

South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Regular Meeting and GSP Public Hearing

July 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
429 C Street, Lemoore, CA 93245
and via Zoom

Members Present:

- Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair)
- Ceil Howe, Jr., Empire West Side Irrigation District (Vice Chair)
- Patricia Matthews, Alt.; Frank Gornick (5:31 p.m., assumed seat) City of Lemoore
- Michael Newton, Stratford Irrigation District
- Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District, via Zoom

Members Absent:

- Frank Coelho
- Nathan Olson
- [Other members of the public may have been present but did not speak; the sign-in sheet was lost due to administrative error.]

Others Present (All via Zoom):

- Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District
- Charlotte Gallock
- James Reynolds, Kings River Conservation District
- Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)
- Kenneth Richardson (Legal Counsel)

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., and the Roll was called to establish a quorum. The Policy Committee had decided at their June 10, 2022 meeting that this Board would meet in a hybrid manner – in person and via web teleconference, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) as amended by AB 361 (2021).

Roll Call:

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

Item 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **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:

No Minutes were presented to the Board.

Item 6: RESOLUTION 2022-03 ADOPTION OF THE 2022 REVISED **Presenter:** Amer Hussain and Staff
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Discussion:

The Board received an overview of the proposed addenda to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, including Resolution 2022-03 to adopt the revisions. The floor was opened for a public hearing on the proposed addenda. Questions and comments from Directors and members of the public were addressed. The public hearing was closed.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote meeting the 4/5 requirement to adopt Resolution 2022-03, approving and adopting the addenda to the subbasin’s Groundwater Sustainability Plan, as presented at the Board Meeting.

Roll Call:

- Director Neves: Aye
 - Director Gornick: Aye
 - Director Howe: Aye
 - Director Newton: Aye
 - Director Mercer: Absent (lost connection)
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Item 7: APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to re-appoint the existing slate of officers for the GSA:

- Chair – Joe Neves
- Vice Chair – Ceil Howe, Jr.
- Secretary – Frank Gornick

Roll Call:

- Director Neves: Aye
 - Director Gornick: Aye
 - Director Howe: Aye
 - Director Newton: Aye
 - Director Mercer: Absent (lost connection)
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Item 8: DIRECTOR REPORTS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

Director Gornick noted that things should be back online soon for the City of Lemoore’s new water tank. Director Howe noted the level of controversy in the area and hopes that matters can be resolved. Some additional information was provided by staff and consultants, at the Chair’s request, as appropriate regarding the controversial matters noted. Director Neves reported on well permit application approvals and the system being utilized for the same.

Actions:

None

Item 9: STAFF REPORT

Presenter: Staff

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock reported on previous and upcoming staff activities, meetings, correspondences, legislation, and items of relevance to the GSA’s operation, including GSP amendment and other matters. Questions from Directors were addressed. Cristel Tufenkjian reported on outreach matters for the GSA.

Actions:

None

Item 10: FINANCIAL UPDATE

Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

The Board received a report on the financial position of the GSA.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Gornick, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to approve the financial report for the period ending June 30, 2022.

Roll Call:

- Director Neves: Aye
- Director Gornick: Aye
- Director Howe: Aye
- Director Newton: Aye
- Director Mercer: Absent (lost connection)

Item 11: RESOLUTION 2022-04: APPOINTING AUDITOR – APPROVING SIGNATURE OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

The Board received information regarding the Audit Engagement Letter from Cuttone and Mastro for their consideration as the GSA’s auditors.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Gornick, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to adopt Resolution 2022-04, appointing Cuttone and Mastro as auditor for the GSA, and authorizing signature of the Audit Engagement Letter.

Roll Call:

- Director Neves: Aye
- Director Gornick: Aye
- Director Howe: Aye
- Director Newton: Aye
- Director Mercer: Absent (lost connection)

Item 12: RESOLUTION 2022-05: APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

The Board was provided the background on the Resolution.

