South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Regular Meeting and Workshop Minutes

June 20, 2019 at 5:30 PM
Lemoore City Council Chambers

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District

Others Present:

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)
Karen Ormsby, Kings County Grand Jury
Julianne Phillips, Kings County
Antonio Soloris, WWD
Paul Peschel, Kings River Conservation District
Mike Wicep, Wayne Scott Equity Group ???????

Special Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM

Item 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Item 3: ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions: None

Item 4: PUBLIC COMMENT **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions: None

Item 5: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Meyer, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting.

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

Item 6: DIRECTOR REPORTS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions: None

Item 7: STAFF REPORT **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock reported that the SFKGSA Technical Advisory Group continues to meet and develop the South Fork GSP sections. Currently chapters 2, 3, and 5 have been reviewed; chapter 4 is under review, and chapter 6 was received the day of this meeting. Modeling efforts were completed to show the effects the various projects will have, but the model must operate under the assumption that none of the surrounding areas are being sustainable, and it cannot factor in what they may or may not do; this may change as information is received from those outside/nearby subbasins, etc., and can be input into the model's calculations. Three letters have been received in response to comments on the request of Semitropic for a hearing on the Fully Appropriated Stream on the Kings River; SFKGSA was CC'd on the letter Semitropic wrote to the State Board asking for time to respond to comments, the attorney for the Kings River Water Association wrote a letter opposing Semitropic's request to be able to comment further, and the State Water Resources Control Board sent a letter granting Semitropic until July 12 to respond to the comments that were submitted by the May 31, 2019 deadline.

Actions: None

Item 8: LITIGATION POOL/ACWA-JPIA **Presenter:** Paul Peschel

Discussion:

Mr. Peschel presented information to the Board about the possible formation of a litigation pool to assist GSAs with litigation costs associated with enforcing their GSPs, and about a potential meeting for ACWA-JPIA to present this to the approx. 68 GSAs in ACWA Regions 6 and 7.

Actions:

No action taken; information item only.

Item 9: A. APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2019 – 2020 BUDGET **Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

Discussion: ITEM MOVED UP IN THE AGENDA

The Board was presented with two proposed budgets: Budget Option A, reflecting a per acre charge of $9.34, and Budget Option B, reflecting a per acre charge of $9.80.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Brown, and unanimously carried to approve the proposed 2019 – 2020 Budget Option B, reflecting a per acre charge of $9.80.

(AYES: Brown, Howe, Meyer, and Neves; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mercer – 4/5 majority met)

Item 9: B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2019-03 **Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

Discussion: ITEM MOVED UP IN THE AGENDA

The Board was asked to adopt Resolution 2019-03, which notifies Kings County that the per acre charge to lands within the GSA's boundaries will be $9.80 for Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Brown, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried to Resolution 2019-03.

(AYES: Brown, Howe, Meyer, and Neves; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mercer – 4/5 majority met)

Item 10: TASK ORDERS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion: ITEM MOVED DOWN IN THE AGENDA

Amer Hussain presented Task Orders 10 - 12 for FY 2019 – 2020 to the Board for their approval.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Meyer, and unanimously carried to approve the proposed Task Orders for FY 2019 – 2020.

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

Item 11: FINANCIAL REPORT **Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

Brian Trevarrow had nothing further to present beyond what was shared during the presentation of the FY 2019-2020 Budget, and in answer to questions pertaining to the same.

Actions:

No action taken.

Item 12: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Cristel Tufenkjian reported that two emails were sent out to the interested persons list, and there was a 6% increase to the interested persons list and a 22% increase in views of the website. Ms. Tufenkjian is working on an updated video prior to GSP outreach. Ms. Tufenkjian presented a mock-up of a mailer with info about SGMA, the GSP, etc., and with a detachable portion to have the recipient return it and be added to the "Interested Persons" list.

Actions: None

Item 13: NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

The next meeting will be July 18, 2019. At the July 18 meeting, the consultants are likely to submit a summary on the chapter of the GSP pertaining to projects and management actions. The more important meeting date will be August 15, 2019, in case the July 18, 2019 meeting is cancelled in the absence of any action items.

Actions: None

Item 14: ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 6:26 PM

Workshop

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

The workshop was called to order at 6:27 PM

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

Discussion: The consultants presented on the following:

- Access Agreements
  - APNs have been identified, and they are working to identify landowners
  - Some cases need separate agreements with landowner and well owner
  - Each agreement will be brought to the Board for approval

- ASR Pilot Test
    - Potential test well has been identified
    - They are meeting with regulatory agencies and preparing a workplan to obtain approvals/permits
- Data Management System
    - Items to be done:
        - Determine where data is to be stored
        - Determine what data will be stored
        - Coordinate between SFK and the Tulare Subbasin
- Subbasin Report
    - The annual report is due April 1, 2020, for the Tulare Lake Subbasin
    - On 6/5/19, the requirements for the report were sent out
- Summary of GSP Chapter 4
    - Sustainable Management Criteria
        - Sustainability Goal
        - Water elevation to prevent undesirable results
    - Key Definitions have been provided
    - Each Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) well will have unique measurable objectives and a minimum threshold
    - Adjustments can be made for management action or projects
    - Sustainable groundwater management is assumed after 2035, with no decline in the water level trend
    - A number of RMS wells still need to be installed
    - SFKGSA 2040 Sustainability Goal Summary – to Maintain water levels at these levels or higher by 2040:

Aquifer	Measurable Objective (ft MSL)	Minimum Threshold (ft MSL)
A-zone	190	180
B-zone	-5 to -60	-40 to -95
C-zone	-130	-185

Aquifer	Measurable Objective (ft bgs)	Minimum Threshold (ft bgs)
A-zone	30	20
B-zone	225 to 260	260 to 295
C-zone	330	385

    - Other
        - Groundwater Storage
            - Maintain volume to provide Groundwater for a 5yr drought
        - Subsidence
            - Highest forecast of subsidence with projects is 4ft (within the Subbasin)
        - Groundwater Quality
            - No impact to crop yield or beneficial uses
        - Interconnected Surface Water
            - None

Actions: None

Item 3: ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 7:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

_____ approved on July 18, 2019

Joe Neves, Board Chair