

South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2018 at 5:31 PM
Lemoore City Council Chambers

Members Present:

Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair)
David Brown, City of Lemoore (Secretary)
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	Karen Ormsby, Grand Jury
Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District	Amer Hussain, Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District	Julianne Phillips, Kings County
Nathan Olson, City of Lemoore	Jeff Coelho

WORKSHOP

Item 1:	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Presenter:	Chair Neves
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The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM

Item 2:	<u>PROPOSED 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET</u>	Presenter:	Eric Osterling Amer Hussain
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Discussion:

Program Administrator Eric Osterling introduced the proposed 2018-19 fiscal year budget up for approval, which was prepared according to the recently approved Engineer's Report. Technical consultant Geosyntec staff Amer Hussain explained the context with each line item and updated the Board on timelines for task order completion. The budget's amounts were determined based on SGMA's requirements and the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Best Management Practices for the Sustainable Management of Groundwater: Water Budget. Hussain updated the Board that the Basin-wide GSP is being prepared, so the schedule may be adjusted according to the Basin-wide GSP to ensure information is prepared and shared in a timely manner.

Osterling responded to the Task Order comments they can bring all Task Orders to the Board at once for consideration in line with the 2018-19 budget approval. The Board discussed the contingency line item and expressed their desire to not use that contingency. Osterling answered questions regarding groundwater modeling progress within the Basin, funded by a grant received from the County of Kings. Hussain will bring the status of the current model being developed across the Basin and its impacts to South Fork at the next Regular Board meeting. The Board discussed potential recharge opportunities which will be addressed further in Task Order 8.

Actions: None.

Item 3:	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	Adjourned:	5:53 PM
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Osterling reported on tools various organizations are developing to help with SGMA-related mandates regarding shallow groundwater, Disadvantaged Community Vulnerability assessment, and identifying lands prime for retirement.

DWR is hosting a SGMA Assistance Workshop April 24, 2018 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial.

Actions: None.

Item 8: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS **Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

Staff Brian Trevarrow summarized the financials, as presented in the agenda packet. Trevarrow informed the Board to anticipate the fourth quarter billing to be issued around mid-May, to wrap up the budget June 30, 2018.

Actions:

Director Meyer motioned, seconded by Director Howe, and it was unanimously carried to approve the financials.
(AYES: Brown, Howe, Meyer, Mercer, Neves; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

Item 9: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS **Presenter:** Cristel Tufenkjian

Discussion:

Cristel Tufenkjian presented the Prop 218 informational mailing sent identifying workshops. Spanish translation (via headset) will be available at the workshop. A webinar will also be offered.

The materials highlighted the difference in fee structure, favoring the South Fork Kings GSA and explained how the City of Lemoore is participating through their own funding mechanism. Tufenkjian presented the new Prop 218 election webpage on the SFK GSA website that contains more information.

The Kings County Farm Bureau will also distribute information on their workshops. Tufenkjian presented web traffic data. The Board complimented staff on their presentation to the Stratford Irrigation District Board.

Actions: None.

Item 10: OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Item 11: NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

Public workshops will be held May 1 and 21, 2018 in the Lemoore Veterans Memorial Building at 3:00 PM and a webinar on May 3, 2018 at 3:00 PM.

Regular Board meeting at June 21, 2018, with a public hearing at 5:30 PM.

The Board discussed ballot logistics and concerns.

Julianne Philips, County of Kings, drew the Board's attention to the County of King's Division of Water Resources webpage that now includes a SGMA resource webpage.

Actions: None.

Respectfully submitted,

David Brown, Board Secretary

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Joe Neves, Board Chair