SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
Special Board Meeting
Minutes
January 30, 2026

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, January 30, 2026, at the hour of 2:00 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
Marshall Whitney, Whitney, Thompson & Jeffcoach Law Firm
Morgan Campbell, Westside Water Authority
Ceil Howe, Jr.
Ceil Howe III
Julie Martella
Johnny Gailey, South Fork Kings
Alex Young, Westlands Water District
Riley Jones
Monserrat Solis, SJV Water

The meeting was called to order at 2:02p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval/Ratification of Warrants and Finances (07/19/2025 – 12/31/2025)
2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on July 23, 2025

   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, 2022.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the 2022 Audit. (3-0)

4. Consider action to approve the hiring of interim special counsel Whitney Marshall of Whitney, Thompson, & Jeffcoach Law Firm.

   On the motion of Director Wilson and seconded by Director Andrew, the Board voted to hire Mr. Whitney as special counsel. (3-0)

5. Consider action to adopt the 2026 Budget.

   This item was tabled and no other action was taken.

6. Consider action to approve the Well Registration Policy.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the Well Registration Policy. Wells should be registered by February 6, 2026, and have until February 26, 2026, to finalize the process before incurring a penalty of $1,000 per day. (3-0)

   Director Vidovich noted that meters will be required and that SWKGSA will provide and install any meters on non-compliant meters. The Meter Policy will be addressed at the meeting on February 6, 2026.

7. Consider action to approve the Well Mitigation Policy.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the Well Mitigation Policy. (3-0)

8. Consider action to direct staff to transfer funds from Citizens Savings Ban checking account to Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) account.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board directed staff to transfer funds to the LAIF account, leaving a minimum of $250,000.00 in the checking account. (3-0)

9. Consider action to make revisions to Bylaws.

   On the motion of Director Wilson and seconded by Director Andrew, the Board approved to amend the Bylaws to allow meeting at an alternative location as the need arises at 19813 Madison Avenue, Stratford with proper noticing. (3-0)

10. Consider action to cancel regular Board meeting on February 6, 2026.

    No action taken.

11. Discussion on limiting new wells.

    The Board agreed that wells should not be drilled in areas that will create subsidence issues on the California Aqueduct or other critical infrastructure.

12. Discussion on allocation policy

The Board agreed there should be no pumping in areas that are sinking within GSAs.

UPDATES

13. Tulare Lake Subbasin

Mr. Hussain reported that the "Good Actor" request submitted in September 2024 needs to be addressed with an updated letter to request an exemption from fees. He will work with Mr. Whitney to draft a new letter.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into Closed Session at 2:53 p.m.

14. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one potential case)

15. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:27 p.m. There was no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

16. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the January 30, 2026, meeting, Chair Vidovich adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m. until the next Board meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on February 6, 2026, at 19813 Madison Avenue, Stratford, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

Craig Andrew, Vice Chair

Jim Wilson, Secretary