SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 6, 2026
9:00 a.m.
19813 Madison Avenue
Stratford, CA 93266

The public may participate in the meeting as otherwise permitted under the Brown Act. Any member of the public may address the SWKGSA Board of Directors concerning any item on the agenda before or during its consideration of that matter, as appropriate.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

John Vidovich, Chair
Craig Andrew, Vice Chair
Jim Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board of Directors welcomes participation in Board meetings. The public may address matters under the jurisdiction of the Board that have not been posted in the Agenda. However, California Law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter that is not on the posted Agenda unless the Board determines that it is an emergency or one of the other situations specified in Government Code section 54954.2. The public will be given the opportunity to address the Board on any item on the Agenda at this time or before the Board's consideration of that item. If members of the public desire to address the Board relative to a particular Agenda item at the time it is to be considered, they should so notify the Chair of the Board at this time. The Chair may limit the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues for each individual speaker.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

(Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse himself from discussing and voting on the matter.) [FPPC § 87105.]

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes for the special meeting held on January 30, 2026

ACTION CALENDAR

3. Consider action to approve 2026 Budget
4. Consider action to approve Well Meter Policy
5. Consider action to schedule a special meeting on Friday, February 20, 2026

UPDATES

6. Tulare Lake Subbasin Update

CLOSED SESSION

7. **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)

ADJOURNMENT

8. Adjourn to the next meeting on April 3, 2026, at 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, or as otherwise directed by the Board of Directors.

- Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order.
- Action may be taken on any item listed on the Agenda.
- Writings relating to open session Agenda items that are distributed to members of the Board of Directors will be available for inspection at the Authority office, excluding writings that are not public records or are exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Acts.

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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)

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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. Marshall 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:

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Craig Andrew, Vice Chair

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Jim Wilson, Secretary

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Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainablity Agency

2026 DRAFT BUDGET

Total Acres
90,269

Description	2025 BUDGET	2026 DRAFT BUDGET	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26	Nov-26	Dec-26	Total Projected Charges
Management Services	84,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Services	-	6,000	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	6,000
Legal	25,000	25,000	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,087	25,000
Insurance	3,000	3,000								1,000		2,000			3,000
Website	7,000	480	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	480
Accounting	8,500	8,500	712	708	708	708	708	708	708	708	708	708	708	708	8,500
Audit	5,500	5,840	5,840												5,840
ACWA Dues / Water Blueprint	18,250	5,000	2,500		1,830					670					5,000
Finalize GSP	50,000	50,000	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500									50,000
Annual Report / Engineering	30,000	30,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	30,000
Native Yield Study	-	-													-
Monitoring/Land IQ	30,000	30,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	30,000
Grant Applications/Admin	15,000	-													-
Consultant	43,200	50,000	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,163	50,000
Contingency/Budget Overrun	75,000	50,000	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,167	4,166	4,166	4,166	4,166	50,000
Total Budget Expended	394,450		37,509	29,165	30,995	29,165	*16,665*	*16,665*	*16,665*	*18,335*	*16,664*	*18,664*	*16,664*	*16,664*	263,820
		263,820													
Projected Income															
2026 Assessments ($1.50)	270,808	135,404	58,224				75,826			1,354					135,404
Interest	8,800	8,000	2,000			2,000			2,000			2,000			8,000
Total Income	279,608		60,224			2,000	*75,826*	-	*2,000*			*2,000*			143,404
Cash on hand (estimated):		600,000	622,715	593,550	562,555	535,390	594,551	577,886	563,221	544,886	528,222	511,558	494,894	478,230	

Proposed 2026 Assessment Rate: $ 1.50 /acre

POLICY FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MONITORING OF WATER METERS FOR WELLS WITHIN THE SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Version 0.2

Introduction

This Policy for the Installation, Maintenance, and Monitoring of Water Meters for Wells within the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("this Policy") is adopted by the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SWK GSA) Board of Directors. It is the intent of this Policy to assure that accurate metering and recording of all groundwater pumping of wells within the SWK GSA is maintained to facilitate the SWK GSA's responsibilities under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Policy

