SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
Special Board Meeting
Minutes
May 21, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency met at 19813 Madison Ave, Stratford, California, on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at the hour of 3:30 p.m.

Chair Vidovich presided and Staci Wilkins recorded the minutes.

Directors Present: John Vidovich
Craig Andrew
Jim Wilson

Directors Absent:

Others Present: Brett Stroud
Staci Wilkins
Amer Hussain
Celeste Barcella
Antonio Solorio
Morgan Campbell
Ceil Howe, Jr.
Brandon Sargent
Julie Martella
Johnny Gailey
Guntars Vecpuisis
Riley Jones
Monserrat Solis

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board received public comments from one member of the public: Riley Jones. Mr. Jones asked if there were plans to fill the two vacancies on the Board. The Board restated its interest in applicants to fill the at-large director position, which must be filled by a landowner or representative of a landowner with lands in the "White Area."

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into Closed Session at 3:32 p.m.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
   Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (two potential cases)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:45 p.m. There was no reportable action taken in closed session.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on March 19, 2026
3. Approval/Ratification of Warrants and Finances (01/01/2026 – 04/30/2026)

   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

4. Consider approval of Project Proposal from Landmark Irrigation for meters and telemetry.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the Landmark Irrigation Project Proposal. (3-0)

5. Consider approval of the cost estimate from Water Associates for installation of meters and telemetry.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the cost estimate from Water Associates. (3-0)

6. Consider action to approve form of "Access, Entry, and Indemnity Agreement" for Groundwater Meter Installation and Monitoring Program.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the "Access, Entry, and Indemnity Agreement" with one modification for the amount of notice to be made before a site visit. (3-0)

At this point in the meeting, items on the agenda were taken out of order

8. Consider action to stay implementation of Groundwater Allocation Policy.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to stay the implementation of the Groundwater Allocation Policy. (3-0) Mr. Stroud will work with staff to prepare a revised policy to present to the Board at a later meeting for consideration and approval.

9. Consider adoption of "New Well Installation Policy".

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to adopt the "New Well Installation Policy" as presented. (3-0)

10. Consider Project Review Consultation notice from Kings County Community Development Agency of Site Plan Review for No. 26-04 (GPD Group, Inc./Rivian).

    Directors Vidovich and Andrew identified conflicts of interest with regard to this matter under the Political Reform Act. Specifically, the property at issue is owned by Sandridge Partners, L.P., in which they have a material financial interest. Under the rule of necessity, both directors were requalified to restore the quorum of three directors. On the recommendation of counsel, no action was taken.

At this point in the meeting, the agenda returned to its previous order.

7. Consider action to approve the Tulare Lake Model Update Proposal.

    On the motion of Director Wilson and seconded by Director Craig, the Board voted to approve the Tulare Lake Model Update Proposal with a cost share amount of $36,086.39 for Southwest Kings GSA. (3-0)

11. Consider action to cancel or reschedule regular Board meeting on June 5, 2026.

    On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to cancel the meeting on June 5, 2026, and set a special meeting on a date to be determined. (3-0)

UPDATES

12. Tulare Lake Subbasin

    Mr. Hussain reported that the subbasin GSAs are working with the SWRCB and hope to have a commitment on the frequency of meetings. The GSP will be in the format of the Delta-Mendota model and should be ready by first quarter 2027. There will need to be coordination on Native Yield amounts, credits for surface water deliveries and losses, a unified well mitigation plan, and a consistent subbasin management plan. There is a plan to hire a neutral third party to represent the subbasin between the GSAs and the SWRCB.

13. Meters and Telemetry

    Mr. Vecpuisis reported that there are ten wells (five deep and five domestic/livestock). The GSA will be installing Seametric meters with telemetry equipment supplied by Landmark Irrigation, with WiseCon tracking and storing the data.

14. General Counsel Update - None

15. Director Reports and Comments - None

16. Other updates, as appropriate - None

ADJOURNMENT

17. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the May 21, 2026, meeting, Chair Vidovich adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m. to a date to be determined.

Attest:

Craig Andrew, Vice Chair

Jim Wilson, Secretary