

# SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

944 Whitley Avenue, Suite E, Corcoran, CA 93212

559-762-7240 [www.swkgsa.org](http://www.swkgsa.org)

## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 1, 2021

1:00 pm

944 Whitley Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom  
Corcoran, CA 93212

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81948958530?pwd=WUR4ZkN0MTZDNE02TDJsODhkWVB0dz09>

Meeting ID: 819 4895 8530

Passcode: 308695

Dial in: +1 669 900 9128 US

The public may participate in the meeting as otherwise permitted under the Brown Act by calling into the telephone number above. Any member of the public may address the SWKGS Board of Directors concerning any item on the agenda before or during its consideration of that matter, as appropriate.

**CALL TO ORDER** 1:00 pm

**ROLL CALL** Mark Grewal  
Kimberly Brown  
Bernard Puget  
Jim Wilson

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board of Directors welcomes participation in Board meetings. The public may address matters under the jurisdiction of the Board that have not been posted in the Agenda. However, California Law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter that is not on the posted Agenda unless the Board determines that it is an emergency or one of the other situations specified in Government Code section 54954.2. The public will be given the opportunity to address the Board on any item on the Agenda at this time or before the Board's consideration of that item. If members of the public desire to address the Board relative to a particular Agenda item at the time it is to be considered, they should so notify the Chairman of the Board at this time. The Chairman may limit the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues for each individual speaker.

#### **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS**

*(Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse him/herself from discussing and voting on the matter.)* [FPPC § 87105.]

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 6, 2021.
2. Warrants and Finances (07/30/2021 – 09/23/2021).
3. Treasurer's Report.

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

4. Review and consider appointment of individual to represent the "White Areas"
  - a. Report by Executive Director
  - b. Discussion
  - c. Public Comments / Questions
  - d. If desired, motion to appoint a representative with a term through November 2023
5. Review status of Board officers
  - a. Report by Executive Director
  - b. Discussion
  - c. Public Comments / Questions
  - d. If desired, motion to elect new officers or keep positions as they are until February, 2022
6. Consider for approval the Southwest Kings GSA **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**
  - a. Presentation by Michael Cuttone
  - b. Discussion
  - c. Public comments/questions
  - d. If desired, motion to approve the Auditor's Report
7. Review and consider approval of expenditure for Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley
  - a. Presentation by Scott Hamilton
  - b. Discussion
  - c. Public Comments / Questions
  - d. If desired, motion to approve invoice for services
8. Review and consider approval of AB361 to continue to conduct Board meetings via Zoom
  - a. Report by Executive Director
  - b. Discussion
  - c. Public Comments/Questions
  - d. If desired, motion to approve meetings to be held via teleconference

## **COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

9. Director's Reports/Comments/Suggestions
10. Reports of General Interest
  - a. California Strategies Update – David Armanasco and Rusty Areias
  - b. Tulare Lake Subbasin Update – Amer Hussain
  - c. Legal Counsel Report – Jason Howard
  - d. Other updates, as appropriate

## **ADJOURNMENT**

11. Adjourn to the next Regular Board Meeting, scheduled for Friday, December 3, 2021 at 1:00 pm, at 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

- ❖ Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order.
- ❖ Action may be taken on any item listed on the Agenda.
- ❖ Writings relating to open session Agenda items that are distributed to members of the Board of Directors will be available for inspection at the Authority office, excluding writings that are not public records or are exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Acts.

**Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990:** Under this act, a qualifying person may request that the Authority provide a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in any public meeting of the Authority. Such assistance includes alternative formats for the agendas and agenda packets used for any public meetings of the Authority. Requests for assistance shall be made in person, via telephone, or in written form to the SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY Office at 944 Whitley Avenue, Suite E, Corcoran, CA 93212 (559) 762-7240. Requests must be received at least 48 hours prior to a scheduled public meeting.

**SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
August 6, 2021**

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, August 6, 2021, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. Per Executive Order N-29-20, the meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Chairman Jackson presided and Executive Director Jackson kept the minutes.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Steve Jackson  
Mark Grewal  
Kim Brown  
Jim Wilson  
Bernard Puget

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deanna Jackson, Executive Director  
Staci Wilkins, Executive Assistant  
Jason Howard, McCormick Barstow  
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec  
Riley Jones, Tulare Lake Compost  
Kiti Campbell, Westlands Water District

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

**CONSENT CALENDAR** (Agenda items 1 – 3)

Upon the motion of Director Grewal and seconded by Director Brown, the Consent Calendar consisting of Minutes of the June 4, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, Warrants and Finances dated between 05/15/2021 and 07/29/2021, 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>Puget</b>	<b>Jackson</b>
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

**ACTION CALENDAR**

- Agenda item 4 was to review and consider for adoption the 2022 Budget for Southwest Kings GSA. Executive Director Jackson presented the proposed budget and reviewed the estimated starting and ending balances for 2022 based on an assessment rate of \$1.50/acre. After some discussion, Director Brown motioned to adopt the 2022 Budget and it was seconded by Director Grewal. The Directors voted as follows:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Grewal</b>	<b>Puget</b>	<b>Jackson</b>
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

