director prior to the meeting, effective February 4, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

CONSENT CALENDAR (Agenda items 1 – 4)

Upon the motion of Director Wilson and seconded by Director Brown, the Consent Calendar consisting of Minutes of the December 3, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, Warrants and Finances

dated between 11/16/2021 and 01/31/2022, the Treasurer’s Report and AB361 was approved as presented by the following roll call vote:

Brown	Wilson	Vidovich	Grewal
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

ACTION CALENDAR

5. Consider action to elect Officers for calendar year 2022.

On the motion of Director Wilson and seconded by Director Brown, the following Directors were nominated as officers: Director Vidovich, Chair; Director Grewal, Vice Chair; and Director Brown, Secretary/Treasurer. The Directors voted as follows:

Brown	Wilson	Vidovich	Grewal
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

*At this point in the meeting, Director Vidovich conducted the meeting.

6. Review and consider day and time for regular Board meeting schedule.

The Bylaws state that meetings will be held on the first Friday of even-numbered months at 10 am. Due to conflicts in schedules, it has been determined that 1 pm is more convenient for everyone’s schedule. Director Brown motioned to keep the meetings at 1 pm on the first Friday of even-numbered months which was seconded by Director Wilson. The Directors voted as follows:

Brown	Wilson	Vidovich	Grewal
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

7. Consider action to approve the engagement letter with Cuttone & Mastro to perform the audit for year ending December 31, 2021.

Director Grewal motioned to approve the engagement letter with Cuttone & Mastro which was seconded by Director Brown. The Directors voted as follows:

Brown	Wilson	Vidovich	Grewal
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

8. Consider for adoption Resolution 22-01 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS.

Executive Director Jackson explained that the grant is available to critically overdrafted basins and each grant is worth up to \$7.6 million. It is a non-competitive grant and the resolution is required in order to submit the application for the grant. Director Grewal motioned to approve the Resolution with a second by Director Wilson. The Directors voted as follows:

Brown	Wilson	Vidovich	Grewal
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

9. Review and consider approving tolling agreement with Westlands Water District.

Mr. Howard explained that he executed a one-week extension of the last agreement since it was due to expire prior to the Board meeting on February 4, 2022. The new agreement would extend the termination date to January 31, 2023. On the motion of Director Brown and seconded by Director Wilson, it was motioned to approve the agreement thru February 7, 2023. The Directors voted as follows:

Brown	Wilson	Vidovich	Grewal
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

10. Review and consider action on evapotranspiration data contract with Land IQ.

Joel Kimmelshue from Land IQ gave a presentation of how data was gathered, the level of accuracy and how it was used by other GSAs. Following a lengthy discussion, no action was taken by the Board.

11. Review and consider approval of 2022 Budget for Geosyntec.

Amer Hussain discussed the breakdown for the seven different tasks that Geosyntec would be working on this year. Following discussion, Director Grewal motioned to approve the 2022 Geosyntec budget with a second by Director Wilson. The Directors voted as follows:

Brown	Wilson	Vidovich	Grewal
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

12. **Director’s Reports/Comments/Suggestion**

Director Vidovich indicated that there should be more monitoring within the Subbasin.

13. Communications

a) Amer Hussain presented the letter received for the Subbasin from DWR. There was discussion regarding the deficiencies found and what the next steps in making corrections to the GSP would be.

14. Reports of General Interest

a) California Strategies –David Armanasco/Rusty Areias
There is still not a date set for Secretary Crowfoot to tour the area. Their office has been working diligently to get this arranged.

d) Other updates, as appropriate

Due to a conflict with dates, the next regular meeting will be held on Friday, April 8, 2022, at 1 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

15. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of February 4, 2022, meeting, Chair Vidovich asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 pm until the next meeting on April 8, 2022, at 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, or as otherwise directed by the Board. Director Grewal motioned to adjourn with a second by Director Wilson. The Directors voted as follows:

Brown	Wilson	Vidovich	Grewal
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Attest:



Kim Brown, Secretary



Mark Grewal, Vice Chair