

MINUTES of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency held on May 9, 2018. at the office of the Agency Office, 286 W. Cromwell Avenue, Fresno, California.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

William Phillimore, Dudley Ridge Water District
Steven Jackson, White Areas representative
Bernard Puget, Dudley Ridge Water District

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT:

Vacant, Tulare Lake Reclamation District 761
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Dale Melville, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
Joe Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group (by phone)
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
Riley Jones, Tulare Lake Compost
Andrew Edstrom, Wonderful Orchards
Dennis Tristao, J.G. Boswell Company
Karen Ormsby, Kings County Grand Jury

Chair Phillimore called the Board meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and initiated a round of self-introductions by the Board and attendees.

MINUTES

Upon a motion by Director Jackson and second by Director Puget, the minutes from the February 14, 2018 meeting of the Agency were approved as presented by the following vote:

Phillimore	Puget	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye

DIRECTOR POSITIONS

The Board was provided an update on vacant director positions. The RD 761 open seats are planned to be filled by Doug Jackson and Mark Grewal. Messrs.. D. Jackson and Grewal were not in attendance at the Board meeting, and will likely be conferred at the next meeting. The next meeting will also include the appointment of directors to the vacant position of Vice-Chair.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Mr. Besecker presented the budget to-date, warrants to be paid, and the warrants to be ratified. This included a payment to Mid-Kings River GSA for "seed money" to pay consultants while waiting for grant reimbursement. After a short discussion, Director Jackson motioned to pay and ratify warrants. The motion was seconded by Director Puget and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the vote, Chair Phillimore announced that the directors voted as follows:

Phillimore	Puget	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye

BUDGET

Mr. Hopkins presented draft 2019 budget options to the Board to consider in advance of the July 11, 2018 public hearing to set the 2019 assessment rate. One option considered grant reimbursement and the other option did not. Both options illustrated the projected cashflow and year-end balance assuming the maximum \$5/acre assessment authorized in the 2017 Prop. 218 election.

2019 ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Executive Director Melville informed the Board that for Kings County to handle the SWKGSA assessment collection, the Board will need to set the 2019 rate in July 2018. Director Puget motioned to set the hearing date for July 11, 2018 (the next scheduled SWKGSA Board meeting). The motion was seconded by Director Jackson and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the vote, Chair Phillimore announced that the Directors voted as follows:

Phillimore	Puget	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye

BASIN-WIDE HYDROGEOLOGIC MODEL AND GSP UPDATE

Mr. Hopkins presented an update to the Board on the most recent draft hydrogeologic model document prepared by Wood (formally AMEC, consultants to the GSAs in the Tulare Lake Subbasin. The update focused on work completed to date, limitations of current model, and

next steps to refine the model. Mr. Hopkins also informed the Board that Wood had been selected by the Subbasin to refine the model and prepare the GSP. A draft schedule prepared by the consultant was also presented to the Board.

OUTREACH

Mr. Melville discussed the outreach efforts taken to date by the SWKGSA. In addition to the website (swkgsa.org), the SWKGSA is sending out monthly status memos to the Board and all interested parties. At the Subbasin level, the GSP consultant (Wood) is developing a communication and engagement plan to identify affected parties and to provide consistent messaging. Also, the County has a website with links to GSAs and a calendar of GSA meetings.

GSP POINT OF CONTACT

Mr. Melville expressed a need for the GSA to designate SWKGSA point of contact to be engaged with the development of the Subbasin GSP. It was discussed that Executive Director Melville should serve as a main point of contact and Mr. Hopkins as the alternate. The Board confirmed that the point of contact should have authority to make decisions to support GSP development progress and would need to exercise judgment on decisions that should come to Board for discussion and approval. Notes from these meeting should be relayed through the monthly status reports. Director Puget motioned to appoint Executive Director Melville as the main point of contact and Mr. Hopkins as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Director Jackson and the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the vote, Chair Phillimore announced that the Directors voted as follows:

Phillimore	Puget	Jackson
Aye	Aye	Aye

OTHER BUSINESS

- A recommendation was made to provide a call-in phone number for public (not Board members). The Board decided not to pursue this option at this time.
- Mr. Melville reminded the Board members to complete their two-year ethics training as required by AB 1234 and submit their certification form to the Agency.

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Executive Director noted that the next Board meeting would be July 11, 2018 (second Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.) at the Agency office; the public hearing to set the 2019 assessment rate would be held on that date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 3:52 p.m. Chair Phillimore adjourned the meeting.

Steven D. Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:



William D. Phillimore, Chair

