South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
429 C Street, Lemoore, CA 93245

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
Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District

Members Absent:

None.

Others Present:

Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant)
Johnny Gailey (Administrative Consultant)
Joseph Fernandez
Gary Quintel
Cynthia Dias Sowell
Frank Coelho
Antonio Solorio, WWD
Julie Freitas
Doug Freitas
Steve Jackson

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.

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

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: APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

Minutes were presented for SFKGSA Board Meeting held on July 18,, 2024

Actions:

It was moved by Ceil Howe and seconded by Frank Gornick to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Item 6: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06 APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

The Board was asked to appoint the Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Actions:

It was moved by Ceil Howe and seconded by Frank Gornick to adopt the resolution to appoint Michael Newton as Treasurer for FY 2024-2025.

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

Item 7: DIRECTOR REPORTS **Presenter:** Directors

Discussion: Chair Neves Reported on the reformation of the Mid Kings River GSA Board with the 5 Kings County Supervisors plus the City of Hanford creating a 6-person board. There will be a advisory committee formed .

Actions:

None

Item 8: REPORT OF GROWER ADVISORY COMMITEE **Presenter:** Frank Coelho

Discussion: Frank deferred to Johnny who reported on extending public comment on the Well registration Policy until the September 19th Meeting. Frank reported on progress involving changes to the JPA to add grower board seats.

Actions:

None

Item 9: ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT REPORT **Presenter:** Johnny Gailey

Discussion: Johnny reported that a meeting with State Board Staff had been canceled to discuss red flag review of the draft single Tulare Lake GSP that had been submitted. He reported that the next Mid Kings River GSA meeting would be on August 20th. The coordination agreement for the Tulare Lake subbasin is being worked on. A subbasin modelling report by Luhdorff and Scalmanini is near completion. This data will be used in informing future allocation policies.

Actions:

None

Item 10: GEOSYNTEC REPORT **Presenter:** Amer Hussain

Discussion: Amer reported that the canceled SWRCB staff meeting is to be tentatively rescheduled for 9-4 or 9-6-2024. He discussed the initial feedback reported by the SWRCB. Progress has been made in definitions of undesirable results, sustainable management criteria of water levels, proposed monitoring network coverage, and overall management goals

and methodology. Discussion ensued about next steps on GSP and policy development to satisfy state board requirements.

Actions:

None

Item 11: NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2024 at 429 C Street, Lemoore, CA 93245

Actions:

None

Item 12: ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 6:49 p.m.