

**North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency**  
**Board Meeting | April 12, 2017 | 20896 Malsbary Street, Riverdale, CA 93656**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency held April 12, 2017 at the Riverdale Public Utility District Annex.

1. Call to Order

Chair McKean called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

**Directors Present:**

Buddy Mendes, Division 1  
Frank Zonneveld, Division 2  
Carol Hall, Division 3  
Mark McKean, Division 4  
Leonard Acquistapace, Division 5  
Stephen Maddox Jr., Division 6  
John Coelho, Division 7 (alternate)

**Directors Absent:**

None

**Staff, Consultants, and Others Present:**

Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District (KRCD)  
Eric Osterling, KRCD  
Aubrey Mauritsen, Ruddell, Cochran, Stanton, Smith & Bixler, LLP  
Amanda Monaco, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability  
Scott Sills, Laguna Irrigation District  
Steve Schultz, Burrell Ditch Co.  
Chris Johnson, Aegis Groundwater  
Tristan Mauger, Riverdale Public Utility District

Augustine Ramirez, County of Fresno  
Jerry Gragnani, Stinson Canal & Irrigation Company  
Eva Dominguez, Self-Help Enterprises  
Kristin Dobbins, Community Water Center  
Steve Sopp, Fresno County  
Bernard Jimenez, Fresno County  
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group  
Don A. Wright

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Consider Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented.

4. Director Reports

None.

5. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

In addition to summarizing information available in the agenda packet, staff member Eric Osterling reported the following:

1. North Fork Kings GSA is now on the Department of Water Resource's (DWR) map, with the Kings and Tulare subbasins almost fully represented.

2. Provided a summary of activities that occurred during the SGMA Practitioners Roundtable on Friday, March 17, 2017.

Osterling and Chair McKean introduced Ron Samuelian of Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group. Samuelian reported on next steps for the North Fork Kings GSA and subbasin coordination efforts including a conversation with Trevor Joseph (Sup. Engineering Geologist and SGM Section Chief, DWR) that DWR will not accept individual Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) until all GSAs GSPs within a basin or subbasin are submitted, along with a coordination agreement. In addition, the GSPs within a basin or subbasin must be consistent and cannot differ. Provost & Pritchard initially identified eighteen (18) tasks that need to be coordinated among the GSAs. Samuelian provided a timeline for the first four tasks, which will be the focus of this year's work as well as having a consistent water budget across all GSAs within the subbasin. It is expected that the GSAs will be adjusting methods along the way and reviewing the data every five years.

Discussion ensued regarding appointing a "point person" for this coordination effort between the six GSAs and the GSAs should coordinate and submit one GSP instead of six separate GSPs. Regardless, the goal is to have GSPs drafted in 2019 and ready for the January 2020 deadline. Samuelian explained the various tasks, recommended process, and the tools they will use to accomplish this goal.

Chair McKean announced grant money issued will clarify groundwater western boundary overlap concerns.

#### 6. Consider Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Strategy

Staff member Osterling summarized the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Strategy and referred to Samuelian's presentation. At Osterling's request, Directors Mendes, McKean, and Sills will serve on a subcommittee to develop a funding strategy and a Request for Proposals (RFP) for technical consultation. This group will bring a recommendation to the July meeting.

#### 7. Consider Appointing Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee

Aubrey Mauritson asked for volunteers from the board to form and finalize ad hoc bylaws, with a draft for review at the July 2017 meeting. McKean recommended Mauritson bring a skeleton/outline to the next board meeting for consideration.

#### 8. Financial Report

Osterling summarized the January-June 2017 budgeted financial report for the board. Osterling distributed two handouts regarding fiscal year estimates and a map demonstrating agency diversity in the area.

#### 9. Proposed Revisions to Special Act Legislation

Osterling reported on a memo from lobbyist Bob Reeb.

#### 10. Stakeholder Outreach and Communications

Staff member Cristel Tufenkjian informed the board that instructions on how to use their North Fork Kings GSA email accounts will be emailed to directors. To prevent lawful search of private email

accounts, Tufenkjian advised the Board to use their public email accounts when conducting GSA business. Tufenkjian showed the Board the updated North Forks Kings GSA logo.

11. Other Items for Discussion

Chair McKean brought to the board's attention a map of the North Fork Kings GSA area and discussed jurisdiction and groundwater within the area.

Osterling reported a grant KRCD received that will allow their staff to install wells designed for monitoring.

12. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, July 12 at 5:30 pm at the Riverdale Public Utility District Annex.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair McKean adjourned the meeting at 6:28pm.

Submitted by:

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Stephen Maddox Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

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Mark McKean, Chair