

# **SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 8, 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, April 8, 2022, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. The meeting was available via Zoom for interested parties.

Chair Vidovich presided and Staci Wilkins kept the minutes.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Mark Grewal  
Kim Brown (left the meeting at 1:54 pm)  
Jim Wilson  
John Vidovich

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deanna Jackson, Executive Director  
Staci Wilkins, Executive Assistant  
Jason Howard, McCormick Barstow  
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec  
Michael Nordstrom  
Kiti Campbell, Westlands Water District  
David Armanasco, California Strategies  
Riley Jones, Tulare Lake Compost  
Cody Tolbert, Chevron  
Amanda Peisch-Derby, DWR  
Matt Hutton  
Charlotte Gillock, Kings River Conservation District  
Tim Gobler  
Sebastian Silveira

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

**CONSENT CALENDAR** (Agenda items 1 – 4)

Upon the motion of Director Grewal and seconded by Director Wilson, items 1-3 of the Consent Calendar consisting of Minutes of the February 4, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, Warrants and

Finances dated between 02/01/2022 and 03/31/2022, and the Treasurer’s Report was approved as presented by the following roll call vote:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Grewal</b>	<b>Vidovich</b>
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Agenda item 4 was voted on separately with a motion by Director Brown and seconded by Director Grewal. It was approved following a roll call vote. The Directors voted as follows:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Grewal</b>	<b>Vidovich</b>
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

**ACTION CALENDAR**

- Review and consider action to appointment an individual to represent the “White Area”.

On the motion of Director Grewal and seconded by Director Wilson, Michael Nordstrom was nominated to fill the vacant Board seat with a term completion date of November 2023. The Directors voted as follows:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Grewal</b>	<b>Vidovich</b>
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

- Review and consider action on evapotranspiration contract with Land IQ.

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Grewal and seconded by Director Brown to approve a one-year contract with Land IQ. The Directors voted as follows:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Grewal</b>	<b>Vidovich</b>	<b>Nordstrom</b>
Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye

\* Director Brown left the meeting.

- Review and consider action to approve the engagement letter with Luhdorff & Scalmanini for modeling of the Tulare Lake Subbasin.

The GSA’s share of the cost would be 18%, or \$100,620. There was a portion of the SGM Grant allocated to the cost of the modeling but the bill will have to be covered by each GSA who will then be reimbursed. Director Grewal motioned to approve the engagement letter with Luhdorff & Scalmanini which was seconded by Director Nordstrom. The Directors voted as follows:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Grewal</b>	<b>Vidovich</b>	<b>Nordstrom</b>
Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

**COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Director’s Reports/Comments/Suggestion**

None

9. **Communications**

None

10. **Reports of General Interest**

a) California Strategies –David Armanasco

There is still not a date set for Secretary Crowfoot to tour the area. Their office has been working diligently to get this arranged.

b) Tulare Lake Subbasin Update – Deanna Jackson / Amer Hussain

- i. Annual Report – The report was submitted on April 1.
- ii. SGM Grant Program – The grant application that was submitted in February should be funded by May. There will be another grant opportunity in September.
- iii. GSP Update – Amer has been working with the GSA managers to work through the comments from DWR. They have already met in regards to water quality and water level comments and will be next meeting on subsidence.
- iv. New supply wells for Kettleman City CSD –Bob Anderson from Geosyntec has been working on a technical memo for DWR to show that the California Aqueduct would not be affected by subsidence if KCCSD were to install a new Groundwater Deep Well.
- v. Governor’s Executive Order – Signed into effect March 28, Executive Order N-7-22 requires GSAs to certify that new or replacement wells will not contribute to additional subsidence beyond that outlined in the GSP before the county can issue a well permit. Counties are wanting the GSA input on the approval process and are creating a checklist for them to certify the findings.

c) Legal Counsel Report – Jason Howard

None

d) Other updates, as appropriate

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

11. The Board entered into Closed Session at 2:14 pm.

Anticipated Litigation [Govt. Code Sec. 54956.9 (d)(4)]

Conference with legal counsel regarding potential litigation (2 cases)

12. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION and/or ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:31 pm. There was no reportable action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

13. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of April 11, 2022, meeting, Chair Vidovich asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 pm until the next meeting on June 3, 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:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Grewal</b>	<b>Vidovich</b>	<b>Nordstrom</b>
Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Attest:



Kim Brown, Secretary



Mark Grewal, Vice Chair