

# North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Public hearing Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.  
Riverdale Community Education  
Center Board Room

## Members Present:

Buddy Mendes, Division 1  
Frank Zonneveld, Division 2  
Carol Hall, Division 3  
Mark McKean, Division 4  
Leonard Acquistapace, Division 5  
Tony Campos, Division 7

## Members Absent:

Division 6

## Others Present:

An attendance list is attached to the original minutes on file in the KRCD offices.

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<b>Item 1:</b>	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Chair McKean
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The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

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<b>Item 2:</b>	<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Chair McKean
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Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

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<b>Item 3:</b>	<u>PROPOSITION 218 MAJORITY PROTEST RELATED TO PROPOSED ASSESSMENT RATES</u>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Chair McKean Randy Shilling
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Discussion:

Spanish translation services were offered during the meeting via headsets available for the public's use.

Chair McKean provided information on the various Prop 218 election outreach activities and introduced the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (NFK GSA) Assistant Treasurer, Randy Shilling. Shilling presented an overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), the creation of the NFK GSA, and the public's role to help the GSA achieve groundwater sustainability via a Prop 218 landowner assessment. Shilling described the various details and objectives associated with the GSP, the Subbasin coordination efforts underway with the Subbasin's seven GSAs, the history of the NFK GSA, and stated that the NFK GSA will continue to report annually to the State and undergo State evaluation every five years. The NFK GSA is seeking funding via a voter-approved Prop 218 election from landowners within the District's boundaries, as represented in the Engineer's Report. The assessment would not exceed \$10/acre in order to fund the GSA's activities to achieve SGMA's mandates. Shilling explained the ramifications should the State assume control, resulting in higher fees and less local control over the Subbasin's groundwater supply.

Chair McKean opened the Public Hearing to receive written and verbal testimony regarding the proposed assessment. Comments and questions were received regarding inter-Basin coordination, surface water rights, water storage projects, and adjudication. The Board described how the seven GSAs within the Subbasin are coordinating efforts, clarified that the NFK GSA does not have any authority regarding water rights, responded to questions regarding various line items within the 2018-2019 budget, and stated their intent to use funds to fill in data gaps that currently exist and to implement projects to balance the groundwater supply over time.

Receiving no further comment, Chair McKean ended the Public Hearing.

After tabulation of the ballots, Chair McKean announced that there was no majority protest, with 94% in favor of the \$10/acre assessment.

Actions:

Motion by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Mendes and it was unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2018-02 certifying the protest ballot results.

(AYES Choose an item., Frank Zonneveld, Carol Hall, Mark McKean, Leonard Acquistapace, Tony Campos; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Division 6)

Motion by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Acquistapace and it was unanimously carried to adopt Resolutions 2018-03 and 2018-04 for County of Kings and County of Fresno, each, establishing the assessment rate for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

(AYES Choose an item., Frank Zonneveld, Carol Hall, Mark McKean, Leonard Acquistapace, Tony Campos; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Division 6)

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**Item 4:**            ADJOURNMENT

**Adjourned:**    8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephen Maddox Jr., Board Secretary

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Mark McKean, Board Chair