North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Riverdale Community Education Center
Board Room

Members Present:
Buddy Mendes, Division 1
Frank Zonneveld, Division 2
Lucy Nino, Division 3
Mark McKean, Division 4
Leonard Acquistapace, Division 5
Stephen Maddox Jr., Division 6
John Coelho, Alternate Division 7

Members Absent:

Others Present:
Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District
Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District
Debra Dunn, Kings River Conservation District
Lawrence O’Leary, Mottich USA
Scott Sills, Laguna Irrigation District
Ilse Lopez-Narvaez, Self-Help Enterprises
Kevin Johansen, Provost & Pritchard
Julianne Phillips, Kings County
Glen Allen, Fresno County

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Presenter: Chair McKean

Item 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Presenter: Chair McKean

Item 3: ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Discussion: None.

Actions:

Presenter: Chair McKean

Item 4: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: None.

Actions:

Presenter: Chair McKean
It was moved by Director Acquistapace, seconded by Director Maddox, and unanimously carried to approve the April 24, 2019 meeting minutes, as presented.

(AYES: Mendes, Zonneveld, Nino, McKeen, Acquistapace, Maddox, Coelho; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

**Item 5: DIRECTORY REPORTS**
**Presenter:** Chair McKean

**Discussion:** None.

**Actions:** None.

**Item 6: STAFF REPORTS**
**Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

**Discussion:**
Charlotte Gallock reported that she attended ACWA Conference where there was much discussion of the Governor’s Executive Order to develop a water resilience portfolio. The Borrego Basin in San Diego has released their full GSP; it is the first one to hit the public – implementation costs are estimated to be $20M+ and they anticipate 13,000AF of overdraft. Ms. Gallock also introduced Kings River Conservation District’s new Manager of Water Resources, Debra Dunn.

**Actions:** None.

**Item 7: RURAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**
**Presenter:** Rebecca Quist

**Discussion:** No meeting held; nothing to report.

**Actions:** None.

**Item 8: APPROVAL OF LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO SEMITROPIC’S REQUEST FOR HEARING ON KINGS RIVER’S FULLY APPROPRIATED STREAM DESIGNATION**
**Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

**Discussion:** Semitropic Water Storage District is requesting a hearing from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on the Fully Appropriated Stream designation on the Kings River, in order to use the water from flood flows for their own water storage project. The letter in opposition contains the reasons why the North Fork Kings GSA Board opposes this petition, and would be an official statement by the GSA to the SWRCB.

**Actions:** It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Maddox, and unanimously carried to approve the text of the letter in opposition to Semitropic Water Storage District’s petition, as presented.

(AYES: Mendes, Zonneveld, Nino, McKeen, Acquistapace, Maddox, Coelho; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

**Item 9: UPDATE ON STRATEGIES AND POLICIES RELATED TO GSP DEVELOPMENT**
**Presenter:** Kevin Johansen; Sean Smith

**Discussion:**
A presentation was made to update the Board on the Schedule; Kings Subbasin Coordination; GSP Development Update; Water Budgets; and Sustainable Management Criteria. The plan is to present the draft GSP to the Board and walk them through it at the June meeting. It is planned that the July meeting would be when the Public Notice of the hearing would be made, and the hearing itself would then be at the October meeting. After that, any comments can be addressed and/or incorporated, and the plan can be adopted any time after the October hearing, and before the January 31, 2020 deadline. A cooperation agreement between the different GSAs in the Subbasin is still in development.

Approximately 22% of NFKGSA area is outside of the Kings River Service area. Three water budgets are required for the GSP: previous 10yrs; current water budget; and future water budget. The entire region has to have a water budget, but the GSA within the region will also have a water budget. The estimated annual change in groundwater storage is 91,000AF of overdraft; in the coordinated effort it was calculated to be about 59,000AF; the GSA’s responsibility was 50,300AF; compaction has reduced the amount of water gain possible by 10,000AF. The current water overdraft is 63,000AF, compared to the 59,000AF historically.

The projected mitigation is a 10% reduction in the first 5yrs, and over a 10yr period there should be a 30% reduction in overdraft.

The consultant also presented on subsidence measurable objectives, and explained that the goal is to show that the subsidence will not worsen to the level of previous drought periods due to the GSA’s actions. The same is true for contaminate targets.

The GSA will emphasize increasing the water supply and minimizing the management actions required.

**Actions:** None.

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**Item 10: FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

**Discussion:**

Mr. Trevarrow noted that the second installment of Property Tax from Fresno County had not arrived yet, but that it is expected soon. The budget to be presented at the next meeting will reflect the intention of the Board to reimburse members in two installments, one in July of 2019 and one in July in 2020.

**Actions:** None.

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**Item 11: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Presenter:** Rebecca Quist

**Discussion:**

241 people are signed up to receive the monthly emails. New items, notably a short Sustainability Indicators video and some infographics on the same, have been added to the GSP portal of the website. Board Chair Mark McKeen will be on the televised Town Hall on 5/23/19; NFKGSA and McMullin Area GSA co-sponsored a slot in the Town Hall line-up. Once the GSP is open for public comment, there will be a method for people to easily comment on the website. A webinar is planned, as is a workshop, stakeholder roundtable, and “office hours chat” option.

**Actions:** None.

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**Item 12: OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Presenter:** Chair McKeen

**Discussion:** None.

**Actions:** None.

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**Item 13: NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

**Presenter:** Chair McKeen

**Discussion:**

June 26, 2019 is the next meeting. The Budget Committee will meet one hour before that meeting in order to begin their work.

**Actions:** None.
Item 14: **ADJOURNMENT**  

Adjourned: 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephen Maddox Jr., Board Secretary

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Mark McKean, Board Chair