

**MINUTES** of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SWKGSA) held on February 13, 2019 at the office of the Agency Office, 286 W. Cromwell Avenue, Fresno, California.

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Vacant, Tulare Lake Reclamation District 761

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dale Melville, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group  
 Joe Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group  
 William Phillimore, Wonderful Orchards  
 Trent Sherman, DWR  
 Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District  
 Kiti Campbell, Westlands Water District  
 Riley Jones, Tulare Lake Compost

Secretary Jackson called the Board meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and initiated a round of self-introductions by the Board and attendees.

**MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Director Grewal and second by Director Puget, the minutes from the December 12, 2018 meeting of the Agency were approved as presented by the following vote:

VACANT	Puget	Grewal	VACANT	Jackson
-	Aye	Aye	-	Aye

**DIRECTOR POSITIONS**

The Board was provided an update on vacant director positions. Former Chair Phillimore submitted his resignation on January 17, 2019. This created a vacancy of both a DRWD representative, and the SWKGSA Chair position. As Phillimore’s replacement for the DRWD representative, Kimberly Brown was sworn in by Executive Director Melville. Regarding the remaining RD 761 appointment, Mr. Grewal updated the Board that the representative would be selected soon.

After a short discussion, Director Puget motioned to appoint Director Brown as Chair and Director Grewal as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Director Jackson and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the vote, Secretary Jackson announced that the directors voted as follows:

Brown	Puget	Grewal	VACANT	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye	-	Aye

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Hopkins presented the treasurer’s report, budget to-date, warrants to be ratified as paid, and the warrants to be paid. After a short discussion, Director Jackson motioned to accept the treasurer’s report, ratify the prior warrants as paid, and pay the current warrants. The motion was seconded by Director Grewal and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the vote, Chair Brown announced that the directors voted as follows:

Brown	Puget	Grewal	VACANT	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye	-	Aye

Mr. Hopkins then presented an engagement letter for Cuttone & Mastro CPA to perform an audit. The audit would be targeted for completion by June 15, 2019 and would cost between \$2,785 and \$3,785. After a short discussion, Director Puget motioned to approve the engagement letter. The motion was seconded by Director Jackson and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the vote, Chair Brown announced that the directors voted as follows:

Brown	Puget	Grewal	VACANT	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye	-	Aye

**SUBBASIN ISSUES**

Mr. Hopkins presented an update to the Board on the status of the hydrogeologic model prepared by Wood (consultants to the GSAs in the Tulare Lake Subbasin). Change in storage maps were presented from the model illustrating a positive change in storage over the model period 1996 – 2009. Next, a 2016 groundwater contour map generated by the model showed that groundwater flows out from the SWKGSA into neighboring GSAs. Model forecast to 2066

showed that overdraft in the subbasin would be approximately 150,000 AF/yr without correction. To achieve sustainability, approximately 24% demand reduction would be required. Fortunately, under current cropping and water use projections, the SWKGSA is sustainable with zero demand reduction.

Next, Mr. Hopkins provided an update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development. To-date the SWKGSA staff has received the Plan Area and Basin Setting chapters. The Plan Area chapter has been provided to the board for input. A schedule was provided to the board showing when SWKGSA expected to receive GSP chapters from Wood, and when those chapters would be released to the Board. Mr. Hopkins reiterated that each chapter will be released to the board after an initial review by SWKGSA staff. Mr. Hopkins then presented a draft monitoring network exhibit and asked that the Board review for potential wells that could be added to the monitoring network. Next, Mr. Hopkins provided an example hydrograph that illustrated a glide path to sustainability, and an approach for minimum thresholds and measurable objective.

Next, Executive Director Melville provided an update of the ad-hoc committee meeting held on February 13, 2019. At the meeting the committee provide input on various items that the SWKGSA staff felt were significant issues to be addressed prior to draft GSP release. Regarding monitoring network, the committee's stance was that SWKGSA should only be responsible for monitoring where groundwater pumping occurs. Regarding undesirable results, the group acknowledge that since groundwater use was minimal it is difficult to define what is a significant and unreasonable undesirable result, and that the board and stakeholders should be queried. Regarding projects and management actions, the group remained of the position that the SWKGSA explore partnering solutions in and out of the subbasin that could enhance its water reliability.

Finally, Mr. Melville noted that the stakeholder survey period was extended to January 15, 2019. Even with the time extension, still only one response was received despite outreach efforts to Kettleman City CSD and other interested parties. There was no intent to re-extend deadline considering the GSP will be release for public comment at the end of 2019.

#### **REPORT OF COUNSEL**

No report was given.

#### **DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The Executive Director noted that the Board may not need to meet for another 2-3 months, but it would be held at its regular date (second Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.) at the Agency office.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 3:38 p.m. Chair Brown adjourned the meeting.

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Steven D. Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:

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Kimberly M. Brown, Chair