

KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

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Laura Brown

DISTRICT 5
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KINGS COUNTY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STAFF: Greg Gatzka (559) 852-2682 Chuck Kinney (559) 852-2674

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Kings County Water Commission (KCWC) was called to order by Greg Gatzka at 5:00 p.m., on May 22, 2016. The KCWC meeting was held in the Cedar Room of the Human Services Building (Bldg. N. 8) 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

Roll call of members was conducted by Secretary Gatzka, and a quorum of appointed Committee members were in attendance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Howe, Mark Gilkey, Jim Verboon, Laura Brown, Roger Reynolds, David Ayers, Eric Osterling

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Harold Reed, Sid Palmerin

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Gatzka - Director, Colleen Carlson – County Counsel, Terri Yarbrough – Executive Secretary, Pam Contreras – Planner, Dan Kassik - Planner

VISITORS PRESENT:

Joe Neves, Ron Allvin, Dusty Ference, Ceil Howe

UNSCHEDULED COMMENTS: Mr. Ron Allvin reported that the Clark's Fork Reclamation District #2069 submitted a letter to the Kings River Water Association requesting a designation for the South Fork as a water recharge facility. He also provided a copy of the letter that was submitted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A motion was made and seconded (Gilkey/Osterling) to nominate Commissioner Howe for chairman and to close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Commissioner Reynolds for vice, chairman and to close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was agreed to move the approval of the minutes to the next scheduled meeting since the minutes were not made available for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation and Activities:

- 1. Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program Update** - Mr. Kassik provided an update on the progress of the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant. He reported that Foster Wheeler was selected as the consultant and started collecting data early this year. He stated that the preliminary water data budget has been done and that the model should be complete January 2018.

- 2. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Progress Update** – Mr. Dennis Mill provided an update on the progress toward development of the groundwater sustainability agencies. He reported that several agencies had been deemed exclusive and that the deadline for the GSA’s to be formed is June 27, 2017. He reported that those unmanaged areas, including those with overlap, will be required to report directly to the state, and the entire sub basin may be required to report direct to the state. Mr. Mills also reviewed the rates which could be quite costly and a big incentive not to be in an unmanaged area.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Future Agenda Items** – Mr. Gatzka asked if the Commission wanted to continue with the same agenda items and if there was anything anyone wanted to see added to the agenda. Commissioner Gilkey suggested adding the Cal WaterFix. There is concern that the price paid for the water could be steep. Mr. Gilkey said they would break it down and bring to the Commission for discussion.
- B. Staff Comments** – None
- B. Member Comments** – None
- C. Correspondence** – None

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Water Commission is Monday, August 28, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted
KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION


Greg Gatzka, Secretary