

# South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting and Workshop Minutes

April 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM  
Lemoore City Council Chambers

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## **Members Present:**

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

## **Members Absent:**

Ceal Howe, Empire West Side Irrigation District (Vice Chair)

## **Others Present:**

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District  
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District  
Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District  
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)  
Bob Anderson, Geosyntec

Frank Coelho, Casaca Vineyards  
Jeff Coelho  
John D. Coelho, Casaca Vineyards

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## Special Meeting

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### **Item 1:**            CALL TO ORDER

**Presenter:**    Chair Neves

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM

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### **Item 2:**            PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Presenter:**    Chair Neves

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### **Item 3:**            ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

**Presenter:**    Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions: None

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### **Item 4:**            PUBLIC COMMENT

**Presenter:**    Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions: None

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### **Item 5:**            CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**Presenter:**    Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions:

It was moved by Director Meyer, seconded by Alternate Director Brooks, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting.

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

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**Item 6:**                    DIRECTOR REPORTS

**Presenter:**     Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions: None

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**Item 7:**                    STAFF REPORT

**Presenter:**     Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock called attention to a handout she distributed, reflecting a timeline for the review period of the GSP. In August/September there will be a completed draft, and then a notice of hearing date for December 2019 will be given. Each GSA will have one Board representative at the hearing. The goal is to adopt the entire plan – all info from each GSA, and incorporating anything from the public comment period that is deemed essential, etc. DWR will then conduct another 60-day public comment period, and promises to have the plan completely reviewed in 2 years, but the GSP must be implemented regardless of review/approval.

It was stated that it might be a good idea to do some outreach to Santa Rosa Rancheria – since they have had an election recently and the new leadership might wish to have input.

Actions: None

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**Item 8:**                    RESOLUTION 2019-01: APPOINTMENT OF A TREASURER

**Presenter:**     Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions:

It was moved by Director Brown, seconded by Director Meyer, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2019-01, appointing Brian Trevarrow as Treasurer.

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

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**Item 9:**                    RESOLUTION 2019-02: BANK SIGNATORIES

**Presenter:**     Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions:

It was moved by Director Brown, seconded by Alternate Director Brooks, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2019-02, designating the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer as signatories on the Agency bank accounts.

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

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**Item 10:**                  FINANCIAL REPORT

**Presenter:**     Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

Brian Trevarrow highlighted certain pieces of information in the financial report, especially noting that the first installment of property tax monies came in from Kings County.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Brown, and unanimously carried to receive the Treasurer's financial update for the period ending March 31, 2019.

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

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**Item 11:**            STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS            **Presenter:**    Rebecca Quist

Discussion:

Rebecca Quist provided a written report on outreach activities and statistics. She highlighted that the second most visited page on the website was the GSP portal, which contains numerous educational resources. Quist and Cristel Tufenkjian have reached out to Trilby, who is doing the outreach for the entire Tulare Lake Subbasin, to coordinate outreach efforts. The same outreach activity that was done at McMullin GSA – a raffle for those who sign up to be on email lists, etc. – is being considered for South Fork.

Actions: None

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**Item 12:**            NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS            **Presenter:**    Chair Neves

Discussion:

One agenda item for later should be how to address governmental agencies that do not receive a tax assessment bill, but who still owe money to the GSA. The next meeting special meeting date will be May 23, 2019; June 20, 2019 is the next regular meeting.

Actions: None

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**Item 13:**            ADJOURNMENT            **Adjourned:** 6:06 PM

## Workshop

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

The workshop was called to order at 6:06 PM

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

Discussion:

The focus of this workshop was proposed projects for the GSA/GSA members to consider in efforts to meet the water budget.

Modeling is complete for the water budget. Zone budgets for each GSA in the Subbasin are completed, and the budget describes the predicted overdraft as a function of the upper aquifer, Corcoran clay, and lower aquifer. The basin as a whole will be working with these numbers to correct overdraft and reach sustainable yields. For SFKGSA, the long-term average annual overdraft for the South Fork Kings GSA is 44,600 AF/Y.

The draft management actions are divided into two categories: Demand Management (50% of the water budget) and Supply Management (50% of the water budget).

- Demand Management Projects (estimated AF/Y in overdraft reduction targets)
  - Groundwater Measurement and Reporting (1,340 AF/Y)
  - Improvements from other GSA's (5,000 AF/Y)
  - On-farm improvements (2,230 AF/Y)
  - Surface water delivery improvement (4,460 AF/Y)
  - Conservation/Re-use (670 AF/Y)
  - Cropping Program to optimize crop types (7,000 AF/Y)
  - Storage and Aquifer Recharge (21,000 AF/Y), with targets based on year classification
- Supply Management (Storage) Actions

- Local groundwater recharge/flood flows (6,300 AF/Y)
- Local surface water storage/flood flows (5,000 AF/Y)
- Ground water storage, focusing on Aquifer Storage and Recovery (10,000 AF/Y)
  - This is going to be a major focus for the SFKGSA, due to its many benefits

There are also Financing Management Actions to consider, but they will be brought up at the next meeting.

Charlotte Gallock will work on a calendar for the rest of the year. December 4, 2019 is the current date for the hearing.

Actions: None

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**Item 3:**

ADJOURNMENT

**Adjourned:** 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ approved on May 23, 2019

Joe Neves, Board Chair