North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

June 26, 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
Tony Campos, Division 7

Members Absent:

Others Present:
Corey McLaughlin, Kings River Conservation District
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District
Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District
Debra Dunn, Kings River Conservation District
Danielle Roberts, LCSD - Lanare
Scott Sills, Laguna ID
Ilse Lopez-Narvaez, Self-Help Enterprises
Kevin Johansen, Provost & Pritchard
Julianne Phillips, Kings County
Frank Coelho, Lasaca Vinyards

Rodney Kamper
Jerry Gragnani, Stinson
Jesus Rodriguez, Akhavi LLC
Amanda Monaco, Leadership Counsel
Chuck Dwiggins
Andy Zonneveld, RCAC
Roy Jimenez, Fresno County
George Huerta

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER

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

Presenter: Chair McKean

Item 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion: Danielle Roberts spoke regarding Veteran’s Village of San Diego and opportunities to contribute funds to the efforts of the Village.

Actions: None.

Presenter: Chair McKean

Item 3: ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Presenter: Chair McKean

Item 4: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: None.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Acquistapace, seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously carried to approve the May 22, 2019 meeting minutes, as presented.

Presenter: Chair McKean
Item 5: DIRECTOR REPORTS
Presenter: Chair McKean
Discussion: None.
Actions: None.

Item 6: STAFF REPORTS
Presenter: Charlotte Gallock
Discussion:
Charlotte Gallock reported to the Board regarding their opposition letter regarding the Semitropic request for hearing on the Fully Appropriated Stream on the Kings River. NFKGSA received a response from Semitropic, in the form of a CC to Semitropic’s own request that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) allow them time to respond to the issues raised in the NFKGSA opposition letter, among others. Kings River Water Association’s lawyer responded – and CCed NFKGSA – that Semitropic did not have any time left to respond, since the comment period was over. The SWRCB responded to all, giving Semitropic until 7/12/19 to submit their responses to the concerns raised.

Ms. Gallock also reported that a GSP Review and Stakeholder Engagement Timeline has been developed, and a copy was provided to the Board and the public present.

Actions: None.

Item 7: RURAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
Presenter: Andy Zonneveld
Discussion:
The RCAC agreed to promote their August 21, 2019 meeting to the communities of Laton, Riverdale, and Lanare, and a GSP workshop will be held immediately after that meeting. They were given the draft monitoring network to review, and they discussed how to address data gaps. One member stated that the priority is putting water into aquifers, and so it makes most sense to spend money on digging basins first. There were also questions about how the committee can be more involved in the GSP drafting process and whether staff can include water quality data in a presentation at the next meeting.

Actions: None.

Item 8: LITIGATION POOL/ACWA-JPIA
Presenter: Charlotte Gallock
Discussion:
Charlotte Gallock presented some preliminary information to the Board regarding a potential coordinated meeting for GSAs in Regions 6 & 7, in order for ACWA-JPIA to present information about a possible litigation pool for GSAs. The litigation pool will not be for suits between GSAs, but rather for assisting GSAs as they combat suits upon implementing and/or enforcing their GSPs. It was the general understanding that the best place for more detailed questions to begin to be answered would be at the coordinated meeting.

Actions: None; information item only.

Item 9: UPDATE ON STRATEGIES AND POLICIES RELATED TO GSP DEVELOPMENT
Presenter: Kevin Johansen
Discussion:
Consultant Kevin Johansen reported to the Board in more detail regarding the GSP Review and Stakeholder Engagement Timeline. Key dates are July 24, when the Board will be asked to authorize notice of a public hearing.
for the draft GSP; July 25, when the written public comment period will begin and notice would be sent to the counties; October 22, when the 90-day written comment period closes; October 23, when the Board will present the GSP again for the public hearing; November 27, when the Board will discuss the comments received, and then either December 18 or January 22, when the GSP will be adopted in its final form.

Mr. Johansen reiterated that all GSAs within the Kings Subbasin are working together to coordinate plan sections on:

- Water Budget
- Sustainable Management Criteria
- Basin-wide Language
- Basin-wide GSP Outline

GSA specifics would be handled separately for those areas where basin-wide details do not have to be coordinated. All GSPs in the Subbasin must be submitted at the same time, and work is being done to finalize the Coordinating Agreement.

Mr. Johansen presented information and graphics related to the basin-wide Sustainable Management Criteria – Sustainability Goal, including the criteria to be addressed for the four sustainability indicators – out of the six identified under SGMA – that are applicable to the NFKGSA.

The current overdraft estimate in the GSA is 63,100 AF/yr based on the water budget, and the projected 2040 overdraft – if no projects or management actions were done – would be 68,900 AF/yr. The preliminary GSP project list would yield an estimated annual average water savings of 62,800 AF/yr, based on historic floodwater availability. The projects will both increase water supply and decrease water demand.

