SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
Special Board Meeting
Minutes
February 13, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency met at 19813 Madison Avenue, Stratford, California, on Friday, February 13, 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
Staci Wilkins
Ceil Howe, Jr.
Jaime Howe
John Howe
Julie Martella
Johnny Gailey
Alex Young
Gunther Vecpuisis
Monserrat Solis
Branden Sargent
Morgan Campbell
Hunter Swearingen
John Kinsey
Riley Jones

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Kinsey was introduced as general counsel for the GSA and it was noted that he would be participating via telephone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A question was asked about whether the two vacancies on the Board of Directors would be filled and LA County Sanitation submitted comments regarding the Draft Groundwater Allocation Policy being considered for approval today.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on February 6, 2026

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

ACTION CALENDAR

2. Consider action to approve the Groundwater Allocation Policy.

   Mr. Hussain reviewed the policy and corrections and/or revisions were made. On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the Groundwater Allocation Policy with revisions. (3-0)

3. Consider action to ratify the hiring of Guntars Vecpuisis as an independent contractor.

   This item was tabled and will be considered at a later meeting.

4. Consider action to accept the resignation of Marshall Whitney as Special Counsel.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Whitney. (3-0)

5. Consider action to approve the Letter of Engagement with Wanger Jones Helsley to hire John Kinsey as General Counsel.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the Letter of Engagement with Wanger Jones Helsley. (3-0)

6. Consider action to schedule a special meeting.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to schedule a special meeting on Friday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m. at 19813 Madison Avenue, Stratford. (3-0)

UPDATES

7. Tulare Lake Subbasin – No update given

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into Closed Session at 2:48 p.m.

8. 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)

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:52 p.m. There was no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

9. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the February 13, 2026, meeting, Chair Vidovich adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m. until the next Board meeting scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on March 5, 2026, at 19813 Madison Avenue, Stratford, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

Craig Andrew, Vice Chair

Jim Wilson, Secretary