South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Special Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
Remote via Zoom

Members Present (All via Zoom):

Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair)
Ceil Howe, Jr., Empire West Side Irrigation District (Vice Chair)
Patricia Matthews; Frank Gornick from 5:38 p.m., City of Lemoore
Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District

Members Absent:

Michael Newton, Stratford Irrigation District

Others Present (All via Zoom):

Corey McLaughlin, Kings River Conservation District
James Reynolds, Kings River Conservation District
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District
Alex Pytlak, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)
Bob Anderson, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)
Ken Richardson (Legal Counsel)
Karen Ormsby
Antonio Solorio
Nathan Olson
Bryant Platt
Jay Weiner

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m., and the Roll was called to establish a quorum.

Roll Call:

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

Item 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE [DISPENSED WITH] **Presenter:** Chair Neves

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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 Mercer, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote, to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2021 Meeting, with one correction to the spelling of Bryant Platt's name in the Public Comment section.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Gornick: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Absent
Director Mercer: Aye

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

Discussion:

Director Gornick reported on plans for the expansion of Broadband in the SFKGSA service area.

Actions:

None

Item 7: STAFF REPORT **Presenter:** James Reynolds

Discussion:

James Reynolds reported on previous and upcoming staff activities, meetings, grant opportunities, and items of relevance to the GSA's operation. Additional reporting was provided on grant activities in the region that have benefit to SFKGSA. Director questions were addressed by staff.

Actions:

None

Item 8: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS **Presenter:** N/A

Discussion:

No report was provided at this meeting.

Actions:

None.

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

Discussion:

Alex Pytlak and Bob Anderson reported to the Board regarding the status of, and progress on, GSP implementation in both the Tulare Lake Subbasin and the SFKGSA in particular. The update included information on the ASR pilot test; coordination activities in the subbasin; grant related activities; DWR's review of GSPs; and data tracking. Questions and comments from the Board were addressed.

Actions:

None.

Item 10: FINANCIAL REPORT **Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

Brian Trevarrow presented the financial report for the period ending September 30, 2021. Directors' questions were addressed.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Gornick, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to approve the financial report for the period ending September 30, 2021, as presented.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Gornick: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Absent
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 11: RESOLUTION 2021-04 **Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

The Board was asked to adopt Resolution 2021-04: appointing an auditor and approving the signature of the engagement letter with the audit firm.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Gornick, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to adopt Resolution 2021-04, as presented.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Gornick: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Absent
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 12: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS **Presenter:** Technical Consultants

Discussion:

Alex Pytlak and Bob Anderson presented the background for a request for additional funds related to completion of the ASR Pilot Test. Directors' questions were addressed.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Gornick, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote meeting the 4/5 Majority Vote required to approve the Request for $55,000.00 in additional funds related to the ASR Pilot Test.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Gornick: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Absent
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 13: REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST: ASR PILOT TEST – SURFACE WATER DELIVERY **Presenter:** Technical Consultants

Discussion:

Alex Pytlak presented the background for a request to reimburse Stone Land Co. from Reserve Funds for the use and delivery of groundwater for the ASR Pilot Test. Directors' questions were addressed.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Gornick, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote meeting the 4/5 Majority Vote required to approve the reimbursement of $24,000.00 from Reserve Funds to Stone Land Co. for the use and delivery of groundwater for the ASR Pilot test.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Gornick: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Absent
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 14: NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

The next meeting will be January 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., location to-be-determined. The Board was asked to consider three options for determining the manner of meetings of the Board under the provisions of AB 361 – amending the Brown Act's teleconference/webconference meeting provisions under specific conditions, namely 1) that a declared state of emergency exists and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the member to meet safely in person, and/or 2) State or Local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to grant the South Fork Kings GSA's standing Policy Committee the authority to determine the manner in which Board Meetings will be held, provided that such determination does not conflict with any other action of the Board.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Gornick: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Absent
Director Mercer: Aye

Item 15: ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

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Joe Neves, Board Chair