

Attendees:

Members

Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair)
Ceil Howe, Empire West Side Irrigation District (Vice Chair)
Troy Young, Stratford Public Utilities District (Secretary)
David Brown, City of Lemoore
Paul Newton, Stratford Irrigation District (alternate)

Others Present

Paul Peschel, Kings River Conservation District
Chad Souza, Farm Credit West
Nathan Olson, City of Lemoore
Doug Rayner
David Kahn, Stratford Irrigation District
Colleen Carlson, Kings County
Chris Johnson, Aegis Groundwater Consulting
Dusty Ference, Kings Co. Farm Bureau
Larry Spikes, Kings County
Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District
Randy Shilling, Kings River Conservation District
Eric Osterling, Kings River Conservation District

Absent:

Members

None

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order at 5:30 p.m. Presenter: Chair Neves

Agenda Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance Presenter: Chair Neves

Agenda Item 3: Public Comment Presenter: Chair Neves

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Agenda Item 4: Consider Approval of the Minutes Presenter: Chair Neves

Discussion: None.

Actions:

- a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Young, and unanimously carried by Directors Neves, Howe, Young, Brown, and Newton that the April 27, 2017 workshop minutes and April 27, 2017 board meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Agenda Item 5: Director Reports Presenter: Chair Neves

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

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

Discussion:

- a. Eric Osterling gave an update on Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation and Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) progress within the Kings and Tulare Lake subbasins. All GSAs must be filed with the State by June 30, 2017 and GSPs must be submitted by the end of January 2020.
- b. Osterling presented information about grant opportunities relevant to the SFKGSA. A minimum 50% cost share is expected for all Proposition 1 SGMA grants, however if a GSA can prove their projects will benefit Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) or Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDACs), the cost share could be less. County and KRCD staff are pursuing DAC/SAC designation for the SFKGSA's projects.

Actions: None.

Agenda Item 7: Consider Adopting the Conflict of Interest Code Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

- a. Shilling reported that the 45-day comment period ended April 24, 2017 with no comments received on the Conflict of Interest Code. He then refreshed the Board's memory on the expectations of the Conflict of Interest Code for staff members and Directors.

Actions:

- a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Brown, and unanimously carried by Directors Neves, Howe, Young, Brown, and Newton that the Conflict of Interest Code be approved as presented.

Agenda Item 8: Consider Authorizing Notification of Intent to Prepare a GSP Presenter: Eric Osterling

Discussion:

- a. Osterling summarized the process to send a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) notification letter to the Department of Water Resources.

Discussion:

- a. The Board discussed several funding options schedules with respect to the draft FY 2018 budget.

Actions:

- a. Agenda item was tabled to the July 20, 2017 special meeting.

Agenda Item 13: Consider Approval of Contract with Aegis Groundwater Consulting Presenter: Eric Osterling

Discussion:

- a. Osterling provided context regarding an Agreement for Consulting Services with Aegis Groundwater Consulting LLC to provide hydrogeological support services related to the completion of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
- b. The Board discussed distinctions between confidential and public well data, according to the Public Records Act.
- c. Osterling will speak with SFKGSA legal counsel regarding possible indemnification redundancy in two sections, removing the Alameda County reference on the signature page of the contract, and possibly including language that will grant SFKGSA ownership of any data, tools or reports that are collected or prepared under the contract.

Actions:

- a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Young, and unanimously carried by Directors Neves, Howe, Young, Brown, and Newton that the Agreement for Consulting Services with Aegis Groundwater Consulting LLC be approved on the provision that the requested changes are included in the updated contract.

Agenda Item 14: Stakeholder Outreach and Communications Presenter: Cristel Tufenkjian

Discussion:

- a. Cristel Tufenkjian reported that outreach to SFK stakeholders will be aligned with outreach for a possible future Prop 218 election.

Actions: None.

Agenda Item 15: Other Items for Discussion Presenter: Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions: None

Agenda Item 16: Set Next Meeting Date

Presenters: Chair Neves, Cristel
Tufenkjian

Discussion:

- a. As had been briefly discussed under Item 12, Osterling recommended that a special meeting be held on July 20 to provide the Board with a study session on the budget, to approve the budget, and to approve an engineering consultant.
- b. Tufenkjian presented a 2017-2018 regular meeting calendar. Tufenkjian reported that the meetings will be held quarterly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Lemoore City Council Chambers.

Actions:

- a. It was moved by Director Young, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried by Directors Neves, Howe, Young, Brown, and Newton that the Board hold regular meetings at 5:30 p.m. at Lemoore City Council Chambers located at 429 C Street Lemoore, CA 93245 during the following dates and that a study session (workshop) and special meeting be held on July 20, 2017 starting at 5:30 pm (30 minute budget workshop) with the special board meeting starting at 6:00 pm:
 - 1. September 21, 2017
 - 2. December 21, 2017
 - 3. March 15, 2018
 - 4. June 21, 2018
 - 5. September 20, 2018
 - 6. December 20, 2018

Agenda Item 17: Adjournment

Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Troy Young, Board Secretary

_____ approved on July 20, 2017
Joe Neves, Board Chair