South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

| Members Present: | | Members Absent | | | |
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| Ceil Howe, Jr., Empire West Side Irrigation District (Vice Chair) | | Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair) | | | |
| Frank Gornick - | - City of Lemoore | | | | |
| Michael Newto | n, Stratford Irrigation District | | | | |
| Scott Mercer, S | tratford Public Utility District | | | | |
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| Others Present: | | Antonio Solorio, WWD | | | |
| Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Technical Consultant) | | Dean Shiroyama | | | |
| Johnny Gailey (Administrative Consultant) | | Joseph Fernandes | | | |
| Ken Richardson (Legal Counsel) | | Jay Weiner | | | |
| Doug Freitas | | Edward Silva | | | |
| | Julie Freitas | | Tom Pires | | |
| - | Gary Quinter | | | | |
| Steve Jackson | | | | | |
| Item 1: | CALL TO ORDER | Presenter: | Vice Chair Howe | | |
| The m | neeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., and the Ro | oll was called to establish a | quorum. | | |
| Roll Call: | 5 | | • | | |
| | rector Neves: Absent | | | | |
| | rector Gornick: Present | | | | |
| | rector Howe: Present | | | | |
| | rector Newton: Present rector Mercer: Present | | | | |
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| Item 2: | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | Presenter: | Vice Chair Howe | | |
| Item 3: | ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AG | ENDA Presenter: | Vice Chair Howe | | |
| Discussion: | | | | | |
| None. | | | | | |
| Actions: | | | | | |
| None. | | | | | |
| Item 4: | PUBLIC COMMENT | Presenter: | Vice Chair Howe | | |
| Discussion: | | | | | |
| Doug Freitas Commented A Zone water needs to be kept separate from B zone. A Zone water not recharging B | | | | | |
| Zone | | | | | |
| Wes Harmon Commented on A Zone water not making it to the B Zone Gary Quintel Commented that A Zone pumping helps to improve water quality in the A Zone | | | | | |
| Actions: | | | | | |
| None. | | | | | |
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Item 5: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion:

Minutes were presented for SFKGSA Special Board Meeting held on October 29, 2024

Actions:

It was moved by Director Newton and seconded by Director Gornick to approve the minutes from the October 29, 2024 Special Board Meeting.

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

Item 6: DIRECTOR REPORTS

Discussion:

Director Gornick commented on the 10 Yr. Anniversary of SGMA with no improvement of volumes of water being released to the Ocean.

<u>Actions</u>: None

Item 7: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Discussion:

The First Quarter FY 2024-25 Financial Statements were presented to the Board for review and acceptance.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mercer and seconded by Director Newton to accept the Financials as presented.

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

Item 8: RESOLUTION 2024-07 ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED Presenter: Vice Chair Howe OFFICER FOR CHASE BANK AND LETTER TO CHANGE AUTHORIZED OFFICER Vice Chair Howe Vice Chair Howe

Discussion:

The Board was asked to approve a Resolution designating Director Michael Newton an Authorized Officer for Chase Bank along with a letter to Chase Bank designating a new Authorized Officer.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Gornick and seconded by Director Mercer to approve Resolution 2024-07 and authorize the letter to Chase Bank changing the "Authorized Office".

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

| Item 9: | AMENDMENT EXTENDING DUE DATE FOR WELL | Presenter: | Vice Chair Howe |
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| | REGISTRATION POLICY | | |

Discussion:

The Board was asked to consider extending the due date for well registration established in Policy 2024-01. Actions:

It was moved by Director Newton and seconded by Director Mercer amend Policy 20024-01 extending the date for well registration to July 1, 2025

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

Presenter: Vice Chair Howe

Directors

Vice Chair Howe

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Item 10: ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT REPORT

Amer Hussain

Discussion:

Johnny Gailey gave an update on the Tulare lake subbasin status with the State Board. Bothe DWR and the State Board continue to not communicate with SFKGSA 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 the Model work done work the Tulare Lake subbasin may not have the data necessary to inform allocations for SFKGSA. SFKGSA will continue to develop allocation policies to support the updated GSP with the best available information. There has still been no movement on the coordination agreement for the Tulare Lake subbasin which was confirmed by Ken Richardson.

Johnny reported on policy development progress with the Grower committee. A more detailed discussion will be presented by Amer in his report.

Johnny reported receiving Prop 2118 funds from the City of Lemoore. He is reaching out to delinquent landowners to collect outstanding invoices.

Johnny reported that the watersmart Grant application will now be submitted in 2025 Working through issues in updating SAM.GOV account access required for submittal.

Actions:

None

Item 11: <u>GEOSYNTEC REPORT</u>

Discussion:

Amer gave an update on progress on revising the GSP despite lack of communication with 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. Geosyntec is working to determine a Sustainable Yield number by GSA from the model data. The allocations will be different for each Zone. Discussion continued about protecting the A zone pumpers. Amer described management plans that could be triggered should water levels or subsidence in specific management areas start to cause undesirable results. Tom Pires asked about zones being treated separately. He commented that the A zone recharges immediately when the River runs. Wes Harmon stated that many of the shallow domestic wells in SFKGSA were replaced by deeper wells during the drought period including 2015. Amer discussed the Annual Report needs to be submitted by April 2025, this cannot be late. He also reported on the need for water quality sampling to begin this year.

Actions:

None.

Item 12: NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Presenter: Vice Chair Howe

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Discussion:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2024 5:30 PM at 429 C Street, Lemoore, CA 93245 Actions:

None

Item 13: ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned:

6:57 p.m.