

SOUTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

5:30 PM

VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM. THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING AND PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS VIA THE FOLLOWING:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95002614921?pwd=bjIVZnZOTDZHWlImMkRFcXFFeG5zQT09>

Meeting ID: 950 0261 4921

Passcode: 389469

Please contact Annika Romo at (559) 299-1544 for any questions regarding the Zoom meeting.

ITEMS:

1. Call to Order and roll call
2. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

The first 15 minutes of each regular session is set aside for members of the public to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors, but not appearing on the agenda. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to comment at the time the item is called for consideration by the Board. Any person addressing the Board under public comment will be limited to a 3-minute presentation to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. Please submit any handouts to the Secretary via email prior to the meeting at dpeters@peters-engineering.com.

3. Consent Calendar

Unless a member of the Board of Directors requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, all items will be acted upon as a whole and by one vote. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be acted upon separately.

- 3.1 Approve Minutes of April 14, 2022 meeting.

4. Committee Reports

4.1 Technical Advisory Committee – Report by Josh Rogers, Chair

4.2 Administrative Committee – Report by David Peters, Secretary

5. General Items

5.1 Adopt 2022-23 FY Budget – Oral Report by David Peters, Secretary

5.2 Continuation of Virtual meetings – Oral Report by Michael Linden

6. Secretary's Report

6.1 Time and place for next meeting – June 8, 2022 at 5:30pm

7. Board Member Comments

8. Adjournment

SKJPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

5:30 PM

Chairman Kazarian called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Board Members Present: Chairman Kazarian, J. Hurtado, D. Ramirez, T. Pimentel

Board Members Absent: E. Hurtado

Staff Present: David Peters, Josh Rogers

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 *Approve minutes of February 9, 2022 meeting.*

Motion by member D. Ramirez, second by member J. Hurtado. Motion passes unanimously via voice roll call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 *Technical Advisory Committee Meeting / Administrative Committee Meeting*

David Peters reports both the Technical Advisory Committee and Administrative Committee met on April 7th. During each meeting, it was confirmed that each member agency received the Impact Fee Study prepared by GSA and were adopting the fee study and implementing developer impact fees for recharge. Expect the fees to be in place by the end of 2022. Discussed 2022 CID water delivery schedule and sent a letter to CID on March 29th requesting this years' groundwater recharge allotment and indicated SKGSA expects a cumulative amount of 6,000 acre feet in spring 2022. Highly likely this amount will again roll over to the following year, and a new request letter will be sent at that time (for 10,000 acre feet). Don't currently have capacity to accept that amount of water, but a plan is in the works to find a possible solution.

Committees also discussed the Fowler Basin project. The purchase is in escrow, expect to close early summer. No update on North Sanger recharge project. Introduced draft policy for cost sharing of recharge projects to allow for member agencies to pursue projects through their own resources. If projects have approval by GSA board, reimbursement requests can be submitted to GSA upon completion of project.

Josh Roger reports Kings Basin Coordination Group is meeting on a regular basis to make sure all comments from DWR on the Groundwater Sustainability Plans are being addressed. Revisions of the GSPs are due July 27th. The plan is to bring GSP to Technical Advisory Committee in May for review, and to SKGSA board in June, for adoption in July. No public comment period is necessary.

Kings Basin Annual Report was just submitted, and will be available on the SKGSA website. There is also some outreach material for each GSA that can be posted to the website.

An executive order from Governor Newsom relating to ongoing job conditions was released on March 28th. This order requires anyone who wants to drill a well to get approval from GSA to make sure that the well will not negatively impact groundwater.

GENERAL ITEMS

5.1 Adopt Conflict of Interest Code – Oral Report by Michal Linden

Mr. Linden points out that the adoption of a Conflict of Interest Code is called out in the JPA agreement. COI Code governs how Form 700 is filled out. Board directors and alternates have Number 1 disclosure category, while Secretary and Consultant will have a Number 2 disclosure category. Each Form 700 is submitted to SKGSA with original signature, Secretary Peters will make copies to keep on file, and submit each original to Fresno County Clerk to the Board. Mr. Linden will provide the link for Form 700.

Member J. Hurtado makes a motion to adopt the COI Code with the amendment to add consultant as a position that is required to submit Form 700, Member T. Pimentel seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously via voice roll call.

5.2 2022 Recharge Water Request to CID – Oral Report by David Peters

Secretary Peters has already discussed this item during the Technical Advisory and Administrative Committee Report. No additional questions were raised.

5.3 Introduce Draft Member Agency Reimbursement Policy – Oral Report by David Peters

Secretary Peters has already addressed this item during the Technical Advisory and Administrative Committee Report. Chair Kazarian has a question regarding item 2A Operations and Maintenance of Existing Facilities – how are costs associated with operations and maintenance of existing facilities calculated, especially if certain costs (i.e. mowing) would already be incurred? Mr. Peters states that SKGSA will only reimburse costs that are directly related to the recharge project. Member agencies will need to bring their annual reimbursable maintenance costs to the board prior to any work being done. Chair Kazarian raises another question regarding the ownership of the recharge basin - how does the GSA dispose of properties they no longer need for recharge? Secretary Peters will discuss this question with the committee.

