

**Attendees:**

**Members**

- Charles Meyer, Stratford Irrigation District
- David Brown, City of Lemoore
- Doug Verboon, County of Kings (alternate)
- Jeff Chedester, City of Lemoore (alternate)
- Joe Neves, County of Kings
- Phil Brooks, Empire West Side Irrigation District (alternate)

**Others Present**

- Bill Black
- Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District
- David Kahn, Kahn, Soares and Conway, Stratford Irrigation District
- Don Wright
- Dusty Ference, Kings County Farm Bureau
- Eric Osterling, Kings River Conservation District
- Nathan Olson, City of Lemoore
- Noam Ignacio, SRR. Tachi-Yokut Tribe EPA
- Randy Shilling, Kings River Conservation District

**Absent:**

**Members**

- Stratford Public Utility District

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order at 5:31 pm

Presenter: Eric Osterling

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 2: Governing Board Appointments

Presenter: Eric Osterling

Discussion:

The following members were sworn in:

- a. Charles Meyer, Stratford Irrigation District
- b. David Brown, City of Lemoore
- c. Doug Verboon, County of Kings (alternate); sworn in separately. See agenda item 7 for details.
- d. Jeff Chedester, City of Lemoore (alternate); sworn in separately. See agenda item 7 for details.
- e. Joe Neves, County of Kings
- f. Phil Brooks, Empire West Side Irrigation District (alternate); sworn in separately. See agenda item 7 for details.

Actions: None.

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Agenda Item 3: Appointment of Officers

Presenters: Eric Osterling, Chair Neves

Discussion: None.

Actions:

- a. Approved: It was moved by Director Brown, seconded by Director Meyer, and unanimously carried by Directors Brown, Neves, and Meyer that Director Joe Neves serve as Chair.
- b. Approved: It was moved by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Brown, and unanimously carried by Directors Brown, Neves, and Meyer that Director Ceil Howe serve as Vice Chair.
- c. Approved: It was moved by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Neves, and unanimously carried by Directors Brown, Neves, and Meyer that Director Troy Young serve as Secretary.

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Agenda Item 4: Public Comment

Presenter: Chair Neves

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

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Agenda Item 5: Director Reports

Presenter: Chair Neves

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

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Agenda Item 6: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update Presenter: Eric Osterling

Discussion:

Eric Osterling, Kings River Conservation District, summarized the SGMA handout presented in the agenda packet and introduced the GSA's next step is to create a Groundwater Sustainability Plan, as per SGMA's requirements.

Actions: None.

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Agenda Item 7: Consider Actions for Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation Presenter: Eric Osterling

Discussion:

- a. Public Hearing for Election to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency was held.
  - i. Osterling clarified questions regarding the state's involvement and expectations for GSAs to meet requirements.
  - ii. A plan must be adopted by the GSA by January 2020. Following implementation of the plan, the agencies will report to the state annually with an audit conducted by the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board every five years.
  - iii. Osterling described the various current status regarding costs and fees associated with these efforts.
  - iv. SFKGSA will coordinate efforts with other GSAs in the Tulare Lake Subbasin (El Rico GSA, Southwest Kings GSA, Mid-Kings River GSA, Alpaugh GSA and Tri-County Water Authority GSA).
  - v. Note: at this point of the minutes, Alternate Directors Phil Brooks, Jeff Chedester, and Doug Verboon were identified in the audience and the hearing was paused to take time to swear them in.



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Agenda Item 11: Consider Adoption of Resolution 2017-02 Regarding Bank Signatures Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

- a. The Board reviewed Resolution 2017-02 designating JP Morgan Chase Bank as the depository of the SFKGSA's funds, and authorizing the signatories for the management and withdrawal of the SFKGSA's funds.
- b. As per the fiscal and administrative agent agreement, the fiscal agent, Randy Shilling (KRCD), will serve as the Treasurer for the GSA. The Directors can choose to change the appointed term of office for the Treasurer. It was suggested that the term initially be 1-2 years.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Brown, seconded by Director Meyer, and unanimously carried by Directors Brown, Neves, Meyer, Verboon (alternate), Chedester (alternate), and Brooks (alternate) that the 2017-02 Resolution Regarding Bank Signatures be adopted and set the Treasurer's term at one year, up for renewal on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

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Agenda Item 12: Consider Initial Budget and Appointment of Ad Hoc Budget Committee Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

- a. Discuss establishing the SFKGSA initial budget for the period March 8 - June 30, 2017. Fiscal year will end June 30 of each year.
- b. The budget includes a subtotal of \$38,575.00 in projected expenses and \$44,748.48 in contributions from various local agencies.

