

**North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Meeting | July 12, 2017 | 20896 Malsbary Street, Riverdale, CA 93656**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency held July 12, 2017 at the Riverdale Public Utility District Annex.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McKean called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Directors Present:

Buddy Mendes, Division 1
Frank Zonneveld, Division 2
Mark McKean, Division 4
Leonard Acquistapace, Division 5
Stephen Maddox Jr., Division 6
John Coelho, Division 7 (alternate)

Directors Absent:

Division 3

Staff, Consultants, and Others Present:

Jennifer Parks, Fresno County
Christina Guzman, Fresno County
Eric Osterling, KRCD
Eva Dominguez, Self-Help Enterprises
Russ Waymire
Jerry Gragnani, Stinson
Randy Shilling, KRCD
Kevin Johansen, Provost & Pritchard
Bill Miguez, Clarks Fork
Daniel Van Der Kooi, Van Der Kooi Dairy
Eric TeVelde, Open Sky Ranch

Randy Claborn
Rodney Kamper, Mt. Whitney Dairy
Charles Van Der Kooi, Charles Van Der Kooi Dairy
Isabel Soloro, Lanare CSD
Jim Verboon, Farmer
Doug Rayner, Clarks Fork RD
Kristin Dobbin, CWC
Amanada Monaco, LCJA
Bernard Jimenez, Fresno County
Robert Griffin, Kingsburg Orchards

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Zonnefeld, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the April 12, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented.

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Directors Mendes and McKean reported that the South I Kings GSA recently formed, by some of the cities within the Consolidated Irrigation District, becoming the seventh GSA in the Kings Subbasin.

5. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE

Staff Eric Osterling confirmed that seven GSAs filed within the Kings Subbasin and all Department of Water Resources (DWR)-related mapping matters are resolved. DWR issued a draft solicitation for funding for Groundwater Sustainability Planning, which will be a different process and criteria than what was experienced in the first round of funding, the Counties with Distressed Basins Grant Program. There are concerns with the current solicitation's direction and staff reported that corrections and clarifications from DWR will come in August 2017 when the final solicitation is expected to be released. Currently, the Kings Subbasin is eligible for \$1.5 million and the North Fork Kings GSA (NFKGSA) is working with Provost & Pritchard on preparing a joint grant proposal on behalf of the seven GSAs in the subbasin. Although the proposal would be submitted by the NFKGSA, the \$1.5 million, if awarded, would be equitably split amongst all GSAs within the subbasin.

In cooperation with the Center for Irrigation Technology, the American Ground Water Trust is hosting a Measuring Groundwater Pumping for SGMA Compliance Workshop event at Fresno State on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 8:30am-4:00pm.

6. REVIEW DRAFT BYLAWS

Osterling reported that the draft document being presented was an informational item to show recent progress to develop agency bylaws. New draft language presented to the Board begins to layout guidance for the creation and operation of a Rural Community Advisory Committee as required by the NFKGSA Act.

7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO PREPARE A GSP

Required by DWR, Osterling reported that this letter, subject to Water Code Section 10727.8, discusses outreach conducted and future outreach plans, and the agency's intent to begin efforts to prepare and GSP.

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried that the notification letter be authorized as presented.

8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Osterling recommended the Board submit a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for professional engineering services to act as the overall technical engineering consultant for the NFKGSA with the responsibility to, but not limited to, plan and implement successful Proposition 218 and/or Proposition 26 elections.

Osterling received feedback that this RFQ be updated to include the need for a hydrogeologist. He reported that he intends to post the RFQ by Friday, July 14, 2017, if the Board approves.

It was moved by Director Mendes seconded by Director Maddox and unanimously carried that the Request for Qualifications for professional engineering services be authorized, and staff edits the request where appropriate.

9. CONSIDER RURAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION PROCESS

Osterling introduced the application process for the solicitation of members for the Rural Community Advisory Committee so the Board can consider applicants. He described the form as easy to fill out and easy to modify for use with any other committees the Board wishes to create in the future.

It was moved by Director Mendes seconded by Director Maddox and unanimously carried that the Rural Communities Committee Application Process go forward as described in the application document presented.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

Assistant Treasurer Randy Shilling presented the Financial Report for the six-month period ending June 30, 2017.

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried that the Financial Report ending June 30, 2017 be approved and disbursements authorized as presented.

11. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF NFKGSA FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Shilling presented the NFKGSA fiscal year budget for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (FY18). The budgeted revenue currently assumes that NFKGSA will not receive grant money for FY18 and may be adjusted should the region be successful with its grant application.

It was moved by Director Mendes seconded by Director Zonneveld and unanimously carried that the NFKGSA fiscal year budget for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (FY18) be approved as proposed.

12. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF FUNDING MECHANISM

Shilling presented various funding mechanisms (alternative fee schedules) to fund FY18 budget expenditures until county taxation through a Prop 218/26 election is sought, approved and implemented. The Board deliberated and determined to table this item for the September 2017 special board meeting in order to allow for time to discuss the agenda page 26 "Cost Per Board Representative by Acres" funding mechanism with their respective boards.

13. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SPECIAL ACT LEGISLATION

Bob Reeb, lobbyist, prepared the enclosed informational memo on progress related to Special Act Legislation amendments. Slight changes to the Act were necessary for the GSA's longevity. These changes recently passed both House and Senate. The legislation is now on the consent calendar and he does not anticipate any challenges.

14. STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

Osterling reported on behalf of Staff Member Cristel Tufenkjian. On June 23, 2017 Self-Help Enterprises and Kings River Conservation District coordinated a tour of a recharge facility and some of the small communities within the NFKGSA and the Mid-Kings GSA areas. Several state agency representatives and independent researchers were in attendance, joining local community members and water district employees in a tour intended to develop relationships and better understanding of issues and solutions in the region.

As a reminder, Rural Community Advisory committee outreach and pre-planning for a Prop 218 election will soon be underway.

15. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Osterling made the Board aware of a letter from Clarks Fork Reclamation District copying NFKGSA regarding mitigating overdraft in their region through recharge within the "Little South Fork".

16. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 5:30pm at 20896 Malsbary Street, Riverdale, CA 93656.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair McKean adjourned the meeting at 6:26pm.

Submitted by:

Stephen Maddox Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

Mark McKean, Chair