

South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes

October 20, 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)
Frank Gornick, City of Lemoore
Michael Newton, Stratford Irrigation District

Members Absent:

Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District

Others Present:

Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District
Charlotte Gallock
James Reynolds, Kings River Conservation District
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)
Kenneth Richardson (Legal Counsel)
Melissa Turner, MLJ Environmental
Robert Cima, MLJ Environmental

Frank Coelho (via Zoom)
Nathan Olson, City of Lemoore
Patricia Matthews, City of Lemoore
Karen Ormsby, Landowner
Richard Jacobs
Antonio Solorio
Ted Bur___

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 Gornick: Present
Director Howe: Present
Director Newton: Present
Director Mercer: Present

Item 2: TELECONFERENCE / WEBCONFERENCE MEETING **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

The Board will consider taking action to determine that the Board will conduct this meeting via teleconference/webconference provided for in Government Code Section 54953(e) as amended by AB361 (2021).

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried by Roll Call Vote to find, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), that 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 to determine that the South Fork Kings GSA Board will meet entirely remotely at this time via teleconference/webconference.

Roll Call:

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

Item 13: RESOLUTION 22-06: SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR SGMA IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FUNDING – ROUND II **Presenter:** Amer Hussain and Staff

Discussion:

The Board received information regarding Resolution 22-06: Support and Authorization to Apply for SGMA Implementation Grant Funding – Round II.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to adopt Resolution 2022-06, supporting and authorizing the application for SGMA Implementation Grant Funding – Round II for the Tulare Lake Subbasin.

Roll Call:

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

Item 14: APPROVAL OF KINGS RIVER WATERSHED COALITION AUTHORITY STANDARD FORM DATA SHARING AGREEMENT **Presenter:** Staff

Discussion:

The Board was provided information regarding the need to approve a data sharing agreement with the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Gornick, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to approve a data sharing agreement with the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority.

Roll Call:

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

Item 15: WELL REGISTRATION / OTHER DATA SHARING PORTAL PROPOSAL **Presenter:** Staff

Discussion:

Item was moved up in the Agenda to be considered prior to Item 8, Staff Reports.

The Board was provided the background information on the Well Registration / Data Sharing Portal software-as-a-service cost-sharing proposal with MLJ Environmental in an amount between \$21,600 and \$40,800 for a period of four (4) years. Staff from MLJ also contributed to the discussion. The primary goal is to streamline sharing of data provided to the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority that would also need to be shared with the GSA for compliance across both programs. Directors' questions, and questions from the public, were addressed.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote, meeting the 4/5 majority requirement, to approve entering into an agreement, with cost-sharing provisions, with MLJ Environmental for a software-as-a-service agreement for a Well Registration / Data Sharing Portal in an amount between \$21,600 and \$40,800 for a period of four (4) years.

Roll Call:

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

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

Discussion:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at 429 C Street, Lemoore, CA 93245.

Actions:

None.

Item 17: ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary

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Joe Neves, Board Chair