# North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Riverdale Public Utility District Annex

**Members 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

Tony Campos, Division 7

**Others Present:** 

Ariel Namvar, Farmer

Amanda Monaco, Leadership Counsel

Terry Erlewine, Provost & Pritchard

April Ganzon, Self-Help Enterprises

Eva Dominguez, Self-Help Enterprises

Bret Sill, Sill Properties

Don H. Wright, Waterwrights.net

Julianne Phillips, Kings County

**Chuck Dwiggins** 

Scott Sills, Laguna ID

Carol Hall, Laton CSD

**Members Absent:** 

Lupe Alcoser, Laton CSD

Jerry Gragnani

Jeff Coelho

Gerald Leoni

Ron Allvin, Clark's Fork

Ben Nydam, Dellavalle Lab

Jim Verboon, Farmer Landowner

Kevin Johansen, Provost & Pritchard

Tom Krazan, Kings River Drilling

Eric Osterling, Kings River Conservation District

Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District

Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Presenter:

Chair McKean

Item 2:

**PUBLIC COMMENT** 

Presenter:

Chair McKean

Item 3:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Presenter:** 

Chair McKean

Discussion: None.

<u>Discussion</u>: None. Actions: None.

Actions:

Director Maddox motioned, seconded by Director Acquistapace and it was unanimously carried to approve the February 28, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

(AYES: Acquistapace, Campos, Hall, Maddox, McKean, Mendes, Zonneveld; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Division 1)

Item 4:DIRECTOR REPORTSPresenter:Chair McKean

<u>Discussion</u>: None. Actions: None.

**Item 5:** <u>STAFF REPORTS</u> **Presenter:** Eric Osterling

## **Discussion**:

Osterling reported that staff are receiving positive feedback for the Prop 218 election assessment. The North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NFK GSA) received a Proposition 1 SGWP grant award of \$1.5 million on behalf of the Kings Subbasin to distribute among the seven Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) within the Kings Subbasin. The Board will consider execution of the grant agreement and sub agreements once the contracting process is complete, with hopes of receiving Board action at the June 2018 Board meeting.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) hosted a workshop at Clovis Veterans Memorial building April 24, 2018 to update the Public on guidance and tools prepared by DWR. Osterling discussed the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) approval process, first due to DWR January 2020 and announced that DWR is developing a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) data viewer to show comprehensive downloadable data including subsidence (utilizing remote sensing satellites), native vegetation, land use viewer and well construction reports.

Actions: None.

Item 6: RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE EXECUTION OF Presenter: Chair McKean

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR GRANT SHARING

**AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION** 

## **Discussion**:

Chair McKean introduced the Memorandum of Agreement and summarized the success of the dispute resolution process.

#### Actions:

Director Acquistapace motioned, seconded by Director Campos and it was unanimously carried to approve the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement for Grant Sharing and Dispute Resolution.

(AYES: Acquistapace, Campos, Hall, Maddox, McKean, Mendes, Zonneveld; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Division 1)

Item 7:REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR RCACPresenter:Chair McKeanAPPOINTMENT

#### Discussion:

The Board discussed the criteria for the Rural Community Advisory Committee (RCAC) and discussed the makeup of the Committee for equal representation.

#### Actions:

Director Zonneveld motioned, seconded by Director Acquistapace and it was unanimously carried to approve applications received from Dan Conway, Andrew Zonneveld, Tommy Fritz, Angel Hernandez, Amanda Monaco, Vicente Hernandez, Isabel Solorio and Jim Petty and appoint those individuals to the RCAC.

(AYES: Acquistapace, Campos, Hall, Maddox, McKean, Mendes, Zonneveld; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Division 1)

Item 8:FINANCIAL REPORTPresenter:Brian Trevarrow

#### Discussion:

Staff Brian Trevarrow summarized the financials, as presented in the agenda packet. Trevarrow informed the Board to anticipate the fourth quarter billing to be issued around May 15, 2018.

#### Actions:

Director Acquistapace motioned, seconded by Director Maddox and it was unanimously carried to approve the financials.

(AYES: Acquistapace, Campos, Hall, Maddox, McKean, Mendes, Zonneveld; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Division 1)

 Item 9:
 STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS
 Presenter:
 Cristel Tufenkjian

Rebecca Quist

## **Discussion**:

Staff Cristel Tufenkjian introduced Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) employee Rebecca Quist and summarized outreach activity for the Prop 218 election. Tufenkjian thanked Self-Help Enterprises and the Leadership Council for outreach support and translation services. The North Fork Kings GSA website received substantial traffic on the Prop 218 election webpage.

Quist reported to the Board results from workshop surveys intended to gauge the workshop's clarity and effectiveness. The results indicate that the attendees understood the State's costs to be higher than the GSA's costs, but there was some uncertainty as to whether passing Prop 218 was beneficial in order to be within compliance.

Amanda Monaco, Leadership Council, reported on a ballot language issue.

Actions: None.

Item 10: OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION Presenter: Chair McKean

## **Discussion**:

The Board upstream diversions and recharge potential.

The Board and staff also discussed how adjudication is not a viable option for GSAs that did not enter the adjudication process prior to the passing of SGMA. To enter into adjudication now would be a far more expensive option and would not avoid any requirements of SGMA.

Actions: None.

Item 11: <u>NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS</u> **Presenter:** Chair McKean

## **Discussion**:

Public hearing to be held at 5:30 p.m. on May 9, 2018 at the Riverdale Veterans Memorial Hall.

Actions: None.

Item 12: ADJOURNMEN		Ī	Adjourned:	6:05 p.m.
STUDY SESS	ION			
Item 1:	em 1: <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>		Presenter:	Chair McKean
The m	neeting was called to	order at 6:06 p.m.		
Item 2:	item 2: STRATEGIES AND POLICIES RELATED TO GSP DEVELOPMENT		Presenter:	Kevin Johansen
Discussion:				
water the se of Jan groun mana opera	budget, monitoring even GSAs within the nuary 30, 2020 to DW ndwater overdraft in gement system, wat ntional flexibility to a	n Johansen reported on Kings Subb network and the SGMA criteria to b Kings Subbasin to have draft GSPs /R. Johansen reported on the Kings the subbasin. Johansen summarized er budget, minimal thresholds, define chieve sustainability, establishing mon, and consequences.	pe addressed in the GSI completed by January Subbasin coordination d progress on developing what is unsustaina	P. Staff are coordinating with 2019, with a final filing date group's findings regarding ng a Basin-wide data ble for the GSA, defining
increa soone electio	ases as we go. This a er we get started on	vorking on a phased mitigation, ach lows the GSA to build projects, cap projects, the better. He then highlig staff will prepare an assessment rol	ture flood water (only a hted Prop 218 progres	available every 3-4 years), the s, adding that should the
and lo presei begin	ogistical issues with untation to the North	lation, the rationale behind establish using existing production wells for r Fork Kings GSA website for public of to serve on the Technical Advisory ormation.	monitoring. Staff agreed distribution. The Board	to upload the Study Session announced that they will
<u>Actions</u> : None.				
Item 3: ADJOURNMENT			Adjourned:	7:14 p.m.
		Respectfully subn	nitted, 	
			Stephen Ma	ddox Jr., Board Secretary
		approved on June 27, 2018		
Mark McKe	ean, Board Chair			
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