1. Meter Requirements: This Policy applies to all groundwater wells that pump more than two (2) acre-feet per year (AF/y). Wells with a pumping capacity of 70 GPM or that pump more than 2 AF/y are required to install and maintain water meters in accordance with the following specifications:
    a. Meter Specifications: In-line meters meeting AWWA[2] C700 series standards. Flowrate indicators shall be in GPM and totalizers shall read in 0.00 acre-feet (AF).
    b. Meter Sizing, Installation, and Maintenance: In accordance with AWWA Standard M6 (Water Meters - Selection, Installation, Testing, and Maintenance; AWWA, 2012) and/or manufacturer's published recommendations.
    c. Meter Calibration and Certification: In accordance with AWWA Standard M6 (Water Meters, Selection, Installation, Testing, and Maintenance; AWWA, 2012), meters shall be tested and calibrated (or at the landowner's option, replaced) either every five (5) years or as specified by the manufacturer's recommendation by an independent certified testing facility. If meter readings appear abnormal (indicator or totalizer), meters shall be inspected, tested, and calibrated within 30 days

[1] 0.16 cfs = 70 gpm

[2] American Water Works Association

of first observing the abnormality. Certified meter calibration and testing reports shall be submitted to the SWK GSA for review and documentation.

d. Notification to SWK GSA: For existing wells, the landowner shall provide the SWK GSA with the following information no later than September 1, 2026. Any new wells shall provide the following information within 30 days of installation of pumping equipment.
    i. Kings County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) of property where the well is located.
    ii. Design capacity (flowrate) of the wellhead pump.
    iii. Brand, model number, and size of the meter.
    iv. Photograph of the flowmeter indicator to clearly show:
        1. The measurement units for the flow indicator and totalizer (i.e., GPM and AF); and
        2. The length and configuration of the discharge pipe are in compliance with the manufacturer's specifications.
    v. A description, with APN(s) and map, of the parcel(s) served by each well, and a description of whether the parcel(s) is served by any other wells or surface water (if so, identify the other well(s) locations(s) and surface water source(s).
    vi. A statement signed by the landowner granting access to the SWK GSA to the property to verify the installation, operation, and/or readings of the meters (refer to section 2.a herein).

2. Meter Recording and Reporting:
    a. Access: The landowner shall grant the SWK GSA access in the form of the attached access agreement.
    b. Recording Schedule: The landowner shall record the totalizer reading and self-report the totalizer reading to the SWK GSA monthly.
    c. Calibration Schedule: Certified meter calibration and testing reports shall be submitted to the SWK GSA for review and documentation during the October to December period of every five years or per manufacturer's specifications, per date of installation.

3. Schedule for Compliance:
    a. Existing wells:
        i. Information in sections 1.d and 2.a shall be submitted to the SWK GSA by June 1, 2026.

ii. Meter reading and totalizer reporting shall be submitted to the SWK GSA within 10 days of the meter readings per the schedule in section 2.b.
iii. Certified meter calibration and testing reports shall be submitted to the SWK GSA no later than January 15 of every fifth year, beginning in 2031.

b. New wells:
i. Information in sections 1.d and 2.a shall be submitted to the SWK GSA within 30 days of installation of the pumping equipment.
ii. Meter reading and totalizer reporting shall be submitted to the SWK GSA within 10 days of the meter readings per the schedule in section 2.b.
iii. Certified meter calibration and testing reports shall be submitted to the SWK GSA no later than January 15 of every fifth year, beginning in 2031.

4. Exceptions: Groundwater wells with existing meters that do not comply with sections 1.a and 1.b may have until December 1, 2026 to replace the existing meter with a meter that is compliant with this Policy. However, sections 1.d, 2.a, 2.b and 3.a(i & ii) of this Policy must still be adhered with in the interim.

5. Costs, Fees, and Penalties:
a. Costs: The GSA shall be responsible for the costs of purchasing and installing the flowmeter. The landowner shall be responsible for all costs for maintaining, record-keeping, and calibrating the meter on any of its groundwater wells.
b. Fees: SWK GSA shall not impose any fees for field reviews, collection and recordation of data, landowner communications, and related activities, except as addressed in section 5.c.
c. Enforcement: If any action required by this Policy (e.g., failing to install, identify or calibrate a meter, or other required submittal) is more than one month delinquent, the SWK GSA has the full authority to take action to make the necessary purchases, repairs, calibrations, readings, and related activities and charge the delinquent landowner the full costs for performing such actions, including any expenses incurred by a contractor(s), staff, consultant(s), attorney(s), or vendor(s) to rectify the non-conformance with this Policy.

Compliance Schedule	
Activity	Due Date
Submission of Totalizer Records	Monthly
Calibration Schedule	Every five (5) years Starting October 1, 2026, or as specified by manufacturer
Replace Nonconforming Meters	December 1, 2026