North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Riverdale Community Education Center Board Room

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

Members Absent:

Others Present:
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District
Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District
Lucy Nino, Laton CSD
Scott Sills, Laguna ID
Ilse Lopez-Narvaez, Self-Help Enterprises
Frank Oliviera, CFR
Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District

Rodney Kamper
Jim Petty, Riverdale PUD
Jim Verboon, Farmer
Amanda Monaco, Leadership Counsel
Antonio Solon, WWD
Matthew Eford
Glenn 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: A request was made by Jim Petty for an agenda item to talk about prohibiting the export of groundwater and/or surface water from the GSA. Chair McKean indicated that there will be such an agenda item in a few meetings, as part of policy discussions.

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 Mendes, and unanimously carried to approve the June 26, 2019 meeting minutes, as presented.

(AYES: Mendes, Zonneveld, Roberts, McKean, Acquistapace, Maddox, Coelho; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)
Item 5: DIRECTOR REPORTS

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion: Danielle Roberts indicated that there were some suggestions for language changes to Chapter 2 of the GSP from Division 3, and that those changes were added.

Actions: None.

Item 6: STAFF REPORTS

Presenter: Charlotte Gallock

Discussion: Charlotte Gallock reported to the Board on the GSP review calendar progress to date, and a brief outline of key waypoints in the future. She also noted that McMullin GSA has their GSP out for review currently.

A clarifying question was asked by a member of the public regarding whether or not the comments received on the North Fork GSA’s draft GSP would be made public and result in any changes to the GSP prior to adoption. Ms. Gallock replied that yes: the Board meeting on November 27, 2019 will be for the purpose of summarizing any comments received and responding to those comments.

Actions: None.

Item 7: RURAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Presenter: None.

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Item 8: UPDATE ON STRATEGIES AND POLICIES RELATED TO GSP DEVELOPMENT

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion: Chair McKean reports that the Technical Group continues to meet and is down to the details of correcting grammar, etc., for the GSP.

Actions: None.

Item 9: FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT CONTRACT

Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

a. Financial Report Discussion:

Mr. Trevarrow noted that the books on the quarterly/year-end will be held open for four (4) to six (6) weeks to allow for final invoices to come in, and then the quarterly/year-end financials will be reviewed in their final form. At June 30, 2019 the Agency had a little over $1.63 million in the bank. Accounts Receivable was $292,895.00 which is due from DWR for the GSP development grant, and liabilities of a little over $487,000. Mr. Trevarrow presented an early glimpse of the quarter from April 1 to June 30, 2019, and a Year-to-Date report.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried to receive the financial report for the period ending June 30, 2019.

(AYES: Mendes, Zonneveld, Roberts, McKean, Acquistapace, Maddox, Coelho; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

b. Audit Contract Discussion:
Mr. Trevarrow presented the Audit Contract from Cuttone & Mastro and highlighted the key points, noting that more effort will be required from the auditor this year, but indicated that Mr. Trevarrow will endeavor to keep costs down.

**Actions:**

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried to approve the quarterly financial report for the period ending June 30, 2019.

(AYES: Mendes, Zonneveld, Roberts, McKean, Acquistapace, Maddox, Coelho; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

**Item 10:**  
**AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DRAFT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)**  
**Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

**Discussion:**

Charlotte Gallock noted that a public hearing on the GSP and the attendant notice of that hearing are required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

**Actions:**

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried to authorize a public hearing on the draft North Fork Kings GSA GSP and to set the date of said hearing for Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., and to send notice of the same pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

(AYES: Mendes, Zonneveld, Roberts, McKean, Acquistapace, Maddox, Coelho; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

**Item 11:**  
**STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS**  
**Presenter:** Rebecca Quist

**Discussion:**

Cristel Tufenkjian noted that five more people signed up for the Interested Persons List, bringing the total to 256 individuals. The open-rate for emails is averaged to 55%.

Ms. Tufenkjian outlined the plan for continued outreach around the GSP for the next several months. This plan involves intervening Board meetings, two additional workshops, office-chat, and six (6) different venues for interested individuals to learn about the GSP.

**Actions:** None.

**Item 12:**  
**OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Presenter:** Chair McKean

**Discussion:** None.

**Actions:** None.

**Item 13:**  
**NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**  
**Presenter:** Chair McKean

**Discussion:**

The next meeting of the Board is set for Wednesday, August 28, 2019.

**Actions:** None.

**Item 14:**  
**ADJOURNMENT**  
**Adjourned:** 5:52 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

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Stephen Maddox Jr., Board Secretary

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Mark McKean, Board Chair