

SKJPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

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

Tuesday, June 27, 2017
6:00PM

Chairman Kazarian called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Kazarian, Derr, Henderson (Alternate), Pimentel (Alternate)

Board Members Absent: Gonzalez

Staff Present: David Peters

The Flag Salute was led by Chairman Kazarian.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Member Derr made a motion to approve the minutes for June 14, 2017 seconded by Member Henderson. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

GENERAL ITEMS:

Consider the adoption of Resolution No. 2017-003 with findings for amending the filing with the Department of Water Resources to modify the boundaries of the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the purposes of resolving overlap issues with the Central Kings GSA.

Mr. Peters provided the Board with the background on the item. Mr. Peters stated that the previous understanding was that the overlaps between GSA's could be resolved with possible mediation from the State after June 30th. Recently the County has informed staff that if overlaps are not resolved, the County would step in and file to be the GSA for the entire area covering CID and the cities' boundaries. In order to prevent County intervention and preserve the South Kings GSA, the overlap must be resolved by June 30th.

Mr. Peters also stated that it was advantageous to the GSA to also include SKF Sanitation District and stated CID would support this if the SKF Board agreed to an Memorandum of Understanding that would facilitate inclusion in the South Kings GSA. Staff recommended maintaining the community service districts and pulling back the GSA boundaries to the city limits of each city as well as including SKF boundaries subject to SKF Board approval. Staff recommended actions are reflected in Resolution

2017-003 and the attached SKF MOU.

Mr. Michael Linden addressed the Board and stated that when annexations of properties in the various spheres of influence into the cities occur it would be expected that properties would detach from Central Kings GSA and annex into the South Kings GSA.

Mr. Bernard Jimenez from Fresno County stated that the County did not oppose inclusion of the Caruthers and Del Rey CSD's in the South Kings GSA.

Mr. Neal Costanzo representing the City of Selma stated that Selma opposes the action to retract the boundaries to the city limits. Mr. Costanzo relayed the City of Selma's desire to preserve the overlap and seek remedy after the June 30th deadline.

Chairman Kazarian stated that the current decision and actions were required to respond to outside conditions that had changed. Specifically, the fact that Fresno County has indicated they will file over both South Kings and Central Kings, has required the proposed actions discussed today.

After further discussions, Resolution 2017-003 directing staff to retract the GSA boundaries to the city limits and include SKF boundaries subject to SKF Board approval passed 4 to 1 with Member Derr casting the dissenting vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Board Chair Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Member Henderson, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.