After the GSP is adopted in January of 2020, continuing efforts will include:

1. Improving monitoring networks and filling data gaps
2. Exploring primary clay layer extent and thickness
3. Finding a method for determining pumping volumes from various aquifers
4. Developing the data management system
5. Finding funding mechanisms for project development and implementation
6. Discussing and possibly adopting potential management actions

**Actions:** None.

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**Item 10: FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

**Discussion:**

Mr. Trevarrow noted that the agency received $110,000.00 in reimbursement for invoice 2 for the Prop 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant, and $436,982.00 from Fresno County for property taxes. As of this meeting, the agency has received 97% of the anticipated tax revenue from Fresno County and 95% of the expected revenue from Kings County.

**Actions:** None.

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**Item 11: FY 2018-2019 BUDGET AUGMENTATION**

**Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

**Discussion:**

This document consolidates changes in budgetary expenditures already approved by the Board in the past, as well as an increase in administration. The intent is to memorialize all of these changes. The difference between the original budget and the amended version is $1,085,000, which is the amount of the Groundwater Planning Grant; the rest of the changes are reapportionment of funds between current line-items.

**Actions:**

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried to approve the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Budget, as presented.

(AYES: Mendes, Zonneveld, Nino, McKean, Acquistapace, Maddox, Campos; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)
Item 12: FY TASK ORDERS FY 2019-2020

Presenter: Kevin Johansen

Discussion:
Change Orders 4 (related to Task Order 1 – project administration) makes up for shortfall in 2018-2019 and covers all of 2019-2020. Change Order 5 (related to Task Order 4 – GSP completion) are for cost differences between FY 2018-2019 estimates related to reviewing all of the other GSPs and coordinating with them. Task Order 5 (Annual Reporting and Project Development/Implementation) is for FY 2019 – 2020. The dollar amounts are incorporated into the proposed budget.

Actions:
It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously carried to approve the change orders and task order from Kevin Johansen at Provost and Prichard, as presented.

(AYES: Mendes, Zonneveld, Nino, McKea, Acquistapace, Maddox, Campos; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

Item 13: APPROVAL OF FY 2019-2020 BUDGET

Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:
Brian Trevarrow provided a handout to the Board and Public to highlight changes to the proposed budget from what was in the packet, which reflects the change orders and task order from Item 12. He highlighted that reimbursements to contributing member agencies are reflected in this budget proposal.

Actions:
It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried to approve the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget, as presented.

(AYES: Mendes, Zonneveld, Nino, McKea, Acquistapace, Maddox, Campos; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

Item 14: RESOLUTION 19-02 – LEVYING 2019-2020 KINGS COUNTY ASSESSMENT

Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:
The counties have asked for resolutions reflecting the amount to be assessed.

Actions:
It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried to approve the adopt Resolution 19-02, as presented.

(AYES: Mendes, Zonneveld, Nino, McKea, Acquistapace, Maddox, Campos; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

Item 15: RESOLUTION 19-03 – LEVYING 2019-2020 FRESNO COUNTY ASSESSMENT

Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:
The counties have asked for resolutions reflecting the amount to be assessed.

Actions:
It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 19-03, as presented.

(AYES: Mendes, Zonneveld, Nino, McKea, Acquistapace, Maddox, Campos; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)
Item 16:  STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS  
Presenter: Rebecca Quist

Discussion:
Interested persons emails went up 10 from the beginning of May. Three email correspondences were sent out, and Management Actions was the second most popular page on the website. The open rates on emails were also up this month. Two phone calls came in on the GSA phone number: one was regarding questions about the Prop 218 election and assessments on their tax bill, and the other was the Nature Conservancy, wanting to know when the GSP would be available for review. Mark McKean represented the GSA on the Channel 26 Town Hall. The upcoming outreach event in August will include a GSP workshop for communities, and will have a Spanish translation available.

Actions: None.

Item 17:  OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion: Amanda Monaco mentioned a session on Groundwater Markets to be hosted on July 2, 2019. This session is put together by Leadership Counsel, Self-Help Enterprises, Community Water Center, Union of Concerned Scientists, and the Environmental Defense Fund, and will be at Café 210 in Visalia.

Actions: None.

Item 18:  NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS  
Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion:  
July 17 and July 24, 2019 were both held as dates for the next meeting, to be determined and noticed later.

Actions: None.

Item 19:  ADJOURNMENT  
Adjourned: 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephen Maddox Jr., Board Secretary

_________________________________ approved on ________________, 2019
Mark McKean, Board Chair

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