
Item 8: CONSIDER APPROVING TASK ORDER FOR INITIAL
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES **Presenter:** Eric Osterling

Discussion:

Osterling and Johansen drew the Board's attention to Task Order #4, as presented in the agenda packet, and explained that approving the task order would allow the Board's technical consultant to begin work on GSP development. Johansen stated that the costs presented are already approved in the budget, but is unsure if this full amount will be spent prior to June 2018.

Actions:

Director Mendes motioned, Director Maddox seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve Task Order 4 for initial Groundwater Sustainability Plan development services.

Item 9: CONSIDER APPROVING PROPOSAL FOR PREPARATION
OF A PROPOSITION 1 SGMA PLANNING GRANT **Presenter:** Eric Osterling

Discussion:

Osterling informed the Board that the proposal presented in the agenda packet is from Provost & Pritchard, who was selected by the Kings Technical Coordination Group to write the Proposition 1 SGMA Planning Grant for the Kings Subbasin. As a reminder, the NFKGSA is serving as the applicant on behalf of the seven GSAs in the Kings Subbasin, who are splitting the application costs. The NFKGSA's share of the cost to prepare the application will be roughly \$6,000, which is included in the budget for the FY2017-18.

Chair McKean reminded the Board and public that grant monies received will be split between the GSAs within the Kings Subbasin.

Actions:

Director Mendes motioned, Director Acquistapace seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the proposal for preparation of a Proposition 1 SGMA Planning Grant.

Item 10: CONSIDER AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION TO BE APPLICANT
FOR PROPOSITION 1 SGMA PLANNING GRANT **Presenter:** Eric Osterling

Discussion:

Related to Agenda Item 9, this action item authorizes the NFKGSA to be the grant applicant and to negotiate and execute a grant agreement with the Department of Water Resources (DWR). If the application is successful, the NFKGSA is requesting sub-agreements with each of the other six GSAs in the Subbasin to limit liability should any of them fail to perform in the development of their GSPs. The Board discussed the status of ongoing coordination agreement discussions, including dispute resolution mechanisms, and the likelihood of representatives within the Kings Subbasin Coordination Group agreeing to much prior to the December 2017 grant application deadline.

Actions:

Director Mendes motioned, Director Acquistapace seconded, and it was unanimously carried that the North Fork Kings authorize the resolution for the Proposition 1 SGMA Planning Grant, stating that the NFKGSA is the authorized lead agency for the grant application.

Item 11: REPORT ON RURAL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE APPLICATION PROCESS **Presenter:** Eric Osterling

Discussion:

Staff and Herrera reported that work is underway to solicit applicants for the Rural Communities Committee, with assistance from Self-Help Enterprises and the Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability.

Actions: None.

Item 12: CONSIDER APPROVING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SELF-HELP ENTERPRISES PROPOSITION 1 SGMA PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION **Presenter:** Eric Osterling
Maria Herrera

Discussion:

Herrera and Osterling reported to the Board that while the NFKGSA is applying for Proposition 1, Category 2 (Projects) funding, Self-Help Enterprises is applying for Category 1 funding. These two categories pull funding from different accounts and do not compete with one another for funds. Herrera brought this item to the Board's attention to notify them of Self-Help's intent to apply and to request a letter of support. The application is due November 13, 2017.

Self-Help Enterprises intends to apply for the maximum amount of \$1 million to establish a technical assistance program to help representatives from Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) engage on water management efforts. If funded, Self-Help Enterprises will outreach, education, and support SGMA, GSP, and GSA efforts; provide direct assistance for those on governing boards or participating on advisory committees; and to fund under-resourced DACs so they too can identify and develop projects to bring the state back into sustainability. Osterling expressed his desire to see Self-Help Enterprises receive funding for these efforts, as they will strengthen NFKGSA's outreach efforts.

Actions:

Director Mendes motioned, Director Maddox seconded, and it was unanimously carried to form an Ad Hoc Committee that consists of Directors Mendes, McKean, and Staff Osterling in order to respond to Self-Help Enterprise's request for a letter of support.

Item 13: CONSIDER APPROVING LETTER OF OPPOSITION FOR SEMITROPIC TULARE LAKE FLOODWATER PROJECT **Presenter:** Chair McKean

Discussion:

McKean gave some background on a circulating letter of opposition for the Semitropic Tulare Lake Floodwater Project Proposition 1 request for funding and an opportunity to respond to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). More developments are expected in the next 30 days, so the Board agreed to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to look into this item.

Actions:

Director Mendes motioned, Director Roberts seconded, and it was unanimously carried to appoint Directors Zonneveld, Acquistapace, and McKean to an Ad Hoc Committee to recommend action on the letter of opposition for the Semitropic Tulare Lake Floodwater Project and any comments they wish to make on the DEIR.

Item 14: FINANCIAL REPORT **Presenter:** Randy Shilling

Discussion:

Staff Randy Shilling introduced Staff Brian Trevarrow, who may present financial reports to the NFKGSA in the future. Shilling summarized the financial report, as presented in the agenda packet, explaining to the board that not all billed invoices are collected yet, but that the NFKGSA is currently spending under budget. In addition, Osterling reported that NFKGSA expects a final lobbying bill in December 2017.

Actions:

Director Mendes motioned, Director Zonneveld seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2017, as presented.

Item 15: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS **Presenter:** Cristel Tufenkjian

Discussion:

Staff Cristel Tufenkjian drew the Board's attention to the outreach schedule for Prop 218, as in the agenda packet, and informed the public of an email subscription service available on northforkkings.org. Among other updates, emails will be sent following Board meetings regarding action taken by the Board.

Actions: None.

Item 16: OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION **Presenter:** Chair McKean

Discussion:

Chair McKean reported news that the Kings Subbasin Coordination Group just received a preliminary estimate of water level deficits. The area under NFKGSA's jurisdiction is estimated at 82,000 acre-feet annual deficit, but this calculation is only based upon geology and static groundwater elevation data. It does not consider gains and losses from groundwater flows from pumping and recharge activities in surrounding GSAs and subbasins. The Coordination Group will consider these factors, while using a representative 10-year average that incorporates an average cycle of wet and dry years and avoids the outlying data from the 2014-2015 water year, which was during extreme drought.

Actions: None.

Item 17: NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS **Presenter:** Chair McKean

Discussion: None.

Actions:

Regular Board meeting on January 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Item 18: ADJOURNMENT **Adjourned:** 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Maddox Jr., Board Secretary

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Mark McKean, Board Chair