South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2018 at 5:30 PM Lemoore City Council Chambers

Members Present:

Members Absent:

None.

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

Others Present:

Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District

Randy Shilling, Kings River Conservation District

Amer Hussain, Geosyntec

Karen Ormsby, Grand Jury

Shirley Miller, Grand Jury

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Jeff Coelho

Jeff Gilcrease

Calvin Moarede

Antonio Solorio, Westlands Water District

Julianne Phillips, Kings County

Madell Pedersen, Simas Farming, LL

Item 1:

CALL TO ORDER

Presenter:

Chair Neves

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Item 2:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presenter:

Chair Neves

Item 3:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presenter:

Chair Neves

<u>Discussion</u>: None.

Actions: None.

Item 4:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presenter:

Chair Neves

Discussion: None.

Actions:

Director Howe motioned, seconded by Director Meyer, and it was unanimously carried to approve the June 21 and July 19, 2018 minutes.

(AYES: Brown, Howe, Mercer, Meyer, Neves; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

Item 5:

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Presenter:

Chair Neves

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Item 6:

STAFF REPORT

Presenter:

Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Program Administrator Charlotte Gallock reported on Tulare Lake Subbasin Coordination Meetings and Count of Kings Board of Directors meeting activities.

Actions: None.

Item 7:

SUSTIANABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE

Presenter:

Amer Hussain

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Discussion:

Technical Consultant, Amer Hussain, Geosyntec Consultants, reported on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) progress taking place within the Tulare Lake Subbasin Coordination Meeting. It was determined that each Groundwater Sustainability Agency would be represented in chapters within the GSP. Geosyntec will be reaching out to the Board for data to be used in the Water Budget. Geosyntec is working with Aegis Groundwater Consulting for well monitoring evaluation efforts. Hussain also reported the South Fork Kings GSA, North Fork Kings GSA, and the Westlands GSA are actively sharing data.

Actions: None.

Item 8:

AD HOC TECHNICAL GROUP

Presenter:

Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Gallock explained the Ad Hoc Technical Group will meet approximately one-two times per month to review scientific information from Geosyntec and provide recommendations to the Board. The Board intends to recruit approximately seven to ten individuals with knowledge in well drilling and municipalities, with no more than two board members present. For convenience, and with legal approval, ad hoc groups can utilize telecommunications software to encourage participation.

Actions: None.

Item 9:

FUNDING MECHANISM

Presenter:

Randy Shilling

Discussion:

Treasurer Randy Shilling presented a funding plan to provide funds for the GSA to operate until the Prop 218 assessment revenue is available for deposit in January-February 2019. Shilling summarized the plan, as detailed on pages 8-9 of the agenda packet, and explained that he received affirmation from County staff to bill the County first and the remaining Member agencies would be billed if needed and after further direction from the board at a later date.

The Board thanked the County staff for providing the funding during this interim period.

Actions:

Director Howe motioned, seconded by Director Meyer, and it was unanimously carried to approve the staff-recommended funding plan to provide funds for the GSA to operate between now and early 2019.

(AYES: Brown, Howe, Mercer, Meyer, Neves; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

Item 10:

AUDIT CONTRACT

Presenter:

Randy Shilling

Discussion:

Shilling explained the Request for Proposals process and summarized the two proposals received. Shilling recommended the Board select Cuttone & Mastro to audit the South Fork Kings GSA records.

Actions:

Director Howe motioned, seconded by Director Mercer, and it was unanimously carried to authorize Chair Neves to sign a three-year contact with Cuttone & Mastro to provide audit services.

(AYES: Brown, Howe, Mercer, Meyer, Neves; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

Item 11:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Presenter:

Randy Shilling

Discussion:

Shilling presented the financial report for Board review and approval and noted that spending for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 was under budget.

Actions:

Director Brown motioned, seconded by Director Meyer, and it was unanimously carried to receive the financial reports for the period ending June 30, 2018.

(AYES: Brown, Howe, Mercer, Meyer, Neves; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

Item 12:

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

Presenter:

Cristel Tufenkjian

Discussion:

Staff Cristel Tufenkjian presented updates made to the GSA's website and included user engagement statistics. Two videos are on the SFKGSA's YouTube channel. Cristel showed statistics from electronic engagement. The Tulare Lake Subbasin Coordination Group will bring a draft community outreach plan for Board approval in October 2018. Tufenkjian provided examples of the various outreach to ensure a strong response during GSP public comment period. Chair Neves and Tufenkjian discussed considering updating existing videos.

Actions: None.

Item 13:

NEXT MEETING DATE

Presenter:

Chair Neves

Discussion:

Workshop and Regular Board Meeting scheduled for October 18, 2018 5:30pm to discuss Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP Coordination and Communications Plan, Ad Hoc Technical Committee, and financial items.

Regular Board Meeting scheduled for December 20, 2018.

Actions: None.

Item 14:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned:

6:26 PM

	Respectfully submitted,	DiB
		Board Secretary
	_ approved on October 18, 2018	
Joe Neves, Board Chair		

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