

# South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2018 at 5:30 PM  
Lemoore City Council Chambers

## Members Present:

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

## Members Absent:

None

## Others Present:

Eric Osterling, Kings River Conservation District  
Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District  
Randy Shilling, Kings River Conservation District  
Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District  
Dennis Tristao, J.G. Boswell

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District  
Karen Ormsby, Grand Jury  
Alice M. Fall  
Nathan Olson, City of Lemoore  
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec

## Public Hearing

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<b>Item 1:</b>	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Chair Neves
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The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.

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<b>Item 2:</b>	<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Chair Neves
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<b>Item 3:</b>	<u>PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION</u>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Chair Neves
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### Discussion:

a. Overview: of Prop. 218 assessment

Program Administrator Eric Osterling provided some background on the formation of the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency and explained the necessity of the Prop. 218 assessment to fund its activities. Osterling summarized the various outreach opportunities and materials provided to the public, explained the purpose and intent of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) and how it led to the creation of the local GSAs within California. Osterling addressed the long-term sustainability objectives of the SFKGSA via the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in order to meet the objectives of SGMA.

Osterling and the Board answered questions regarding the budget, as shown in the Engineer's Report, and explained the process of the Prop. 218 election and that landowners would be billed via their County property tax bill. The Board answered questions regarding future assessment rates and projects. Osterling explained the benefits of the local control (SFKGSA) versus state control (California State Water Resources Control Board) including a lower assessment fee and more public input on water management practices. Osterling stated the legality of SGMA and the ramifications should the GSA not have enough funds to create and implement the GSP in order to be within compliance of the law. Osterling provided examples of what





