SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes
August 7, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency met at 19813 Madison Avenue, Stratford, California, on Friday, August 7, 2026, at the hour of 1:00 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
Amer Hussain
Staci Wilkins
Ceil W Howe
Jaime Howe
Julie Martella
Guntars Vecpuisis
Monserrat Solis
Branden Sargent
Morgan Campbell
Riley Jones

The meeting was called to order at 1:16 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval/Ratification of Southwest Kings GSA warrants/finances (05/01/2026 – 07/15/2026)
2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on May 21, 2026

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the Consent Calendar 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, 2023.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2023. (3-0)

4. Consider action to adopt the 2027 Budget.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to adopt the 2027 Budget with a revision to the assessment rate. (3-0)

5. Consider adoption of Resolution 2026-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY APPROVING THE LEVYING OF 2027 ASSESSMENTS.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board approved setting the assessment rate for 2026-27 at two dollars ($2.00) per acre for parcels 10 acres or more, and adopting Resolution 2026-01. (3-0)

6. Consider adoption of Resolution 2026-02 A RESOLUTION STATING THE POWERS OF A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY TO FIX AND COLLECT CHARGES ON THE 2026-2027 YEARS KINGS COUNTY TAX ROLL.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 2026-02. (3-0)

7. Consider adoption of Resolution 2026-03 A RESOLUTION SETTING ASIDE THE GROUNDWATER ALLOCATION POLICY AND NEW WELL POLICY.

   On the motion of Director Wilson and seconded by Director Andrew, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 2026-03. Revised policies will be presented for consideration at a special meeting on Friday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m after a public comment period. (3-0)

8. Consider action to approve proposal from Geosyntec Consultants to provide updates for the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the proposal from Geosyntec Consultants to provide updates for the single GSP for the Tulare Lake Subbasin. (3-0)

9. Consider action to approve proposal from Luhdorff & Scalmanini to provide updates for the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the proposal from Luhdorff & Scalmanini to provide updates for the single GSP for the Tulare Lake Subbasin. (3-0)

10. Consider action to contract with Altum Aqua Logic, LLC for consulting services on behalf of the Tulare Lake Subbasin.

    On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to approve the proposal from Altum Aqua Logic, LLC for consulting services on behalf of the Tulare Lake Subbasin. (3-0)

11. Consider action to name Stacie Ann Silva as the Point of Contact for the Tulare Lake Subbasin.

    On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to name Stacie Ann Silva as the Point of Contact for the Tulare Lake Subbasin. (3-0)

12. Consider action to submit a revised Conflict of Interest Code under the Political Reform Act.

    On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Wilson, the Board voted to submit the agency's proposed revised Conflict of Interest Code to the FPPC. (3-0)

UPDATES

13. Tulare Lake Subbasin Update
    a. Monthly meetings have been set with SWRCB staff. The next discussion will focus on well mitigation. The goal will be for the GSAs to agree upon a basin-wide plan for mitigation.
    b. On July 31, DWR held a meeting for the subbasin to review land subsidence and to discuss how to get it under control using the Best Management Plan (BMP) recently approved by the State. There needs to be action now to get subsidence under control on critical infrastructure within the subbasin (California Aqueduct).

14. Meters and Telemetry
    a. Mr. Vecpuisis reported that five of the eight wells have telemetry. They are working to set up the dashboards for accessibility by the owners. The remaining three wells will be fitted with telemetry in August.
    b. The Board agreed that monthly reports should be generated showing the amount of water pumped. The data will be submitted for the Annual Report.

15. General Counsel Update – None

16. Director Reports and Comments – None

17. Other Updates, as appropriate – None

CLOSED SESSION Mr. Stroud announced there was not a need for a Closed Session.

18. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation [Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]
    a. *Westlake Farms, Inc., A California Corporation, et al vs. Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency,* Kings County Superior Court, Case #26CU0226
    b. *County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County vs. Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency,* Kings County Superior Court, Case #26CU0227
    c. *Tulare Lake Subbasin Probationary Proceedings*, State Water Resources Control Board

19. Report from Closed Session (Gov. Code, §54957.1)

ADJOURNMENT

20. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the August 7, 2026, meeting, Chair Vidovich adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m. until the special Board

meeting scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on September 18, 2026, at 19813 Madison Avenue, Stratford, or as otherwise directed by the Board

Attest:

Craig Andrew, Vice Chair

Kim Wilson, Secretary