

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 5:30 p. m. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez

Councilmembers Absent: Parra

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, Public Works Supervisor Dominguez, Fire Chief Lopez, City Attorney Cross, Police Chief Alcaraz, City Engineer Peters, City Planner Marple, Deputy City Clerk Burrola

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

OVERVIEW OF THE SOUTH KINGS GSA'S GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

City Engineer Peters said the South Kings contracted Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group to prepare the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. He introduced Heather Bashian, Principal Engineer, with Provost and Pritchard who presented a PowerPoint overview of the plan. Ms. Bashian said a combination of three bills were passed by State Legislature and signed into law by California Governor Brown in September 2014. These laws provided local agencies throughout the State with framework to manage groundwater basins in a sustainable manner at the local level. The Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA's) were required to be established by June 2017 and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is required to be adopted by January 2020 with the goal of being sustainable by 2040. South Kings GSA (SKGSA) formed in May 2017, the City of Del Rey Community Services District joined in June 2017, and other member agencies include, Fowler, Kingsburg, Parlier, and Sanger.

On September 3, 2019, South Kings GSA began the 90-day public review of the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). This period will conclude with the public hearing on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the City of Sanger's City Hall. The South Kings GSA will consider all written comments received before and up through the public hearing from beneficial users of groundwater or local stakeholders.

AJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.