

North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
 Riverdale Community Education
 Center Board Room

Members Present:

Buddy Mendes, Division 1
 Frank Zonneveld, Division 2
 Mark McKean, Division 4
 Leonard Acquistapace, Division 5
 Stephen Maddox Jr., Division 6
 Tony Campos, Division 7

Members Absent:

Danielle Roberts, Division 3

Others Present:

Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District
 Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District
 Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District
 Leslie Martinez, Leadership Counsel
 John Coelho, Liberty Canal Company
 Ilse Lopez-Narvaez, Self-Help Enterprises
 Jerry Gagnani, Stinson Canal & Irrigation Company
 Bret Sill, Sill Properties
 Jesus Rodriguez, Akhavi LLC
 Juan Maciel, Akhavi LLC
 Kevin Johansen, Provost & Pritchard

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 Antonio Solorio, Westlands Water District
 Luke Vanderham
 Bill Miguez, Clarks Fork Reclamation District
 Scott Sills, Laguna Irrigation District
 Geoff VandenHeuvel, Milk Producers Council

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER

Presenter: Chair McKean

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

Item 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Item 3: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion: None.

Actions:

Motion by Director Acquistapace, seconded by Director Mendes and it was unanimously carried to approve the January 23, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes, as presented.

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

Item 4: DIRECTOR REPORTS **Presenter:** Chair McKean

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Item 5: STAFF REPORTS **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock reported that she is participating on a Flood Managed Aquifer Recharge (Flood-MAR) subcommittee hosted by Thomas Harder that is researching projects to show how groundwater recharge affects groundwater quality. Several research projects are in progress including anaerobic projects, testing of woodchips to see how it could reduce travel of nitrates into the groundwater table, reversed tile drain projects, and permitting for recharge projects, which would require monitoring of groundwater quality and the quality of water that is delivered to a recharge basin. Gallock reported that she attended a Water Exchange Synopsis that explored policies for a water market. Madera County received a grant to develop an economic feasibility study for developing a water market.

Actions: None.

Item 6: RURAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT **Presenter:** Rebecca Quist

Discussion:

Rebecca Quist reported that the Rural Community Advisory Committee met on February 20, 2019. Kevin Johansen provided the Committee with a presentation on a proposed regional recharge project and discussed areas of suitable recharge that may provide benefits to the communities of Lanare and Laton. The draft GSP Plan Area chapter was provided to the Committee for review and comment. Amanda Monaco with Leadership Counsel also provided the Committee with a presentation on undesirable results. Monaco's presentation included a generalized graph illustrating three options for measurable objectives. The Committee members unanimously agreed that setting the minimum threshold for groundwater level below the average community well depth would be unacceptable and likely not approved by DWR.

Actions: None.

Item 7: UPDATE ON STRATEGIES AND POLICIES RELATED TO GSP DEVELOPMENT **Presenter:** Kevin Johansen

Discussion:

Kevin Johansen provided updates on the GSP and provided handouts of the presentation to those present. Johansen reported on the following items:

- The draft GSP is anticipated to be completed by April 2019.
- A draft of the Plan Area chapter and a part of Chapter 3 regarding the Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model is complete.
- All other GSP chapters are in progress.
- The NFK GSA continues to participate in the Kings Subbasin Coordination Group. The Coordination group is wrapping up confined aquifer boundary flow estimates.
- Preliminary estimate of groundwater overdraft for the NFK GSA is approximately 50,000 AF/yr. There are only two ways of achieving sustainability - increase water supply or reduce water demand.
- A preliminary project list is in development to address or mitigate the amount of overdraft in the NFK GSA. The NFK GSA submitted a pre-application to the Kings Basin Water Authority for the North Fork

Regional Recharge Project to be considered for inclusion in an application for the Prop 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Program.

- The engineering consultant continues to research and analyze potential management actions, undesirable results, land subsidence, and water budget.

Actions: None.

Item 8: FINANCIAL REPORT

Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

Brian Trevarrow reported on the cash balance for the NFK GSA. Due to land assessments that the NFK GSA is beginning to receive, the Board directed staff to report at the next meeting the amount of funds member units have contributed to the GSA's effort so that they may be reimbursed those expenses.

Trevarrow reported that the NFK GSA expressed interest in becoming an Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) member and applying to the JPIA for insurance. Trevarrow reported that at the next meeting he will have made inquiries on the process to obtain for insurance from the JPIA.

Actions: None.

Item 9: IRWMP PRE-APPLICATION LETTERS

Presenter: Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock reported that the NFK GSA and Laguna Irrigation District (LID) each submitted a project to the Kings Basin Water Authority's pre-application process to be considered for inclusion in an application for Prop 1 IRWM Implementation grant money. A required component of the pre-application package is an acknowledgement letter from the GSA certifying that the GSA understands the responsibilities deemed necessary to prepare a full application and the actions or materials required if awarded funding. LID requested that the NFK GSA provide a letter of support for their project titled Laton North Recharge Project.

Actions:

Motioned by Director Maddox, seconded by Director Mendes and it was unanimously carried to approve the IRWMP Pre-application letters for the NFKGSA and LID.

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

Item 10: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

Presenter: Rebecca Quist

Discussion:

Rebecca Quist reported that the interested persons list has grown to 229 subscribers. Meeting agendas and e-updates are sent after each Board meeting to share information discussed at the meeting or any action taken. GSP update presentation slides presented at the Board meetings by the technical consultant are uploaded to the GSP portal on the NFK GSA website. Additionally, a short water budget video produced by KRCD with Spanish subtitles was posted to the GSP portal. Quist reported that upcoming outreach includes a mailer in the spring to provide more education on SGMA and remind landowners about the Prop 218 assessment they will be seeing on their county tax bill.

Actions: None.

Item 11: OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Item 12: NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion:

Regular Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

Actions: None.

Item 13: ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Maddox Jr., Board Secretary

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Mark McKean, Board Chair