South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting and Workshop Minutes

June 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Remote via Zoom

Members Present (All via Zoom):

Members Absent:

(Vice Chair)

Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair)

Patricia Matthews; Frank Gornick (6:01 p.m. – joined; 6:05 p.m. –

when he resumed his role as primary Director), City of Lemoore

Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District

Michael Newton, Stratford Irrigation District

Bob Anderson, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant

Ceil Howe, Jr., Empire West Side Irrigation District

Corey McLaughlin, Kings River Conservation District

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District Ken Richardson (Legal Counsel)

Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District Steve Jackson

Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District

Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)

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Item 1: CALL TO ORDER Presenter: Chair Neves

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

Roll Call:

Others Present:

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

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 COMMENTPresenter:Chair Neves

<u>Discussion</u>:

None.

Actions: None

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

Discussion:

None

Actions:

It was moved by Director Newton, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 Meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Item 6:

CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF MARCH 18, 2021 MINUTES Presenter: Chair Neves

Discussion:

None

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mercer, seconded by Director Matthews, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote, to amend the minutes of the March 18, 2021 Meeting to correctly reflect the January 21, 2021 Meeting as a Regular Meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Item 7:

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Presenter:

Chair Neves

Discussion:

None

Actions:

None

Item 8:

STAFF REPORT

Presenter:

Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock reported on staff activities, meetings, and items of relevance to the GSA's operation. Director questions were addressed by staff.

Actions:

None

Item 9:

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

Presenter:

Rebecca Quist

Discussion:

Rebecca Quist reported on the landowner survey efforts; highlighted engagement statistics; and reported on other outreach activities.

Actions:

None.

Item 10:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Presenter:

Chair Neves

Discussion:

Chair Neves reported on the meeting activity of the Finance Committee, and noted that the following budget action items resulted from those meetings.

Actions:

None.

Item 11: APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

Mr. Trevarrow presented the proposed budget. Director questions were addressed by staff and consultants.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Matthews, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote satisfying the 4/5ths requirement, to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Item 12: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2021-01: RESOLUTION Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

LEVYING ASSESSMENT

Discussion:

Mr. Trevarrow presented the contents and purpose of Resolution 2021-01. Director questions were addressed by staff and consultants.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Newton, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote satisfying the 4/5ths requirement, to approve and adopt Resolution 2021-01 informing Kings County of the fee rate to be assessed per acre, without regard to property valuation, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Item 13: APPROVAL OF GEOSYNTEC TASK ORDERS FOR FISCAL Presenter: Amer Hussain

YEAR 2021-2022

Discussion:

Mr. Hussain presented the proposed Task Orders for Geosyntec to carry out in Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Director questions were addressed by staff and consultants.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Newton, seconded by Director Matthews, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote satisfying the 4/5ths requirement, to approve the SFKGSA Task Orders for Geosyntec for 2021-2022, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Item 14: APPROVAL OF LAND IQ AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR Presenter: Amer Hussain

2021-2022

Discussion:

Mr. Hussain presented the proposed agreement for measuring evapotranspiration, precipitation, crop type at the field level, and related services between SFKGSA and Land IQ. Director questions were addressed by staff and consultants.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Gornick, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote satisfying the 4/5ths requirement, to approve signing and entering into the agreement with Land IQ, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Item 15: APPROVAL OF GEOSYNTEC PROPOSAL FOR TULARE LAKE Presenter: Amer Hussain

SUBBASIN WORK - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Discussion:

Mr. Hussain presented the proposed request for additional funds for SFKGSA's percentage of work on behalf of the Tulare Lake Subbasin. Director questions were addressed by staff and consultants.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Gornick, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote satisfying the 4/5ths requirement, to approve the proposal requesting payment of additional funds to Geosyntec for SFKGSA's portion of work completed on behalf of the Tulare Lake Subbasin for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Item 16: APPROVAL OF GEOSYNTEC PROPOSAL FOR TULARE LAKE **Presenter:** Amer Hussain

SUBBASIN WORK - REQUEST FOR NEW SERVICES FOR

FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Discussion:

Mr. Hussain presented the proposed request for funds for SFKGSA's percentage of new consultant services on behalf of the Tulare Lake Subbasin. Director questions were addressed by staff and consultants.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Gornick, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote satisfying the 4/5ths requirement, to approve the proposal requesting payment of funds to Geosyntec for SFKGSA's portion of new consultant services on behalf of the Tulare Lake Subbasin for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Item 17: SGMA IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE Presenter: Technical Consultants

Discussion:

Amer Hussain 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 18: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2021-02: RESOLUTION

SETTING REGULAR MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Presenter: Chair Neves and Corey

McLaughlin

Discussion:

Chair Neves and Mr. McLaughlin presented the contents and purpose of Resolution 2021-02. Director questions were addressed.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Newton, seconded by Director Gornick, and unanimously carried by a Roll Call vote, to approve and adopt Resolution 2021-02 establishing the Regular Meeting Schedule for the Board, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Item 19:	NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS	Presenter:	Chair Neves

Discussion:

The next meeting will be July 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., location to-be-determined.

Actions:

None.

Item 20: ADJOURNMENT Adjourned: 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,	
	Board Secretary
approved on	

Joe Neves, Board Chair