

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017  
6:00PM

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Items:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Seating of Board Members / Roll Call
4. Assignment of Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
5. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
6. 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.*

- 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.

7. Public Hearing

- a. 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- Staff Report by David Peters

8. General Items

- a. Appoint Technical Committee Members for GSA.
- b. Consider request by Del Rey CSD and Caruthers CSD to join GSA – Oral Report by David Peters
- c. Provide Direction Regarding Joining Kings Coordinated Technical Group meetings regarding the coordination of Groundwater Sustainability Plans, and Consider Engaging a Consultant to Represent the GSA - Staff Report by David Peters
- d. Annual Budget and FY 2017-18 Funding Assessments - Oral Report by David Peters
- e. Consider place and time for next meeting and future meeting schedule.

9. Board Member Comments

10. Adjournment

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** CHAIR & BOARD MEMBERS  
**FROM:** DAVID PETERS, PE  
**SUBJECT:** FORMATION OF SOUTH KINGS GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
**DATE:** MAY 23, 2017

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REQUESTED ACTION

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

DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION

In September 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Over the past two years, the cities have individually and collectively explored options regarding formation compliance with this law. Options have included joining the Central Kings GSA (Consolidated Irrigation District), forming individual city GSA's and forming a five-cities GSA (Sanger, Parlier, Fowler, Selma and Kingsburg) through a Joint Powers Authority. Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) must occur by June 30, 2017.

The Central Kings GSA was submitted to DWR on March 20, 2017 and includes the areas within the boundaries of the spheres of influence of Sanger, Parlier, Fowler, Selma and Kingsburg. If no other GSA's are formed within this area prior to June 18, 2017, the Central Kings GSA will be the exclusive GSA all areas within Consolidated Irrigation District including the sphere of influence areas of the five cities.

The formation of a GSA which will encompass the sphere of influences of the cities of Sanger, Parlier, Fowler, Selma and Kingsburg has been identified as the preferred option which will maximize the protection of each cities interests while complying with SGMA.

Staff recommends the JPA adopt a resolution forming a GSA within the boundaries of the cities of Sanger, Parlier, Fowler, Selma and Kingsburg and authorize staff to submit the GSA formation to DWR prior to June 18, 2017.

**SOUTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-001**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE KINGS SUBBASIN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2014, the Governor signed into law, three bills (SB 1168, AB 1739, and SB 1319) collectively referred to as the “Sustainable Groundwater Management Act” (“SGMA”), effective on January 1, 2015, and amended from time-to-time thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins, as designated by Bulletin 118 issued by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”), to be managed by Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Kings Subbasin (Subbasin 5-22.08 of the San Joaquin Valley Basin as defined by Bulletin 118) has been designated by DWR as a high priority basis; and

**WHEREAS**, California Water Code section 10723(a) authorizes a local agency with water supply, water management, or local land use responsibilities, or a combination of such local agencies, overlying a groundwater basis to elect to become a GSA; and.

**WHEREAS**, the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency is a joint powers authority formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code, §§ 6500, et seq.), consisting of the cities of Sanger, Parlier, Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg, who are qualified local agencies under SGMA, and thus is eligible to serve as a GSA within the Kings Subbasin; and

**WHEREAS**, California Water Code section 10723.2 requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”), and

**WHEREAS**, California Water Code section 10723.8 requires that a “local agency” electing to become a GSA notify DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a subbasin; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency held a public hearing on May 25, 2017, after publication pursuant to California Government Code section 6066, to consider the adoption of this Resolution and its election to become a GSA within the Kings Subbasin; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency desires to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by SGMA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY** does hereby resolve, declare, and order as follows:

1. The South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby elects to become a GSA and to undertake sustainable groundwater management in the portion of the Kings Subbasin underlying the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's boundaries.
2. The South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency shall develop a program for stakeholder outreach to ensure that all beneficial uses and users of groundwater within the agency's boundaries are considered.
3. The South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency intends to negotiate memorandums of understanding, and other necessary agreements with other agencies or entities managing groundwater in the Kings Subbasin so as to provide for the coordinated management of groundwater within the Kings Subbasin.
4. The Board of Directors of the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency is authorized to submit to DWR a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with SGMA.
5. Staff is directed to send to DWR the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's notification of its election to become a GSA. Such notification shall include:
  - (a) The boundaries of the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency as set forth on the map attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The boundaries of the agency shall be the spheres of influence for the five cities that are the members of the joint powers authority.
  - (b) A copy of this Resolution.
  - (c) A list of the interested parties developed pursuant to Water Code section 10723.2, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of the GSP.

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The foregoing resolution was approved and adopted at a meeting of the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency held on the 25th day of May, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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CHAIR OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** CHAIR & BOARD MEMBERS  
**FROM:** DAVID PETERS, PE  
**SUBJECT:** KINGS COORDINATED TECHNICAL MEETINGS  
**DATE:** MAY 23, 2017

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REQUESTED ACTION

1. Select a representative and authorize attendance at next the Kings Coordinated Technical Committee meeting in June 2017.
2. Provide staff direction regarding preparation of a Request for Proposal to retain an engineering consultant to provide technical services regarding preparation of and coordination of the GSA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION

Over the past few months, the Kings River Conservation District (KRCD's) has hosted coordination meetings between the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA's) which have been formed and submitted within the Kings Subbasin and which include:

- Kings River East GSA
- North Fork Kings GSA
- North Fork GSA
- Central Kings GSA
- James Irrigation District GSA
- McMullen GSA

The South Kings GSA would be the seventh GSA formed within the subbasin.

The purpose of the meetings is to coordinate technical efforts which will lead to the preparation of coordinated Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP's) as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Staff has discuss the progress of these meetings with KRCD's consultant Provost & Pritchard. It was suggested in these discussions that the South Kings GSA (SKGSA) begin attending the meetings in June 2017, specifically to be included in the following discussions:

- Kings Subbasin's \$1.5M grant allotment provided by Proposition 1. – The Kings Subbasin will be provided with a \$1.5M grant for use in preparation of the GSP's for each GSA. The technical group has discussed dividing this evenly amongst the six

formed GSA's, providing \$250,000 to each agency. Discussion will need to occur to determine the division of these funds with the presence of a seventh GSA.

- Groundwater modeling has recently been initiated to determine the groundwater overdraft in each GSA, separating the modeling into six boundaries within the subbasin. Discussion will need to occur regarding this effort with the presence of a seventh GSA.

Additionally, some of the GSA's within the Kings Subbasin have retained a consultant to assist with the coordination and preparation of the GSP. Staff recognizes the specialization and expertise necessary to prepare the GSP as well as the importance of a third party representative during coordination efforts with other GSP's within the subbasin. Staff recommends the JPA authorizes the preparation and advertisement of a Request for Proposal to identify and select an engineering consultant to represent the GSA in preparation and coordination of the GSP within the subbasin.