

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“SKJPA”)
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes

Kingsburg City Hall
1401 Draper Street
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Wednesday, June 14, 2017
6:00PM

Call to Order: Board Chair Kazarian called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Board Members present: Blayney, Derr and Board Chair Kazarian.

Board Members absent: Rodriquez and Gonzalez.

The Flag Salute was led by Board Chair Kazarian.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Consent Calendar:

Member Derr asked that Item “#a” be pulled for corrections.

He said that on page one Mr. Acosta did not second the nomination, Mr. Avalos did. Member Derr stated also on Page 2 Mr. Acosta should be replaced with Mr. Avalos. He asked that the City of Selma be replaced with the City Sanger on Page 2. Member Derr asked for clarification if the Community Service Districts would be included in the rotation for meeting locations. Board Chair Kazarian said no.

Member Derr made a motion to approve the minutes for May 25, 2017 as amended, seconded by Vice-Chair Blayney . The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

Public Hearing- Consider the adoption of Resolution No. 2017-002 for inclusion of the Del Rey and Caruthers Community Services Districts in to the South Kings GSA and authorizing the Chair to enter into a MOU with each District.

Board Chair Kazarian opened the Public Hearing at 6:07pm.

Board Chair Kazarian stated the the Staff Report was prepared by Dave Peters, who is not in attendance due to being on vacation. He said they looked at the boundaries of the Community Services Districts and that they will create an overlap with Consolidated Irrigation District’s GSA Central Kings. Board Chair Kazarian said the maps outlining the boundaries have been included in the packets. We have heard from both CSDs that are interested, and so at this time if they would like to come forward and speak.

Carlos Arias, district Manager for the Del Rey Community Services District, said he would like to thank the SKJPA for considering to allowing them to enter the JPA. Everything is working out and they have signed the MOU on their part. He really doesn’t like their other option.

Mike Linden, Lozano Smith, legal counsel for Fowler and Parlier, said he has received Resolutions from both CSDs and MOUS that have been signed by both. Both MOUs have been passed by the boards for the CSDs.

Vice-Chair Blayney asked if the Technical Committee been a part of this discussion.

Board Chair Kazarian said it was at the Technical Committee that decided to bring the CSDs in as an MOU and not a part of the JPA. We thought it was prudent to include them at this time for the boundaries, including the financial contribution.

Mr. Linden explained the process and said the relevant documents have been submitted to the water resources as a GSA. We are up on their website and there is an overlap signal with CID. After this meeting we will have to submit amended documents that will show we will now include the CSDs.

Member Derr asked if there are any reasons why we shouldn't do this and is there are any other entities that we should approach

Board Chair Kazarian said we identified the stakeholders in the GSA, the only one we may have to look at is Fresno County if we are at our sphere and that is allowed. We may have to enter an MOU with them. All signs point this is advantageous for our GSA. It brings diversity and increases the number of participants as a counter to CID. Additional financial contribution that will help with costs to all participants. It just makes sense with what we were striving with voting rights and allowing them to have a voice, it is very important.

Mr. Linden said the County is well aware of what we are doing and they voiced no interest in joining.

Member Derr said he read the material and appreciates the background on the dialogue.

David Elias, City Manager for Selma, just for clarification Cal Water has expressed interest in being a part of the GSA. Also at the Technical Committee the CSD's voting rights were discussed, at that time it was ½ each, is that still correct?

There was a discussion about the ½ vote and it was clarified both CSDs will receive one ½ vote.

Board Chair Kazarian said you brought up Cal Water, and since Selma is represented on the JPA it does represents Cal Water. I am available and so are others.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:20pm.

Vice-Chair Blayney mentioned that he didn't see the voting rights in the resolution.

Board Chair Kazarian said that will be a future discussion.

Mike Linden said they will participate and will not have voting rights until they are in the SKJPA.

Vice-Chair Blayney made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-002 to include Del Rey and Caruthers in the SKJPA, seconded by Member Derr. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

The next regular meeting will be July 12, 2017 in Parlier at 6pm.

Board Chair Kazarian reported the Technical Committee met May 31, 2017, it was a productive meeting, a good group of people.

There were no other Board Member had comments at this time.

Member Derr made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Blayney to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.