# South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
# Regular Meeting and Workshop Minutes

January 20, 2022 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, City of Lemoore
Michael Newton, Stratford Irrigation District
Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present (All via Zoom):**

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District
Corey McLaughlin, Kings River Conservation District
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District
Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District
James Reynolds, Kings River Conservation District
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)
Alex Pytlak, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)
Kenneth Richardson (Legal Counsel)
Karen Ormsby
Jay Weiner

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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:

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

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**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.

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**Item 4:** PUBLIC COMMENT **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

Director Neves recognized the attendance of Karen Ormsby of the Kings County Grand Jury and a resident within the GSA's boundaries.

Actions:

None

**Item 5:** AMENDMENT OF JULY 15, 2021 MINUTES **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

The Board was asked to amend the Minutes of the July 15, 2021 Board Meeting to accurately reflect the Roll Call votes taken; the votes were inaccurately presented as "Present" and not as the "Aye" votes they actually were.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to approve amending the minutes of the July 15, 2021 Meeting as presented to the Board.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Matthews: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

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

Discussion:

None

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2021 Special Board Meeting.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Matthews: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

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

Discussion:

Director Newton commented that he would like to hear from Amer Hussain (consultant) regarding some questions within his represented member entity.

Actions:

None

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

Discussion:

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

Actions:

None

**Item 9:** FORM 700 FILING DEADLINE **Presenter:** Corey McLaughlin

Discussion:

The Board was informed/reminded that their Form 700 filings are due by April 1, 2022, and that digital copies of the forms had been emailed out earlier in the month.

Actions:

None.

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

Discussion:

Brian Trevarrow presented the financial report for the period ending December 31, 2021. Directors' questions were addressed.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Matthews, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to approve the financial report for the period ending December 31, 2021, as presented.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Matthews: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

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

Discussion:

Brian Trevarrow presented the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Directors' questions were addressed.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to approve and accept the Audit Report for FY 2020-2021, as presented.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Matthews: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

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**Item 12:** STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS **Presenter:** Cristel Tufenkjian

Discussion:

Cristel Tufenkjian reported on general stakeholder communications; highlighted engagement/email list statistics; and reported on other outreach activities and plans.

Actions:

None.

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**Item 13:** SGMA IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE **Presenter:** Technical Consultants

Discussion:

Amer Hussain 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 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 14:** RESOLUTION 2022-01 **Presenter:** Technical Consultants

Discussion:

The Board was asked to adopt Resolution 2022-01: Support of Application for California Department of Water Resources Grant Funds Under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation – Planning and Projects Grant.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried by Roll Call Vote to adopt Resolution 2022-01.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Matthews: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

**Item 15:** MANNER OF SFKGSA BOARD MEETINGS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

The Board was asked to consider taking action to determine either that the Board will return to in-person meetings, or that the Board will continue teleconference/webconference meetings as provided for in Government Code Section 54953(e) as amended by AB361 (2021).

Actions:

It was moved by Director Newton, seconded by Director Matthews, and unanimously carried by Roll Call Vote to find, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), that:

1. A declared state of emergency exists and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and
2. State or Local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing;

and to determine that the South Fork Kings GSA Board will continue teleconference/webconference meetings; as well as continuing to allow the Policy Committee to make such determinations in the interim between Board Meetings.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Matthews: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Aye

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

Discussion:

The next meeting will be March 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., location to-be-determined.

Actions:

None.

**Item 17:** ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, _____

Board Secretary

_____ approved on _____

Joe Neves, Board Chair