

South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Special Meeting and Workshop Minutes

January 17, 2019 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:

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District
Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District
Randy Shilling, Kings River Conservation District (Treasurer)
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)
Bob Anderson, Geosyntec
Pete Dennehy, Geosyntec
Dennis Tristao
Karen Ormsby, Kings County Grand Jury
Antonio Solorio, Westlands Water District
Alan Becker, Sun-World

Doug Verboon, Kings County
Julianne Phillips, Kings County
Jeff Coelho
Bill Miguel, Clarks Fork
Frank Coelho, Jr., Casaca Vineyards
John Coehlo
Nathan Olsen, City of Lemoore
Chad Billingsley, City of Lemoore
Hylon Kaufman, Ranch Systems

Special Meeting

Item 1:	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Presenter:	Chair Neves
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The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Item 2:	<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	Presenter:	Chair Neves
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Item 3:	<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>	Presenter:	Chair Neves
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Discussion:

Bill Miguel (Lemoore, CA) commented regarding overdraft and methods of curing it, including flood flows and recharge projects. He read into the record an excerpt from Decision 1290 in 1967 Kings River Water Association (KRWA) Application for Licenses to Operate Kings River.

Actions: None.

Item 4:	<u>CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</u>	Presenter:	Chair Neves
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Discussion: One date modification noted.

Actions:

Director Howe motioned, seconded by Director Brown, and it was carried to approve the minutes for October 18, 2018, with the noted date modification.

Item 9: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS **Presenter:** Rebecca Quist

Discussion:

Rebecca Quist reported the last email update was sent in October 2018. The website has been updated with items discussed at the last workshop, new articles and more videos. Website traffic is increasing.

A stakeholder survey is currently being conducted via the website and email to ascertain stakeholders' priorities on water use, preferred methods of communication and knowledge of groundwater issues.

Quist discussed a handout on the GSP Stakeholder Outreach Strategy moving forward.

Actions: None.

Item 10: NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

2019 meeting dates: February 21, April 18, June 20, August 15, October 17, December 19

Actions: None.

Item 11: ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 5:58 PM

Workshop

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

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Item 2: GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN UPDATE **Presenter:** Amer Hussain
Bob Anderson

Discussion:

Amer Hussain provided a refresher on previous discussions and asked the Board to consider, in light of the upcoming discussions (no action at this time), what the role of the Board will be after the GSP is submitted in January 2020.

Hussain provided an update on GSP chapter development. A checklist with document locations is being developed, at Charlotte Gallock's request, to ensure all DWR's requirements are being met. Chapter 3, Basin Setting, is currently being reviewed for revisions before presenting to the Board.

Hussain discussed updates on the Sustainable Management Criteria, Monitoring Networks, and Management Actions. Hussain and Anderson are preparing a white paper detailing the SFK GSA's Sustainability Goal and how it will define Undesirable Results. Existing wells are being identified for potential inclusion in the Monitoring Network. Pete Dennehy is working to fill data gaps and establish the network. Options are being reviewed for potential Management Actions.

Bob Anderson discussed updates and revisions to the hydrogeological model and the addition of more GIS data for analysis and use in developing the GSP and Management Actions. The current revisions have been streamlined and better reflect the conditions of the GSA.

Anderson clarified that SFK GSA will be part of a single GSP submitted by all the Tulare Lake Basin GSAs. Ongoing work in the TAG (Technical Advisory Group) by all GSAs will help establish the eventual responsibilities of each GSA.

Anderson presented information on Sustainable Yield and Undesirable Results, including subsidence and overdraft. Overdraft Reduction Allocation/Targets, presented as an Overdraft Management Actions "Menu", were discussed. Monitoring is how the GSA will verify the chosen actions are working or not.

Potential Overdraft Management Actions presented to be discussed in detail further include:

- Boundary Inflow/Outflow improvements
- Surface Water Delivery Improvement
- On-Farm Efficiency Improvement
- New Storage
- Dry Year Management
- Land Conversion
- Water Imports
- Conservation/Reuse

Anderson discussed adaptive management based on the GSP. Regular reviews will allow the mix of Management Actions to evolve between now and 2040.

Discussion continued about potential projects inside and outside the GSA along with potential requirements and issues.

Comments were heard regarding multiple issues.

Hylon Kaufman (Ranch Systems) offered assistance in reviewing metering options and implications.

Hussain intends to address usage of an existing budget item for implementation of the monitoring plan at the next meeting. This will not be a change order.

Chair Neves requested a future workshop on measurement vs. metering.

Dennis Tristao commended GeoSyntec for the clarity of their presentation and graphics.

Chair Neves thanked Director Brown for his service on the Board.

Actions: None.

Item 3: ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 7:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary

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Joe Neves, Board Chair