

SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 13, 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 Monday, June 13, 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: John Vidovich
Mark Grewal
Kim Brown
Jim Wilson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Michael Nordstrom

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Jackson, Executive Director
Staci Wilkins, Executive Assistant
Jason Howard, McCormick Barstow
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec
Dusty Ference, KCFB
Megan Powers, KRCD
Cody Tolbert, Chevron
Matt Hutton, LACSD

Chair Vidovich called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

CONSENT CALENDAR (Agenda items 1 – 4)

Upon the motion of Director Grewal and seconded by Director Brown, the Consent Calendar consisting of Minutes of the Regular Board meeting on April 8, 2022, the Special Board Meeting on May 10, 2022, Warrants and Finances dated between 04/01/2022 and 06/05/2022, the Treasurer’s Report, and the continued use of Zoom was approved as presented by the following roll call vote:

Brown	Grewal	Nordstrom	Vidovich	Wilson
Aye	Aye	Absent	Aye	Aye

ACTION CALENDAR

- 5. Review and consider approval of Waiver for Potential Conflict of Interest for McCormick Barstow as legal counsel representing Tri-County Water Authority and Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

On the motion of Director Grewal and seconded by Director Wilson, the Waiver for Potential Conflict of Interest was approved. The Directors voted as follows:

Brown	Grewal	Nordstrom	Vidovich	Wilson
Aye	Aye	Absent	Aye	Aye

- 6. Review meter and telemetry proposal provided by Wildeye.

Following a review of the estimated costs, a motion was made by Director Wilson and seconded by Director Grewal to purchase and provide maintenance of the equipment to landowners at the expense of the GSA. The Directors voted as follows:

Brown	Grewal	Nordstrom	Vidovich	Wilson
Aye	Aye	Absent	Aye	Aye

- 7. Review of the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP revisions in response to DWR comments.

Amer Hussain from Geosyntec presented the draft revision of the GSP that will be submitted to DWR for the July 27 deadline. The analysis being done is in order to provide more detail on water quality, water levels, and subsidence in response to the comments. It was important to identify critical infrastructure, domestic well counts and the MT Elevation percentile levels throughout the Subbasin that would be used to estimate how many domestic wells could potentially go dry. It was important to note that Kings County will be requiring any new wells within one mile of the CA Aqueduct to complete a subsidence study before approval will be issued. Also, discussion with the GSAs in the Subbasin is taking place to consider details for a mitigation plan for domestic well owners and how it will be structured.

No action was taken by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8. **Director’s Reports/Comments/Suggestion**

None

- 9. **Communications**

None

- 10. **Reports of General Interest**

- a) California Strategies
No report
- b) Legal Counsel Update – Jason Howard
No update

- c) Other updates, as appropriate
 - i. Water Blueprint – Deanna Jackson

Information was included to highlight the work being done by the Blueprint. The collaborative action group now has a Mission and Vision Statement, a consolidated ask letter being sent to Sacramento in conjunction with Southern California and Bay Area water agencies, and a fish friendly plan. They are working hard to protect California water.

ADJOURNMENT

11. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of June 13, 2022, meeting, Chair Vidovich asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 pm until the next meeting on July 21, 2022, at 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, or as otherwise directed by the Board. Director Grewal motioned to adjourn with a second by Director Brown. The Directors voted as follows:

Brown	Grewal	Nordstrom	Vidovich	Wilson
Aye	Aye	Absent	Aye	Aye

Attest:



 Kim Brown, Secretary



 Deanna Jackson, Executive Director