- Agenda item 5 was to consider adoption of Resolution 21-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY APPROVING THE LEVYING OF THE 2022 ASSESSMENTS. Executive Director Jackson indicated that the Board is able to assess up to \$5/acre but that there is plenty of money to work with in the budget and that \$1.50/acre would be her recommendation for the 2022 assessments. Director Grewal motioned to adopt Resolution 21-01 as presented which was seconded by Director Wilson. The Directors voted as follows:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Grewal</b>	<b>Puget</b>	<b>Jackson</b>
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

- Agenda item 6 was to consider for adoption Resolution 21-02 A RESOLUTION STATING THE POWERS OF A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY TO FIX AND COLLECT CHARGES ON THE 2021-22 YEARS KINGS COUNTY TAX ROLL. Executive Director Jackson explained that this is a resolution that is required by Kings County to place assessments on their tax roll. Director Brown motioned to adopt Resolution 21-02 as presented which was seconded by Director Puget. The Directors voted as follows:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Grewal</b>	<b>Puget</b>	<b>Jackson</b>
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

**COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **Director’s Reports/Comments/Suggestion** Agenda item 7

Director Grewal noted that he would be touring the area with the attorney for Reclamation District 761 on Tuesday, August 10.

- **Reports of General Interest** Agenda item 8

- a) **California Strategies – Deanna Jackson**

There was no representative available from California Strategies but Deanna noted that she and David Armanasco had recently discussed the proposed Equity Resolution put forth by the State Board and its impact on water.

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

Amer noted that we have still not have not received comments on the GSP from DWR and that they probably won't be received until closer to the end of the year. The Tulare Lake Subbasin will only receive one set of comments and the response will be for the entire subbasin. Geosyntec is contracted to respond to those comments once they are received within the 180-day period.

For the next annual report, fall water levels will be collected at the end of September from the two data points. Contour lines for the spring water collections are not yet available due to missing data from one of the other GSAs in the subbasin. From what they've seen so far, the results are not out of line of what they are expecting to see relative to data collected in 2020.

Westlands Water District and Tulare Lake Subbasin continue to exchange data on water levels that are being provided to DWR. No meetings or additional requests have been made.

DWR will be conducting Aerial Electromagnetic Surveys beginning in October at no cost to the GSA. It will be useful in identifying areas for groundwater recharge and is able to look approximately 1000' into the ground. The results will not be available for review until June or July, 2022.

Amer briefly mentioned an Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ACR) pilot program that is being done for South Fork Kings. It's a way of taking surface water and injecting it into a landowner's ag well for storage and then recovering it at a later time, such as when there is no longer water in the river. Beneficial during wet years, it may prove to be extremely useful during dry years when there's a limited supply of surface water. So far, the pilot program is going well and they will hopefully be able to share those results once the data is compiled and reviewed.

Deanna Jackson mentioned that Intrabasin coordination meetings will be continuing.

c) Legal Counsel Report – Jason Howard

Mr. Howard updated the Board on the upcoming expiration of Executive Order N-29-20 on September 30 which allows for meetings to be held via teleconference. Boards can continue to choose to offer the teleconference option for the public but Directors should be at the meetings. If not physically at the meetings, the location of the Director must be posted and available to the public. He did note that the State Legislature realizes how convenient this type of meeting format has become and may adjust the Brown Act in the future. For now, however, we will continue to follow the requirements of the Brown Act.

d) Other updates, as appropriate

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

12. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of August 6, 2021, meeting, Chairman Jackson adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm until the next Regular Meeting on October 1, 2021, at 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

---

Kim Brown, Secretary

---

Mark Grewal, Vice Chairman

DRAFT

# Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Budget vs. Actuals: FY\_2021 - FY21 P&L

