South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Special Meeting and Workshop Minutes

December 3, 2020 at 5:30 PM
Remote via Zoom

Members Present (All via Zoom):

Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair)

John Plourde, City of Lemoore

Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District

Michael Newton, Stratford Irrigation District

Members Absent:

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

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)

Ken Richardson (Legal Counsel)

Karen Ormsby

Regular Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM, and the Roll was called to establish a quorum.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Present
Director Plourde: Present
Director Newton: Present
Director Mercer: Present
Director Howe: Absent

Time was taken to introduce Director Michael Newton, who replaced Charles Mercer as representative for Stratford Irrigation District.

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

Discussion:

None

Actions:

It was moved by Director Plourde, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote, to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

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

Discussion:

Director Plourde noted that his position on the Policy and Finance Committees will need to be filled in January 2021 with his retirement from the Board.

Actions:

None

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

Discussion:

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

Actions:

None

Item 8: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS **Presenter:** Cristel Tufenkjian

Discussion:

No Report. Activity is expected in the near future regarding the Resiliency Grant.

Actions:

None.

Item 9: SGMA IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE **Presenter:** Technical Consultants

Discussion:

Amer Hussain reported to the Board regarding the status of, and progress on, GSP implementation. Mr. Hussain also reported on grant application opportunities being pursued on behalf of the basin.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Plourde, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote, to approve staff and/or consultants – working with the Chair – sending a letter of support regarding a Proposition 68 SGMA Implementation Grant application for the basin.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 10: RESOLUTION 2020-04 REGARDING PROPOSITION 68 SGMA IMPLEMENTAT GRANT **Presenter:** Amer Hussein

Discussion:

This item was subsumed under Item 9 during the meeting; no Resolution was passed, and a staff development of a letter of support was approved.

Actions:

None.

Item 11: SFKGSA FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT **Presenter:** Corey McLaughlin

Discussion:

Mr. McLaughlin reported that the Committee met November 20, 2020 and discussed and recommends the Budget Amendment being presented under Item 12 of the Agenda.

Actions:

None.

Item 12: APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT **Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

The Board received a presentation regarding a proposed amendment to the SFKGSA Budget, reflecting the current year's $100,000 portion of the grant award from the California Resilience Challenge for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery project feasibility study.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Plourde, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote of 4/5 of the Directors to approve a Budget Amendment, as presented, reflecting the grant award from the California Resilience Challenge.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 13: SFKGSA POLICYCOMMITTEE REPORT **Presenter:** Corey McLaughlin

Discussion:

Mr. McLaughlin reported that the Committee met on November 20, 2020 to discuss the policy being presented under Item 14 of the Agenda, which the Committee recommends for approval.

Actions:

None.

Item 14: ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER DATA PROTECTION POLICY **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

The Board received a presentation on the Draft Groundwater Data Protection Policy, as well as a report on comments received and changes made from the previous version shown to the Board.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Plourde, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by Roll Cal vote to adopt the Groundwater Data Protection Policy as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye

Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 15: NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

Steve Jackson, a stakeholder under the GSA's jurisdiction, volunteered to serve on the Policy Committee.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Plourde, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote, to nominate and appoint Steve Jackson to the SFKGSA Policy Committee.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Plourde: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 16: NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

Item moved up in the Agenda; previously was Item 18. The next meeting will be on January 21, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Actions:

The Chair adjourned the Board from Open Session at 6:23 p.m.

Item 17: CLOSED SESSION **Presenter:** Kenneth Richardson

Discussion:

The Board entered closed session at 6:10 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), to confer with its Legal Counsel regarding exposure to one matter of potential litigation.

Actions:

None.

Item 18: END OF CLOSED SESSION (PREVIOUSLY RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION) **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

There were no reportable actions taken during Closed Session, which adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Actions:

It was noted during Closed Session that, at the next meeting, the Board would report that there were no actions taken.

Item 19: ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned to Closed Session at: 6:10 p.m.

Adjourned Fully at: 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

_____ approved on _____

Joe Neves, Board Chair