Members Present:	Members Absent:
Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair)	
Ceil Howe, Jr., Empire West Side Irrigation District (Vice Chair)	
Frank Gornick, City of Lemoore (arrived 5:36 p.m. during the Public Hearing)	
Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District	
Michael Newton, Stratford Irrigation District	
Others Present:	
Corey McLaughlin, Kings River Conservation District	Frank Coelho
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)	Steve Jackson
Kenneth Richardson (Legal Counsel)	Bill Miguel
David Merritt, Kings River Conservation District	Danny Fall
Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District	Joseph Gates
Brandy Swisher, Kings River Conservation District	Karen Ormsby
Alison Lechowicz , Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consultants	Dennis Mills
Christian Fernandez, Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consultants	Gary Quintel

Dusty Ference

Johnny Gailey

Joseph Fernandez

Public Hearing

Rick Roche

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: Absent when roll first called; Arrivec Director Howe: Present Director Newton: Present Director Mercer: Present	l at 5:36 p.m.			
Item 2:	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Presenter:	Chair Neves		
Item 3:	PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION	<u>v</u> :			
a.	a. Overview of Proposition 218 Assessment was presented by Amer Hussain.				

b. Public Hearing and Receipt of all Written and Verbal Testimony Regarding the Proposed Assessment No written comments/testimony were submitted. No verbal comments/testimony were submitted.

Questions from Directors and the public were addressed.

- c. Final call for voting was made and the ballot box was closed after deposit of final ballots.
- d. Close of the Public Hearing and beginning of the tabulation of ballots was at 5:51 p.m.

Item 4:	ADJOURNMENT	Presenter:	Chair Neves
Public H	learing adjourned at 5:51 p.m. while ballot tabulation continued.		
	Special Board Meeting		
Item 1:	CALL TO ORDER	Presenter:	Chair Neves
	The meeting was called to order at 5:51 p.m., and the Roll was calle	ed to establish a	quorum.
	Roll Call:		
	Director Neves: Present		
	Director Gornick: Present		
	Director Howe: Present		
	Director Newton: Present		
	Director Mercer: Present		
Item 2:	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Presenter:	Chair Neves
Dispens	ed with having been recited at the beginning of the public hearing.		
Item 3:	ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA	Presenter:	Chair Neves
<u>Discussi</u>	on:		
	None.		
Actions:			
	None.		
Item 4:	PUBLIC COMMENT	Presenter:	Chair Neves
<u>Discussi</u>			
	Comment was offered by:		
	Doug Freitas expressing concerns related to lost recharge potential		
	pumping restrictions at some levels do not adequately address the	problems at all l	evels; and related water
	quality concerns.		
	Wes Harmon expressed concerns about shallow water aquifer restrictation layer.	ctions when it is	the most easily recharged
	Joseph Fernandez expressed concerns about shallow water aquifer I	restrictions being	a too restrictive and that
	adding residential construction in areas where water is already an is		-
	Rick Roche expressed concerns about the potential broader econon	•	
		-	ed by the region as a result of
.	proposed pumping restrictions, and encouraged push-back on the	State.	
Actions:			
	None.		
Item 5:	DIRECTOR REPORTS	Presenter:	Chair Neves
<u>Discussi</u>	<u>on</u> :		
	Director Howe impressed on the public how important their particip	pation is in the w	ork of the GSA and
	encouraged their continued participation engagement.		

Actions:

None.

Item 6: <u>ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION</u> Presenter: Chair Neves

Discussion:

Ballots were still being counted when this agenda item came up, so the Board took up Item 9 first. Upon completion of the counting of ballots, Alison Lechowicz of Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consultants entered the room and announced that the Proposition 218 Election result was that the assessment passed. 238 valid ballots were received: 155 "Yes" ballots representing 19,017 acres and 83 "No" ballots representing 2,133 acres.

Actions:

None.

Item 7: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-01	Presenter:	Ken Richardson	
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Discussion:

This Item was taken up at the conclusion of Item 11 below. Kenneth Richardson provided the Board with information related to Resolution 2024-01 declaring the successful passage of the Proposition 218 Election.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Gornick, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2024-01, declaring the passing result of the Proposition 218 election.

(Ayes: Directors Neves, Howe, Gornick, Newton, and Mercer; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: None)

Item 8:CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-02Presenter:Ken Ric

Discussion:

Kenneth Richardson provided the Board with information related to Resolution 2024-02, levying the per acre assessment from February 29, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Gornick, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2024-02 setting the Assessment for the period February 29, 2024 – June 30, 2024 at \$9.80/acre, and authorizing Lechowicz + Tsing Municipal Consultants to administer billing for this Assessment.

(Ayes: Directors Neves, Howe, Gornick, Newton, and Mercer; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: None)

Item 9: WEBSITE HOSTING CHANGE Presenter: Brandy Swisher

Discussion:

This item was taken up before Item 6 above, as the ballot count was not yet completed. Brandy Swisher presented information regarding the requested change from Wonder Media to BCT Consulting, noting the benefits and cost savings.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried to approve the change of web hosting to BCT Consulting at a cost of \$3,099 annually with an additional one-time set-up fee of \$660.

(Ayes: Directors Neves, Howe, Gornick, Newton, and Mercer; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: None)

Item 10:	RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH KINGS RIVER	Presenter:	David Merritt
	CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE,		
	OUTREACH, AND OTHER SERVICES		

Discussion:

This item was taken up before Item 6 above, as the ballot count was not yet completed. David Merritt, General Manager at Kings River Conservation District (KRCD), provided information on the types of services KRCD will be providing to SFKGSA, as requested by Chair Neves and legal counsel, Kenneth Richardson.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried to ratify the agreement between SFKGSA and KRCD that was executed by the KRCD General Manager and SFKGSA Board Chair, as presented.

(Ayes: Directors Neves, Howe, Gornick, Newton, and Mercer; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: None)

Item 11:	GEOSYNTEC REPORT	Presenter:	Amer Hussain
		Tresenter.	

Discussion:

This item was taken up before Item 6 above, as the ballot count was not yet completed. Consultant Amer Hussain began presenting information on potential changes to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in response to the actions of the Department of Water Resources and the upcoming hearing before the State Water Resources Control Board. Part of the way through, the ballot results for the Proposition 218 election came in, so the presentation was paused to return to Item 6. The presentation then resumed. Questions and comments from the Board and the public were addressed.

Actions:

None.

Item 12:	CLOSED SESSION	Presenter:	Board
			2001.0

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:41 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1): Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release for unrepresented employee: General Manager.

Item 13:	RETURN TO OPEN SESSION/REPORTABLE ACTION	Presenter:	Board		
Discussion:					
The B	oard adjourned Closed Session and the Board Meeting at 8	:15 p.m.			
Actions:					
	It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Gornick, and unanimously carried to dismiss Paul Stiglich as General Manager				
(Ayes: Directors Neves, Howe, Gornick, Newton, and Mercer; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: None)					
Item 14:	NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS	Presenter:	Chair Neves		
Discussion:					
Prior to adjourning to Closed Session, it was noted that the next regular meeting would be March 21, 2024 but a					
Special Meeting would be attempted instead on March 14, 2024 at 429 C Street, Lemoore, CA 93245.					
Actions:					
None					

None.

Item 15: **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned:

8:15 p.m.