Actions:

- a. It was moved by Director Brown, seconded by Director Brooks (alternate), and unanimously carried by Directors Brown, Neves, Meyer, Verboon (alternate), Chedester (alternate), and Brooks (alternate) that the initial budget for the period March 8 – June 30, 2017 be approved, as written.
- b. Chair Neves appointed Directors Brown and Meyer to serve on the Budget Committee.

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Agenda Item 13: Conflict-of-Interest Code Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

- a. The Board received a draft Conflict-of-Interest Code and began a 45-day public comment period.
- b. Colleen Carlson, legal counsel for Kings County, provided additional information regarding the Fair Political Practices Commission's expectations and the process to file Form 700s.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Brown, seconded by Director Meyer, and unanimously carried by Directors Brown, Neves, Meyer, Verboon (alternate), Chedester (alternate), and Brooks (alternate) that the Conflict-of-Interest Code was received, as written.

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Agenda Item 14: Consider Approval of SFKGSA Insurance Policy

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

- a. The Board received the Glatfelter Public Practice Insurance Policy for liability insurance and director's and officer's insurance. Shilling reviewed the document.
- b. Legal counsel answered questions about likelihood of risk for directors and the lack of insurance available locally.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Brooks (alternate), and unanimously carried by Directors Brown, Neves, Meyer, Verboon (alternate), Chedester (alternate), and Brooks (alternate) that the Glatfelter Public Practice Insurance Policy be approved, as presented.

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Agenda Item 15: Consider Selection of Technical Consultant

Presenter: Eric Osterling

Discussion:

- a. Recommendation to direct staff to initiate a process to submit requests for proposals or select the contract submitted by Aegis Groundwater Consulting by the board to support the development of Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
- b. Discussion ensued regarding other available hydrologist technical experts without a conflict of interest and the best means to reduce duplication of effort and costs.
- c. The expenses for a technical consultant are included in the approved budget. It was recommended to retain a consultant on an ongoing process, instead of a phased approach.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Brooks (alternate), and unanimously carried by Directors Brown, Neves, Meyer, Verboon (alternate), Chedester (alternate), and Brooks (alternate) that Aegis Groundwater Consulting serves as the technical consultant for SFKGSA.

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Agenda Item 16: Consider Appointment of Members to a Management Committee

Presenter: Ken Richardson

Discussion:

- a. It was recommended to the board to appoint a staff member (not a board member) to oversee day-to-day administration and all activities undertaken in pursuit of the goals and objectives of the SFKGSA as identified in the JPA. It was encouraged to appoint staff members (not a board member) now or at a later date.
- b. The board requested a list of contributors from KRCD staff to review prior to making an appointment at the next board meeting.

Actions: None

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Agenda Item 17: Stakeholder Outreach and Communications

Presenter: Cristel Tufenkjian

Discussion:

- a. SGMA requires stakeholder outreach allowing stakeholders the opportunity to participate in the SGMA implementation process. A SFKGSA website has been developed to assist with stakeholder outreach. The website will help accomplish SGMA's requirements:
  - i. Interested Persons sign-up to receive agendas and meeting information
  - ii. Post agenda and minutes (as per Brown act)

Actions: None.

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Agenda Item 18: Other Items for Discussion

Presenter: Chair Neves

Discussion:

- a. Carlson offered to help administer meetings, workshops, and/or study sessions to better understand the function of the SFKGSA.
- b. Don Wright offered his GSA meeting reports via email.

Actions: None

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Agenda Item 19: Set Next Meeting Date

Presenters: Chair Neves, Cristel Tufenkjian

Discussion:

- a. It was agreed by consensus to hold quarterly SFKGSA meetings on the First Thursday at 5:30 pm.
- b. Workshop to answer questions will be allotted for 45 minutes-1 hour prior to the next board meeting, with time for Q&A.
- c. KRCD staff will provide a list of appointments for management committee and consider a time for the budget subcommittee to meet.

Actions:


The Board approved by consensus to hold a workshop at 5:30 pm on Thursday, April 27, 2017 with a board meeting following at 6:30 pm at Lemoore City Council Chambers.

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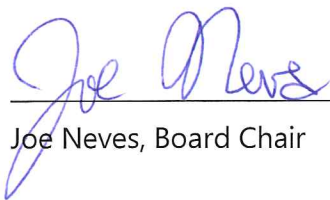
Agenda Item 20: Adjournment

Adjourned 7:10 pm

Submitted by:



Troy Young, Board Secretary



approved on April 27, 2017

Joe Neves, Board Chair