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Item 6:	None. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>	Presenter:	Chair Neves
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Discussi	Bill Miguel asked that the Board investigate the groundwater of Board's purview and feels that the Kings River Water Alliance a Julie Freitas asked if the Board has looked into grants for activit activity.	activities negatively aff	ect recharge.
<u>Actions</u>			
	None.		
Item 7:	REPORT OF GROWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Presenter:	Frank Coelho and Amer Hussain
Discuss	<u>on</u> :		
Actions	members were in attendance, as were 24 other growers. Topic shallow well mitigation policy. Mr. Hussain shared slides that w same items, which will be presented to the Board in coming m Water Resources Control Board Staff. Questions and comment scheduled for May 23, 2024.	vere shown to the Con onths, as well as relate	nmittee related to those ed information from State
	None.		
Item 8:	DIRECTOR REPORTS	Presenter:	Chair Neves
Discuss			
	Item inadvertently left off of the agenda, but Directors took an Gornick reported that Self Help Enterprises expressed to the Le greater participation in the GSA and asked questions related to Kings River. Director Howe reported on his activities at the Ma that while required activities are going to carry a cost, not doir Questions and comments were addressed.	emoore City Council th o the quantity of water nagers meetings for th	hat they are desirous of r in the South Fork of the ne Tulare Lake Subbasin, and
<u>Actions</u>			
	None.		
Item 9:	DISCUSSION OF STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTR BOARD PROBATIONARY STATUS	<u>ROL</u> Presenter:	Chair Neves
Discuss	<u>on</u> :		
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Amer Hussain noted that the Tulare Lake Subbasin was officially placed on Probationary status at the hearing on April 16, 2024. The basin has one (1) year to satisfy requirements to be taken off of Probationary status, namely, a satisfactory revised Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Failure to do so will result in the State Water Resources Control Board imposing an interim GSP based solely on demand reduction. Further information was provided regarding the well registration requirements, costs, and deadlines, imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board at the April 16, 2024 hearing. In September 2024 some of the dollar amounts could be changed, and Mr. Hussain will be working to help convince them that a reduction is valid. Questions and comments were addressed.

Actions:

None.

## Item 10: UPDATE ON 2024 GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN Presenter: Amer Hussain

### Discussion:

Amer Hussain presented information regarding and noted that, given the breakdown in communications that has occurred in the Tulare Lake Subbasin, there is little option but for the Board to authorize creation of a GSP for SFKGSA only, and to enter into a coordination agreement with the other GSAs in the subbasin. Questions and comments were addressed.

### Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton to authorize development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency alone, and to develop a Coordination Agreement with the other Groundwater Sustainability Agencies within the Tulare Lake Subbasin, understanding that there will be costs associated that are as-yet unknown. Director Neves offered an amendment that partnerships be south with the Mid-Kings River region if and where at all possible. The amendment was accepted by the mover and the second. The amended motion was unanimously carried.

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

### Item 11: <u>PUMPING FEE IMPLEMENTATION METHODOLOGY</u> **Presenter:** Amer Hussain

## Discussion:

Amer Hussain presented information to the Board regarding utilization of a pumping fee as the method for funding many of the other required activities in the GAS, just to get the information on the Board's radar; noting that the Grower Advisory Committee will be presenting thoughts on that matter in the future.

## <u>Actions</u>:

None.

Item 12:	APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Presenter:	Chair Neves
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# Discussion:

The Board, from time to time, refreshes its Standing Committee members. In light of the need for those Committees to meet in the near future, it was deemed a reasonable time to re-appoint/newly appoint those Committee members. Questions and comments were addressed.

### Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Mercer, and unanimously carried to appoint the following Committee membership:

### A. Policy Committee:

- i. Joe Neves
- ii. Scott Mercer
- iii. Ceil W. Howe, Jr. as Alternate
- B. Finance Committee:
  - i. Joe Neves
  - ii. Ceil W. Howe, Jr.
  - iii. Michael Newton as Alternate

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

## Item 13: <u>AMENDMENT #4 OF GEOSYNTEC AGREEMENT</u> **Presenter:** Amer Hussain

# Discussion:

Consultant Amer Hussain presented information to the Board regarding the need for the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Geosyntec Agreement. Questions and comments were addressed.

### Actions:

It was moved by Director Gornick, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried to authorize additional funds for development of two new policies and attendance at meetings of the Grower Advisory Committee, with an increase to the Budget of \$35,000.00.

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

 Item 14:
 CONTINUATION OF PC SOLUTIONS MANAGED SERVICES
 Presenter:
 Chair Neves

 AGREEMENT
 Chair Neves
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Discussion:

Chair Neves noted that PC Solutions is the current provider of IT functionality and cyber security for the GSA, and requested that they be allowed to continue in that capacity.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Gornick, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried to authorize signature of a one-year Managed Services Agreement with PC Solutions for \$1,458.00/yr.

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

Item 15:	NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS	Presenter:	Chair Neves	

Discussion:

The next regular meetings are scheduled for June 20, 2024 and July 18, 2024 at 429 C Street, Lemoore, CA 93245.

Actions:

None.

Item 16: <u>A</u>[

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Adjourned:

7:35 p.m.