

SKJPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

FOWLER CITY HALL
128 S. FIFTH STREET
FOWLER, CA 93625

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017
6:00PM

David Peters called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Kazarian, Blayney, Chapa, Rodriguez, Avalos

Staff Present: David Peters

The Flag Salute was led by David Peters.

SEATING OF BOARD MEMBERS/ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present and seated by Mr. Peters.

City of Fowler – Karnig Kazarian
City of Kingsburg – Bruce Blayney
City of Parlier – Noe Rodriguez
City of Sanger – Tim Chapa (Alternate)
City of Selma – Jim Avalos (Alternate)

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR & SECRETARY

Mr. Karnig Kazarian was nominated for Board Chair by Mr. Blayney. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Chapa. Mr. Kazarian was elected Chair by unanimous vote.

Mr. Bruce Blayney was nominated for Board Vice-Chair by Mr. Kazarian. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Chapa. Mr. Blayney was elected Vice-Chair by unanimous vote.

Mr. Chapa nominated Mr. Peters for JPA Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Acosta. Mr. Peters was elected Secretary by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Carlos Arias from Del Rey Community Services District congratulated the Joint Powers Authority on their formation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of:

- a. Authorize Secretary to file the Joint Powers Authority Agreement with the California Secretary of State as required by Government Code Section 6503.5
- b. Authorize Secretary to file a notice with the County Clerk and the Secretary of State containing the information outlined in Section 2.01 of the Joint Powers Authority Agreement.

Vice-Chair Blayney made a motion to approve to approve the Consent Calendar items, seconded by Board Member Rodriguez. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Blayney, Rodriguez, Chapa, Avalos. Noes: None. Abstain/absent: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Consider the adoption of Resolution No. 2017-001 for the formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), and authorize Lozano Smith to submit an application to Department of Water Resources on behalf of the GSA.

The Chair opened the duly noticed public hearing on the ordinance at 6:13 p.m.

Mr. Peters provided the Board with the background on the item contained in the staff report. Mr. Peters also addressed a letter received from Mr. Bernard Jimenez at the County of Fresno which stated that the formation of the JPA's GSA into the sphere areas would not be supported by the County. The letter also stated that an overlap cannot occur with the North Kings GSA because the NKGSA is already an exclusive GSA for their area. This letter was emailed to the Fowler City Clerk immediately prior to the JPA's meeting. Mr. Peters stated that in consultation with Lozano Smith, staff is confident that formation to the sphere limits is appropriate and will be accepted by the Department of Water resources. Mr. Peters also stated that the GSA boundaries have already been pulled back to eliminate any overlap with NKGSA.

Vice-Chair Blayney stated the City of Kingsburg support for formation of the proposed South Kings GSA.

Board Member Acosta stated the City of Selma's support for formation of the proposed South Kings GSA citing the need for City of Selma representation in the GSA.

Board Member Chapa stated that the City of Selma provides water outside the city limits within their sphere are and clarified that overlaps with NKGSA had been eliminated.

Mr. Steven Stadler from James Irrigation District addressed the Board of Directors and provided comments on the JPA's consideration to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Mr. Stadler commented that James ID had looked into incorporating areas outside their service boundary into their GSA and ultimately thought that action would not be supported by the Department of Water. Mr. Stadler noted that an overlap of GSA could potentially place the Kings Sub-Basin on probation.

With no other comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m.

Vice-Chair Blayney asked staff if filing the GSA to the spheres was appropriate. Staff stated that it will continue to be evaluated but that initial options are that the GSA to the spheres was appropriate.

A motion was made by Board Member Chapa to pass Resolution 17-001 for the formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), and authorize Lozano Smith to submit an application to Department of Water Resources on behalf of the GSA with amended language regarding filing the GSA into the spheres to the extent allowable by law. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Blayney. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Blayney, Rodriguez, Chapa, Avalos. Noes: None. Abstain/absent: None.

GENERAL ITEMS

- a) Technical Committee Members – The Board directed that the City Engineers for Kingsburg, Parlier and Sanger along with the Fowler Public Works Director and a representative from Cal Water would represent the five cities on the Technical Committee.
- b) Inclusion of Del Rey and Caruthers CSD's into the SKGSA. The Board directed staff to pursue discussion with both CSD and to pursue opportunities that may allow for inclusion of the two districts into the SKGSA.
- c) Kings Coordinated Technical Meetings – The Board directed staff to begin attending meetings between the GSA's within the Kings Basin for the purposes of coordinating efforts towards completion of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The Board chose the Board Chair and Technical Committee Chair to begin attending meetings on behalf of the SKGSA. Mr. Peters suggested that the Board consider soliciting proposals qualified consultants to assist the SKGSA with technical analysis relative to coordinating with other Kings Basin GSA's and preparation of the SKGSA GSP. The Board directed staff to postpone efforts to prepare a Request for Proposal at this time with plans for reconsidering the issue at a later date.
- d) Mr. Peters provided the Board with a proposal for initially funding the JPA through member contributions. The proposed funding level was 10% of the initial estimates for planned activities spanning from JPA creation to GSP adoption. The proposal was generally supported by the Board.
- e) The next JPA meeting was scheduled for June 14, 2017 at 6pm. The meeting will be held at the City of Kingsburg Council Chambers which will initiate a location rotation based on alphabetical order of the member agencies.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Board Chair Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Blayney, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.