SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
Special Board Meeting
Minutes
July 24, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. The meeting was available via Zoom for interested parties.

Vice Chair Nordstrom presided and Staci Wilkins recorded the minutes.

Directors Present: Michael Nordstrom
Craig Andrew
Jim Wilson

Directors Absent: John Vidovich

Others Present: Amer Hussain, Geosyntec
Staci Wilkins
Morgan Campbell, Westside Water Authority
Matthew Bao
Bobby Phillips

The Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval/Ratification of Warrants and Finances (03/16/2024 – 07/09/2024)
2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meetings held on April 3 and April 11, 2024

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the consent items as presented. (3-0)

ACTION CALENDAR

3. Review and consider for adoption 2025 Budget and Assessment Rate for Southwest Kings GSA

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to adopt the Budget with adjustments to specific line items using an assessment rate of $3.00/acre. (3-0)

4. Consider for adoption Resolution 2024-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY APPROVING THE LEVYING OF THE 2025 ASSESSMENTS.

On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board adopted Resolution 2024-02 with an Assessment Rate of $3.00/acre.

5. Consider for adoption Resolution 2024-03 A RESOLUTION STATING THE POWERS OF A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY TO FIX AND COLLECT CHARGES ON THE 2024-25 YEARS KINGS COUNTY TAX ROLL.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 2024-03 authorizing Kings County to collect charges on the 2024-25 tax roll. (3-0)

6. Review and consider action to approve proposal from Geosyntec for completion of Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP for Southwest Kings GSA.

   Mr. Hussain reviewed the process of taking the draft GSP that was created earlier and modifying it to make it specific to the GSA. There will be specific MTs around the California Aqueduct as defined by the State and there will be policy limits on new well applications to require a subsidence study in order to be approved. The draft GSP is anticipated for Board review by August 30.

   On the motion of Director Wilson and seconded by Director Andrew, the Board voted to approve the Geosyntec proposal to complete the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP for Southwest Kings GSA. (3-0)

7. Review and consider sending 90-day Notice of GSP Amendments to Kings County and Kettleman City pursuant to Water Code Section 10728.4 for Tulare Lake Subbasin.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board authorized staff to send out the 90-day notices. (3-0)

8. Review and consider approval of proposal received from Provost & Pritchard to migrate website to WordPress with ongoing management.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the Provost & Pritchard proposal to update the website for Southwest Kings GSA. (3-0)

9. Review and consider action to hire a manager for the GSA.

   Director Andrew reported that they are in the process of searching for a new manager. No action was taken.

10. Review and consider cancellation of regular meeting on Friday, August 2, 2024.

    To allow more time to gather data for the draft GSP, it was recommended that the upcoming meeting be cancelled and held at a later date. On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board scheduled a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

11. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the July 24, 2024, meeting, Vice Chair Nordstrom adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m. until the special Board meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

Craig Andrew, Director

Jim Wilson, Secretary