South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Regular Meeting and Workshop Minutes

October 17, 2019 at 5:30 PM
Lemoore City Council Chambers

Members Present:

Doug Verboon, County of Kings
Ceil Howe, Empire West Side Irrigation District (Vice Chair)
David Brown, City of Lemoore (Secretary)
Charles Meyer, Stratford Irrigation District
Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District

Members Absent:

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)
Shirley Miller, Grand Jury
Dennis Tristao
Julianne Phillips, Kings County
Antonio Solorio, WWD

Special Meeting

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER **Presenter:** Vice Chair Howe

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Item 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **Presenter:** Vice Chair Howe

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

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

Item 4: PUBLIC COMMENT **Presenter:** Vice Chair Howe

Discussion:

None

Actions:

None

Item 5: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES **Presenter:** Vice Chair Howe

Discussion:

None

Actions:

It was moved by Director Verboon, seconded by Director Meyer, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting.

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

Item 6: DIRECTOR REPORTS **Presenter:** Vice Chair Howe

Discussion:

None

Actions:

None

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

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock reported that a presentation on the GSP was given at Stratford Irrigation District, and that there were two outreach meetings in Hanford and Lemoore; all were well attended. There was a Technical Advisory Group meeting, and it was decided to present to the Board a section for the Implementation chapter of the GSP that would specifically cover the South Fork Kings GSAs implementation plans.

Actions: None

Item 8: APPROVAL OF AUDIT CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 07/01/2018 – 06/30/2019 **Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

The Board was asked to approve the audit contract for the Fiscal Year starting on July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Verboon, seconded by Director Meyer, and unanimously carried to approve the contract retaining Cuttone and Mastro for the audit of the Fiscal Year starting on July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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

Item 9: FINANCIAL REPORT **Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

Brian Trevarrow reported on the financial status of the Agency as of September 30, 2019, noting that the Agency is comfortably under budget overall for expenditures.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Verboon, seconded by Director Brown, and unanimously carried to approve the financial report for the quarter ending September 30, 2019.

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

Item 10: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Rebecca Quist reported that, a combined fifty-five individuals attended the two workshops held earlier in October in Hanford and Lemoore, and presented on the various mailers, flyers, and other communications that were sent out related to the GSP and SFKGSA activities. There was a 27% increase in website traffic for the month of September.

Actions:

None

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

Discussion:

The next meeting will be November 21, 2019, at 5:30 p.m..

Actions:

None

Item 12: ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 5:46 PM

Workshop

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER **Presenter:** Vice Chair Howe

The workshop was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

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

Discussion: The consultants presented on the following:

- SFKGSA is in a critically over-drafted basin, meaning a GSP is due by January of 2020.
- The chapters of the GSP were briefly delineated and summarized regarding the topics they address.
- It was reiterated that the GSA's responsibility for water quality is to monitor the quality and to mitigate only those quality issues that arise as a result of the GSA's management actions.
- The layout of the monitoring network across the Subbasin was highlighted.
- While there is one GSP for the entire Subbasin, each GSA is listed as a Management Area, and therefore is able to take its own management actions.
- Possible Projects and Management Actions were reviewed in the interest of furthering discussion of implementation plans within SFKGSA.
    - The idea is to use a portfolio of management actions and projects, such that adjustments can be more easily made in order to achieve groundwater use reduction goals.
- It was noted that the highest costs for implementation will come from the land acquisition required to carry out the portfolio of management actions and projects.
- Any specific policies for implementation will need to be voted on and approved by the Board.
    - The first steps in implementation are administrative.
        - Measurement is the first component the consultants recommend addressing.
        - Data management systems would be the next component to address; documenting actions and results.
        - Regular applications for funding will be needed.
    - Demand reduction and supply increase are the next phases of implementation.

Actions: None

Item 3: ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 7:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

_____ approved on November 21, 2019

Joe Neves, Board Chair