January - August, 2021

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
401 Benefit Assessment	180,372.76	182,362.00	-1,989.24	98.91 %
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$180,372.76</b>	<b>\$182,362.00</b>	<b>\$ -1,989.24</b>	<b>98.91 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$180,372.76</b>	<b>\$182,362.00</b>	<b>\$ -1,989.24</b>	<b>98.91 %</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
502 Accounting	4,587.50	7,750.00	-3,162.50	59.19 %
503 Legal	522.50	18,000.00	-17,477.50	2.90 %
505 Insurance	865.00	3,000.00	-2,135.00	28.83 %
506 Website	533.46	2,000.00	-1,466.54	26.67 %
507 Audit		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
520 GSP				
520-1 Budget Overrun		25,000.00	-25,000.00	
520-2 Annual Report	8,095.14	15,000.00	-6,904.86	53.97 %
520-3 Monitoring/DMS	7,743.16	20,000.00	-12,256.84	38.72 %
520-4 Grant Applications/Admin		15,000.00	-15,000.00	
<b>Total 520 GSP</b>	<b>15,838.30</b>	<b>75,000.00</b>	<b>-59,161.70</b>	<b>21.12 %</b>
530 Dues	506.48		506.48	
540 Contingency	10,000.00	36,000.00	-26,000.00	27.78 %
580 Outside Services				
580.1 Consulting	28,800.00	43,200.00	-14,400.00	66.67 %
580.2 Engineering	2,739.80		2,739.80	
580.3 Management Fees	49,000.00	84,000.00	-35,000.00	58.33 %
<b>Total 580 Outside Services</b>	<b>80,539.80</b>	<b>127,200.00</b>	<b>-46,660.20</b>	<b>63.32 %</b>
590 Other	688.83		688.83	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$114,081.87</b>	<b>\$273,950.00</b>	<b>\$ -159,868.13</b>	<b>41.64 %</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$66,290.89</b>	<b>\$ -91,588.00</b>	<b>\$157,878.89</b>	<b>-72.38 %</b>
<b>Other Income</b>				
490 Interest	1,014.61	4,000.00	-2,985.39	25.37 %
495 Miscellaneous	67,083.71		67,083.71	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$68,098.32</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$64,098.32</b>	<b>1,702.46 %</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$68,098.32</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$64,098.32</b>	<b>1,702.46 %</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$134,389.21</b>	<b>\$ -87,588.00</b>	<b>\$221,977.21</b>	<b>-153.43 %</b>

**Note**

No assurance is provided on these financial statements.



# Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Check Detail

July 30 - September 23, 2021

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
Bill.com Money Out Clearing						
07/30/2021	Bill Payment (Check)		California Strategies and Advocacy, LLC	Inv #0721094		-3,600.00 -3,600.00
08/13/2021	Bill Payment (Check)		Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.	Inv #32441132-- bill.com Check Number: 55775057		-2,010.56 -2,010.56
08/17/2021	Bill Payment (Check)		M. Green and Company, LLP	Inv #153246-- bill.com Check Number: 55855594		-1,602.50 -1,602.50
09/02/2021	Bill Payment (Check)		South Fork Kings GSA	Inv #46-- bill.com Check Number: 56313127		-5,753.09 -5,753.09
09/02/2021	Bill Payment (Check)		M. Green and Company, LLP	Inv #153697-- bill.com Check Number: 56301369		-940.00 -940.00
09/02/2021	Bill Payment (Check)		Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group	Inv #86641-- bill.com Check Number: 56303437		-29.40 -29.40
09/02/2021	Bill Payment (Check)		California Strategies and Advocacy, LLC	Inv #821106		-3,600.00 -3,600.00
09/02/2021	Bill Payment (Check)		Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.	Inv #32442964-- bill.com Check Number: 56312724		-2,033.02 -2,033.02

**Note**

No assurance is provided on these financial statements.

# Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Statement of Net Assets

As of August 31, 2021

	TOTAL		
	AS OF AUG 31, 2021	AS OF AUG 31, 2020 (PY)	CHANGE
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
101 BofA Checking	0.00	17,802.96	-17,802.96
102 LAIF	301,021.15	374,181.98	-73,160.83
Bill.com Money Out Clearing	0.00	109.50	-109.50
Suncrest Bank	191,653.31		191,653.31
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$492,674.46</b>	<b>\$392,094.44</b>	<b>\$100,580.02</b>
Accounts Receivable			
Accounts Receivable	3,664.21	4,018.73	-354.52
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$3,664.21</b>	<b>\$4,018.73</b>	<b>\$ -354.52</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$496,338.67</b>	<b>\$396,113.17</b>	<b>\$100,225.50</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$496,338.67</b>	<b>\$396,113.17</b>	<b>\$100,225.50</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
Accounts Payable	29,355.51	22,742.99	6,612.52
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$29,355.51</b>	<b>\$22,742.99</b>	<b>\$6,612.52</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$29,355.51</b>	<b>\$22,742.99</b>	<b>\$6,612.52</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$29,355.51</b>	<b>\$22,742.99</b>	<b>\$6,612.52</b>
Equity			
Retained Earnings	332,593.95	481,490.56	-148,896.61
Net Income	134,389.21	-108,120.38	242,509.59
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$466,983.16</b>	<b>\$373,370.18</b>	<b>\$93,612.98</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$496,338.67</b>	<b>\$396,113.17</b>	<b>\$100,225.50</b>

**Note**

No assurance is provided on these financial statements.

Accrual Basis



# Invoice

<b>Date</b>	<b>Invoice #</b>
9/24/2021	1029
<b>Due</b>	
Net 30	

**Bill to:**  
Southwest Kings GSA  
944 Whitley Avenue, Suite E  
Corcoran, CA 93212

**For:**  
Water Blueprint for the  
San Joaquin Valley  
Education Fund

Description	Amount
2021 annual contribution	7,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>

Make all checks payable to "Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley"

Please indicate in the memo if your contribution should be directed to the Education Fund or Advocacy Fund

The Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley Education Fund is a 501(c)3 Organization

Remit Payment to: 7473 N. Ingram Ave., Suite 102, Fresno, CA 93711

**Thank You for your support!**