

North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Rural Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Riverdale Community Education Center,
Board Room

Members Present:

Angel Hernandez
Vicente Hernandez
Amanda Monaco
Jim Petty
Isabel Solorio
Andrew Zonneveld

Members Absent:

Pablo Avila
Dan Conway
Tommy Fritz

Others Present:

Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District
Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District
Sean Smith, Provost & Pritchard
Kevin Johansen, Provost & Pritchard

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER **Presenter:** Chair Zonneveld

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Item 2: PUBLIC COMMENT **Presenter:** Chair Zonneveld

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Item 3: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Presenter:** Chair Zonneveld

Discussion: None.

Actions:

Motion by Petty, seconded by A. Hernandez. The Committee unanimously carried to approve the June 19, 2019 meeting minutes.

(AYES: A. Hernandez, V. Hernandez, Monaco, Petty, Solorio, Zonneveld; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Avila, Conway, Fritz)

Item 4: COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS **Presenter:** Chair Zonneveld

Discussion:

Petty presented a handout on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan draft to the Riverdale PUD Board, and provided a timeline of the public review and comment period.

Actions: None.

Item 5: STAFF UPDATES

Presenter: Rebecca Quist

Discussion:

Quist confirmed the USB containing the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) was received by Committee Members via direct mail. Monaco mentioned brief letter enclosed with the USB should be available in Spanish. Quist confirmed that will be considered for similar letters sent to Committee Members moving forward.

The comment period for the draft GSP is open through October 21, 2019. A Public Hearing for the North Fork Kings GSA Board to consider the GSP will take place on October 23, 2019 at 5:30 at the Riverdale Education Center Board Room.

Quist updated the Committee Members that a hardcopy draft GSP is available at the Laton and Riverdale Libraries. Upcoming outreach events on the GSP include a community workshop, landowner workshop, webinar, and office hours chat. A postcard in Spanish and English to promote the August 21, 2019 GSP community workshop was mailed to residents of Laton, Lanare and Riverdale.

Kings River Conservation District in cooperation with Self-Help Enterprises will be hosting a second Kings Subbasin Workshop to discuss Groundwater Sustainability Plans. The workshop will take place in Dinuba.

V. Hernandez inquired about translating the GSP into Spanish. Quist stated it is not feasible to translate the entire document, but the presentations for outreach workshops include detailed key findings from each GSP chapter and have been translated into Spanish. Spanish translation services are also available at the workshops.

Actions: None.

Item 6: REPORT ON WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

Presenter: Sean Smith

Discussion:

Smith reported on Provost & Pritchard's analysis of water quality conditions in the North Fork Kings GSA service area. Water quality is a sustainability indicator considered when setting sustainable management criteria under SGMA. Data used in the analysis was obtained from SWRCB Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program (GAMA). There are 73 wells suitable to develop initial characterization of groundwater conditions in and around the North Fork Kings GSA. Wells were assigned to three conceptual aquifer zones: shallow, intermediate, and deep.

Queries of data focused on the highest record concentration for each constituent. This was compared with Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) set by the California and US Environmental Protection Agency. Constituents analyzed include arsenic, chromium, fluoride, gross alpha, nitrate, 1,2,3 TCP, Uranium, Aluminum, Iron, Manganese, and Total Dissolved Solids. When exceedances of MCLs already exist for a constituent, the minimum threshold states the North Fork Kings GSA cannot cause further degradation of that constituent.

Actions: None.

Item 7: OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Presenter: Chair Zonneveld

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Item 8: NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Presenter: Chair Zonneveld

Discussion:

The next meeting will take place October 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Actions: None.

Item 9: ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned 6:35 pm

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Maddox Jr., Board Secretary

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Andrew Zonneveld, Committee Chair