South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Regular Meeting and Workshop Minutes

July 16, 2020 at 5:30 PM
Remote via Zoom

Members Present (All via Zoom):

Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair)

Ceil Howe, Jr., Empire West Side Irrigation District (Vice Chair)

John Plourde, City of Lemoore

Charles Meyer, Stratford Irrigation District (5:36 p.m.)

Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District (5:45 p.m.)

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District

Corey McLaughlin, Kings River Conservation District

Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District (Treasurer)

Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District

Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)

Bob Anderson, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)

Ken Richardson (Legal Counsel)

Joel Kimmelshue (presenter from Land IQ)

Frank Coelho.

A. Pytlak

Julianne Phillips

DOE 1 (phone participant)

Regular Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM, and the Roll was called to establish a quorum.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Present
Director Plourde: Present
Director Howe: Present
Directory Meyer: Present
Director Mercer: Absent

Item 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE [DISPENSED WITH] **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: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

5a. and 5b.: It was moved by Director Howe, Seconded by Director Plourde, and unanimously carried to nominate and elect the current Chair (Director Joe Neves) and Vice Chair (Ceil Howe, Jr.) to serve as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Directory Meyer: Absent
Director Mercer: Absent

5c.: It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Neves, and unanimously carried to nominate and elect John Plourde to serve as Secretary.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Directory Meyer: Aye (Present at 5:36 p.m., prior to consideration of Item 5c.)
Director Mercer: Absent

Item 6: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

None

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote, to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Directory Meyer: Aye
Director Mercer: Absent

Item 7: DIRECTOR REPORTS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

None

Actions:

None

Item 8: STAFF REPORT **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Ms. Gallock reported on items of interest to the Board from her attendance at various workshops and meetings; and other staff activities relevant to the Board.

Actions:

None

Item 9: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS **Presenter:** Cristel Tufenkjian

Discussion:

Ms Tufenkjian reported on various outreach activities on behalf of the GSA.

Actions:

None

Item 10: SGMA IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE **Presenter:** Technical Consultants

Discussion:

Amer Hussain reported to the Board regarding the ASR Work Plan, the Landowner Survey, Grant application and administration activities, cooperation with area stakeholders, and other items of note.

Actions:

None.

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

Discussion:

The Treasurer presented a financial update to the Board as of June 30, 2020.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Plourde, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote, to approve the Treasurer's report as of June 30, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Directory Meyer: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye (Present at 5:45 p.m., prior to consideration of this item.)

Item 12: LAND IQ GROUNDWATER CONSUMPTION PRESENTATION **Presenter:** Joel Kimmelshue

Discussion:

The Board received a presentation from Joel Kimmelshue regarding the technologies used by Land IQ to assess groundwater consumption, and asked questions of Mr. Kimmelshue afterward.

Actions:

None.

Item 13: RESOLUTION 2020-03: SETTING REGULAR MEETINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 – 2021 **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

The Board considered adoption of Resolution 2020-03, setting the regular meetings of the Board for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Plourde, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote to adopt Resolution 2020-03, and setting the regular meetings for the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 as set forth therein.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Directory Meyer: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 14: CREATION OF SFKGSA STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Ms. Gallock described the purpose of the Committee to the Board.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Plourde, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote, to create a SFKGSA standing Finance Committee.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Directory Meyer: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

It was further moved by Director Plourde, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote, to nominate and appoint Directors Neves and Plourde to the standing Finance Committee.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Directory Meyer: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 15: CREATION OF SFKGSA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Ms. Gallock described the purpose of the Committee to the Board. Director Meyer noted the importance having landowners on this Committee, and that he would enquire of some individuals who might have interest. Director Plourde volunteered to serve, and Director Neves volunteered to serve until such time as a landowner member could be found for the Committee.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Plourde, seconded by Director Neves, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote, to create a SFKGSA standing Policy Committee and to appoint Directors Neves and Plourde as its members.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Directory Meyer: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 16: KRCD SURFACE ELEVATION MONITORING AGREEMENT **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

The Board received a presentation from Ms. Gallock regarding a proposed cost-sharing agreement with Kings River Conservation District to gather data via surface elevation monitoring and share that data with SFKGSA. Ms. Gallock answered questions from the Board regarding the type of data gathered and the potential uses of that data.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Plourde, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote, to authorize staff to move forward with negotiating the agreement with advice from legal counsel.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Directory Meyer: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 17: BRIDGE~~T~~ FUNDS INVOICE FROM MID-KINGS REGARDING TULARE LAKE BASIN GSP **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Ms. Gallock presented the invoice and reasons for the invoice to the Board.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Plourde, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote, to authorize staff to pay the invoice.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Directory Meyer: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 18: NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

The next meeting will be August 20, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. It will likely be a remote meeting. Director Meyer asked whether it is possible, and how to initiate conversations regarding, how to obtain more surface water to reduce groundwater pumping.

Actions:

None

Item 19: ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

_____ approved on _____

Joe Neves, Board Chair