South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Workshop and Special Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
Lemoore City Council Chambers

Members Present:

Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair)
Ceil Howe, Empire West Side Irrigation District (Vice Chair)
Troy Young, Stratford Public Utility District
David Brown, City of Lemoore
Charles Meyer, Stratford Irrigation District

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District
Randy Shilling, Kings River Conservation District
Eric Osterling, Kings River Conservation District
Bob Anderson, Geosyntec Consultants
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec Consultants
Rebecca Campbell, County of Kings
Bill Newton, LCIC/Stratford

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER **Presenter:** Chair Neves

The workshop was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Item 2: PROPOSED 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET **Presenter:** Randy Shilling

Discussion:

Treasurer Randy Shilling presented and discussed the proposed 2017-18 budget and the funding mechanism recommended by the Budget Committee.

Actions: None.

Item 3: ADJOURNMENT **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER **Presenter:** Chair Neves

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Item 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Item 3: PUBLIC COMMENT **Presenter:** Chair Neves

There was no public comment.

Item 4: CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION TO SELECT GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

Staff Eric Osterling reported on the results of the Request for Qualifications process, clarified questions regarding upcoming grant opportunities, and backed the recommendation of the Management Committee to select Geosyntec Consultants for the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (SFKGSA) Professional Engineering Services needs.

Actions:

It was moved by Vice Chair Howe, seconded by Director Brown, and unanimously carried to contract with Geosyntec Consultants for technical engineering consulting services.

Item 5: INTERIM OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR THE TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN **Presenter:** Eric Osterling

Discussion:

Staff Osterling and Vice Chair Howe explained the expectations that would come with entering an interim operating agreement with the other Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Tulare Lake Subbasin to coordinate a joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

The SFKGSA's legal counsel approved the document in its current form, but anticipates some changes once the other GSAs' legal counsels respond with comments on the agreement.

The Board requested that any future agreement reviewed and approved by legal counsel include his initials on the document to confirm inspection.

Actions:

It was moved by Vice Chair Howe, seconded by Director Meyer, and unanimously carried to approve in principal the language of the Interim Operating Agreement and to execute it in support of filing a joint Tulare Lake Subbasin application for Proposition 1 GSP planning grant funding.

Item 6: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF SFKGSA FISCAL YEAR BUDGET **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion: None.

Actions:

It was moved by Vice Chair Howe, seconded by Director Meyer, and unanimously carried to adopt the SFKGSA Fiscal Year 2018 budget for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (FY18).

Item 7: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF FUNDING MECHANISM **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

Discussion centered on invoicing the Members for their share of the budgeted amounts. The Members indicated that they needed some time to go back to their individual boards and explain the funding mechanism and get payment authorized. It was requested that a letter explaining the funding mechanism from the Fiscal Agent, crafted with the assistance of General Counsel, be sent to each Member and that actual invoices be delayed for the time being.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Young, and unanimously carried to adopt a funding mechanism (fee schedule) to fund FY 2018 budget expenditures.

Item 8: OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

Osterling explained the rationale behind digitally recording the Board meetings and explained that the recordings are discarded after the minutes are approved. A member of the public recommended the Board consider video streaming their meetings.

Osterling discussed agenda items for future meetings.

Osterling explained the GSA notification deadline has now passed and the interactive GSAs map on the California Department of Water Resources' website has been updated.

The Board discussed the need to maintain good coordination with the other GSAs in the Tulare Lake Subbasin.

Actions: None.

Item 9: NEXT MEETING DATE **Presenter:**

Discussion: None.

Actions:

Special Meeting of the Board on August 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board on September 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Item 10: ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Troy Young, Board Secretary

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Joe Neves, Board Chair