## South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Special Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. 429 C Street, Lemoore, CA 93245

**Members Present:** 

**Members Absent:** 

Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair)

None.

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

**Others Present:** 

Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant) Frank Coelho

Johnny Gailey (Administrative Consultant)

Antonio Solorio, WWD

Ken Richardson (Legal Counsel) Bill Miguel

Doug Freitas Dean Shiroyama
Julie Freitas Joseph Fernandes

Gary Quintel Jay Weiner

Doug 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 September 19, 2024

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe and seconded by Director Mercer to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

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

 Item 6:
 DIRECTOR REPORTS

 Presenter:
 Directors

**Discussion**:

Director Gornick mentioned that a discussion of Kings River Diversions would be on the Lemoore City Council

Agenda

Actions: None

Item 7: ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT REPORT Presenter: Johnny Gailey

Discussion:

Johnny Gailey gave an update on the Tulare lake subbasin status with the State Board. Bothe DWR and the State Board are no longer communicating due to the Preliminary Injunction from the Farm Bureau Lawsuit. SFKGSA will continue to work on GSP update including policy development for pumping allocations

Johnny Reported that Prop 218 collections had 135 delinquent APNs totaling \$26,838.13 of these 100 owed less than \$100 and 9 are owing greater than \$500

Actions:

None

Item 8: GEOSYNTEC REPORT AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER Presenter: Amer Hussain NO. 1 SGMA ENGINEERING SUPPORT

**Discussion**:

Amer gave an update on progress on revising the GSP to incorporate comments received by State Board Staff. He described changes incorporating water level and subsidence triggers into the plan. He discussed the updated projects and management actions to be included in the revised plan. He also discussed a comment letter made on the draft Model report that was sent to Luhdorff. The model will likely not be ready in time to inform our 1<sup>st</sup> version of allocation policy. An updated management zone map was presented.

Amer presented a proposal for a change order that Authorizes continued engineering support for GSP development into the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year for SFKGSA

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe and seconded by Director Newton to approve Change order #1

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

Item 9: PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT PREPARATION OF WATERSMART Presenter: Amer Hussain

GRANT APPLICATION

**Discussion**:

Amer presented a proposal to provide engineering support for a Watersmart Grant application that would be submitted jointly with Mid Kings River GSA

## Actions:

It was moved by director Newton and seconded by director Gornick to approve the proposal by Geosyntec to provide Engineering support of up to \$10,000 for the Watersmart grant application.

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

Item 10: <u>NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS</u> **Presenter:** Chair Neves

**Discussion**:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2024 at 429 C Street, Lemoore, CA 93245

Actions:

None

**Item 11:** ADJOURNMENT Adjourned: 6:45 p.m.