

Board. Amer then gave a presentation summarizing the Groundwater Allocation Policy details. The Board asked questions about the impact of the policy on the City's growth plans. Amer explained that we have been working with the city to address these concerns.

Actions:

It was moved by director Howe and seconded by director Newton to approve the Groundwater Allocation Policy.

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

Item 10: SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

Presenter: Johnny Gailey

Discussion:

The board was asked to approve a proposal by the Social Butterfly for Social Media Outreach. Chair Neves asked that the proposal be reviewed by council and would be approved with recommended changes.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Gornick and Seconded by Director Howe to approve the proposal with recommended changes.

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

Item 11: GROWER COMMITTEE REPORT

Presenter: Kevin Ruble

Discussion:

Kevin Ruble gave the Grower Committee Report. He reported on the development of the Groundwater Allocation Policy. There were over 19 revisions to the draft policy before the committee was ready to present the policy to the board. The committee is recommending a calculation that brings the sustainable yield for SFKGSA to 0.86 AF per Acre. The committee has also been working on a subsidence management plan that will be brought to the board in the near future.

Actions:

None

Item 12: ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT REPORT

Presenter: Johnny Gailey

Discussion:

Johnny reported that the State Board is now willing to meet and we had our first reintroduction meeting this past Friday. All 5 GSAs in the Tulare Lake were in attendance. The State board was asked about timelines, but the responses were somewhat vague. Based on the date that the Tulare Lake was put into probation, the State could implement their own plan on landowners at any time. The State Board is expecting landowners to report pumping from July 15, 2024 thru September 30, 2025 by May 1st 2026. Well Registrations have remained flat since the December Board meeting. There was discussion of a potential penalty for late registration. Johnny then discussed the need to collect funds to be able to implement the GSA policies that support the GSP.

Actions:

None

Item 13: GEOSYNTEC REPORT

Presenter: Amer Hussain

Discussion:

Amer reported and presented slides on the reporting requirements for landowners pumping over 2 acre-feet to the State Board. Amer also presented items that Geosyntec is working on such as the Stakeholder Outreach Plan, Domestic Well Mitigation Program, Subsidence Management Plan, Water Quality Management Plan, and updating the Sustainable Management Criteria. The schedule is still to have the updated GSP ready by March of 2026.

Actions:

None

Item 14: **None.** NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS **Presenter:** Vice Chair Howe

Discussion:

The Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

Actions:

None

Item 15: ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary

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Joe Neves, Board Chair