5.4 Presentation of Draft 2022-23 FY Budget – Oral Report by David Peters

Secretary presents the draft budget. Expenses: 1) Surface Water Purchase (pay to CID) \$1.15million. 2) North Sanger Groundwater Recharge Project (15-acre basin) \$2.64million. 3) Administrative \$30,000. 4) Well Permit Review/Processing (per Executive Order N-7-22) \$25,000. 5) Member agency reimbursements \$300,000. 6) Insurance \$5,500. 7) Miscellaneous Professional Services (previously \$50k, covers grant applications, compliance requests,

anticipating a financial audit) \$75,000. Still waiting for pumping numbers from a couple of the member agencies, which may cause each member agency's contribution to slightly change. No comments on draft budget.

SECRETARY REPORT

Time & Place for next meeting: May 11, 2022 at 5:30pm via teleconference. No opposition to continuing virtual meetings.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Pimentel thanks Sonia Hall for attending meetings in his place for the last 6 months and thanks the board members for their patience. Secretary Peters mentions that all items on board meeting agendas were also previously discussed during the Technical Advisory and Administrative Committee meetings, and if any board member has questions about an agenda item prior to a board meeting they can reach out to their City Engineer or City Manager, as well as the GSA Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business Chairman Kazarian adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm.

**South Kings GSA
Budget FY 2022-23**

Revenues

Account	Account Description	GSA Description	FY 22-23
New	Agency Contributions	Contribution to GSA	\$ 1,620,500
	Last FY Carryover	Carryover funds from last FY Budget	\$ -
New	Prop 68 Grant	North Sanger GRP	\$ 2,640,110
Total Revenue			\$ 4,260,610

Expenses

New	Capital Costs	Surface Water Purchase	\$ 1,185,000
New	Prop 68 Grant	North Sanger GRP	\$ 2,640,110
New	Agency Administration	Administrative Expenses	\$ 30,000
New	Agency Permit Processing	Well Permit Review/Processing	\$ 25,000
New	Reimbursements	Member Agency Reimbursements	\$ 300,000
New	Insurance	Insurance Premiums	\$ 5,500
6290	Professional Services	Misc Services	\$ 75,000
Total Expenses			\$ 4,260,610

**South Kings GSA
Budget FY 2022-23**

FISCAL YEAR	FY 22-23
Total GSA Contribution	\$ 1,620,500

Local Agency Budget Requirements		FY 22-23
Fowler	11.27%	\$ 182,561
Del Rey	6.14%	\$ 99,496
Kingsburg	22.55%	\$ 365,349
Parlier	15.92%	\$ 257,920
Sanger	44.13%	\$ 715,173
TOTALS	100%	\$ 1,620,500

2021 Calendar Year Groundwater Pumped (A-F)	% of Total	
Fowler	1611	11.27%
Del Rey	878	6.14%
Kingsburg	3224	22.55%
Parlier	2276	15.92%
Sanger	6311	44.13%
TOTALS	14300	100.00%

RESOLUTION 2022-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361**

WHEREAS, the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“South Kings GSA”) is a California Joint Powers Authority formed to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 in a portion of the Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 Kings Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which Proclamation remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20, modifying the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), subject to compliance with certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, providing that the modifications would remain in place through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (“AB 361”), providing that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules if the meeting occurs during a proclaimed state of emergency and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, social distancing measures have been imposed and implemented by the State of California to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the governing board (“Board”) of the South Kings GSA believes the spread of COVID-19 poses an imminent risk to the health and safety of in person meeting attendees; and

WHEREAS, the South Kings GSA Board is conducting virtual meetings by way of telephonic and/or internet-based services as to allow members of the public to fully participate in meetings and offer public comment; and

WHEREAS, the South Kings GSA Board deems it necessary to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to telephonic and/or internet-based services for its meetings.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the South Kings GSA Board as follows:

SECTION ONE: The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are adopted as findings of the South Kings GSA Board.

SECTION TWO: The South Kings GSA Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State

of Emergency.

SECTION THREE: State or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing, including the holding of virtual meetings for legislative bodies within the County of Fresno that are subject to the Brown Act.

SECTION FOUR: Meetings of the Legislative Body shall be held 100% virtually through June 8, 2022.

SECTION FIVE: Staff is directed to return to the South Kings GSA Board no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution, or at the next meeting of the South Kings GSA Board, if later, for the Legislative Body to consider whether to again make the findings required to meet under the modified teleconference procedures of AB 361.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the South Kings GSA at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 11th day of May, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES, Directors:

NOES, Directors:

ABSENT, Directors:

Karnig Kazarian
Chair, Board of Directors
South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency