SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
Special Board Meeting
Minutes
July 23, 2025

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 23, 2025, at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

Chair Vidovich presided and Staci Wilkins recorded the minutes.

Directors Present: John Vidovich
Craig Andrew
Jim Wilson

Directors Absent:

Others Present: Amer Hussain, Geosyntec
Staci Wilkins
Morgan Campbell, Westside Water Authority
Mike Cuttone, Cuttone & Mastro
Kathy Wood McLaughlin
Julie Martella
Johnny Gailey, South Fork Kings
Antonio Solorio, Westlands Water District
Riley Jones
Monserrat Solis, SJV Water

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Vidovich stated that it might be worth exploring to form a JPA with South Forks Kings GSA in the area of management for efficiency purposes. Mr. Vidovich will contact the five Board members at SFK to determine their level of interest in pursuing that option.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval/Ratification of Warrants and Finances (07/10/2024 – 07/18/2025)
2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on July 24, 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. Consider action to approve the Southwest Kings GSA Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2021.

   Mr. Cuttone briefly reviewed the 2021 Audit completed by his firm. On the motion of Director Wilson and seconded by Director Andrew, the Board voted to approve the 2021 Audit. (3-0)

4. Consider action to elect a Vice President.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board elected Director Andrew as Vice President. (3-0)

5. Consider action to adopt the 2026 Budget.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to set the Assessment Rate at $1.50/acre. (3-0) The Budget was not approved as presented and Director Andrew was asked to revise the numbers budgeted and bring an updated Budget to a later meeting for consideration of approval.

6. Consider for adoption Resolution 2025-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY APPROVING THE LEVYING OF THE 2026 ASSESSMENTS.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board adopted Resolution 2025-01 with an Assessment Rate of $1.50/acre. (3-0)

7. Consider for adoption Resolution 2025-02 A RESOLUTION STATING THE POWERS OF A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY TO FIX AND COLLECT CHARGES ON THE 2025-26 YEARS KINGS COUNTY TAX ROLL.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 2025-02 authorizing Kings County to collect charges on the 2025-26 tax roll. (3-0)

8. Consider approval proposal of 2025 Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. Task Orders.

   Director Vidovich directed Director Andrew to work with Mr. Hussain on the cost of the Task Orders. Director Andrew was given authority to sign the 2025 Task Orders once agreed upon.

9. Consider approval of Administrative Services Agreement with Angiola Water District.

   On the motion of Director Wilson and seconded by Director Vidovich, the Board approved of the Administrative Services Agreement with Angiola Water District, beginning August 1, 2025, at $500/month. (2-0-1, Director Andrew abstained)

UPDATES

10. Tulare Lake Subbasin

    Mr. Hussain noted that there are still no discussions taking place with the State while the Kings County Farm Bureau lawsuit is pending. Each GSA is moving forward with their own plans and there will be some GSAs who apply for an exemption to the fees. Subsidence management will be critical, with an emphasis placed on those lands situated near the California Aqueduct.

ADJOURNMENT

11. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the July 23, 2025, meeting, Chair Vidovich adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m. until the next Board meeting scheduled for October 3, 2025, at 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

Craig Andrew, Vice President

Jim Wilson, Secretary