

# **SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**December 3, 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, December 3, 2021, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. The meeting was available via Zoom for interested parties.

Vice Chair Grewal presided and Executive Director Jackson kept the minutes.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Mark Grewal  
Kim Brown  
Jim Wilson

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Ceil W. Howe III

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deanna Jackson, Executive Director  
Staci Wilkins, Executive Assistant  
Jason Howard, McCormick Barstow  
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec  
Kiti Campbell, Westlands Water District  
Cody Tolbert, Chevron  
David Armanasco, California Strategies  
Riley Jones, Tulare Lake Compost  
Mike Nordstrom  
Bryan Platt, DWR  
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Vice Chair Grewal called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

It was noted that John Vidovich was unable to attend the meeting due to weather conditions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

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

Upon the motion of Director Brown and seconded by Director Wilson, the Consent Calendar consisting of Minutes of the October 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, Warrants and Finances dated between 09/23/2021 and 11/15/2021, and the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented by the following roll call vote:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Howe</b>	<b>Grewal</b>
Aye	Aye	Absent	Aye

**ACTION CALENDAR**

4. Review and consider the appointment of a Director to the JPIA Board of Directors. Bernard Puget had been the previous representative with Executive Director Jackson as the Alternate Representative. On the motion of Director Grewal and seconded by Director Wilson, Director Brown was appointed to be the Director Representative to the JPIA Board of Directors with Executive Director Jackson remaining as the Alternate Representative. The Directors voted as follows:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Howe</b>	<b>Grewal</b>
Aye	Aye	Absent	Aye

5. Consider for approval submitting a letter of support for Tulare Lake Subbasin Grant Application. Executive Director Jackson noted that the managers for the Tulare Lake Subbasin were meeting to select possible projects to submit in the upcoming grant application. The projects haven't been determined yet but each GSA would be asked to submit a letter of support. Director Brown motioned to authorize the Executive Director to issue a letter of support once the projects are determined which was seconded by Director Wilson. The Directors voted as follows:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Howe</b>	<b>Grewal</b>
Aye	Aye	Absent	Aye

6. Consider for approval AB361 in regards to continuing to offer Board meetings via Zoom in addition to being in person. Director Brown motioned to continue with the meeting format as both in person and via Zoom which was seconded by Director Wilson. The Directors voted as follows:

<b>Brown</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Howe</b>	<b>Grewal</b>
Aye	Aye	Absent	Aye

**COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7. **Director's Reports/Comments/Suggestion**

None

8. **Reports of General Interest**

- a) California Strategies –David Armanasco

They are in contact with Secretary Crowfoot's office to make arrangements for him to visit the subbasin in January, 2022, and their office has been assisting Claire Van Zuiden in

looking for grant funding for both the Tulare Lake and Tule Subbasins. It was noted that there is money available for following through the Department of Conservation.

- b) Tulare Lake Subbasin Update – Deanna Jackson / Amer Hussain
- The Annual Report data is being collected and analyzed. Of particular interest is looking at the ET data and any surface water that was brought in and how they affect the calculations for total water used. Key dates for providing draft data to the GSAs, receiving feedback and uploading the final report to SGMA portal were reviewed.
  - The tolling agreement is continuing with Westlands Water District.
  - The GSP Comment Letter is still being anticipated in the next week. This will be a consultation letter and the formal letter will be available by the end of January, 2022.
  - The Westlands GSP Comment Letter was included with the meeting material to give Directors and the public an idea of what the letter for Tulare Lake might look like for potential deficiencies and corrective actions.
  - The grant funding available includes Prop. 68 Round 2 money plus additional money to total \$7.6 million per Critically Overdrafted subbasin. However, the legislature included some additional steps to receive the funding which is going to make it more difficult to qualify. The project submission deadline is January 31, 2022, with funding awarded in March.
- c) Legal Counsel Report – Jason Howard  
None
- d) Other updates, as appropriate  
None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

9. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of December 3, 2021, meeting, Vice Chair Grewal adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm until the next Regular Meeting on February 4, 2022, at 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

  
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Kim Brown, Secretary

  
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Mark Grewal, Vice Chair