North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Riverdale Community Education Center Board Room

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Buddy Mendes, Division 1
Frank Zonneveld, Division 2
Lucy Nino, Division 3
Mark McKean, Division 4
Leonard Acquistapace, Division 5
Stephen Maddox Jr., Division 6

Tony Campos, Division 7

Others Present:

Corey McLaughlin, Kings River Conservation District Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District

Debra Dunn, Kings River Conservation District

Danielle Roberts, LCSD - Lanare

Scott Sills, Laguna ID

Ilse Lopez-Narvaez, Self-Help Enterprises

Kevin Johansen, Provost & Pritchard

Julianne Phillips, Kings County

Frank Coelho, Lasaca Vinyards

Rodney Kamper

Jerry Gragnani, Stinson

Jesus Rodriguez, Akhavi LLC

Amanda Monaco, Leadership Counsel

Presenter:

Chuck Dwiggins

Andy Zonneveld, RCAC

Roy Jimenez, Fresno County

George Huerta

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER

Presenter: Chair McKean

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

Item 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion: Danielle Roberts spoke regarding Veteran's Village of San Diego and opportunities to contribute funds

to the efforts of the Village.

Actions: None.

Item 3: <u>ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE</u> Presenter:

AGENDA

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

Item 4: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES Presenter: Chair McKean

<u>Discussion</u>: None.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Acquistapace, seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously carried to approve the May 22, 2019 meeting minutes, as presented.

 $(AYES: Mendes, \ Zonneveld, \ Nino, \ McKean, \ Acquistapace, \ Maddox, \ Campos; \ NOES: \ None; \ ABSTAIN:$

None; ABSENT: None)

 Item 5:
 DIRECTOR REPORTS
 Presenter:
 Chair McKean

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

 Item 6:
 STAFF REPORTS
 Presenter:
 Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock reported to the Board regarding their opposition letter regarding the Semitropic request for hearing on the Fully Appropriated Stream on the Kings River. NFKGSA received a response from Semitropic, in the form of a CC to Semitropic's own request that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) allow them time to respond to the issues raised in the NFKGSA opposition letter, among others. Kings River Water Association's lawyer responded – and CCed NFKGSA – that Semitropic did not have any time left to respond, since the comment period was over. The SWRCB responded to all, giving Semitropic until 7/12/19 to submit their responses to the concerns raised.

Ms. Gallock also reported that a GSP Review and Stakeholder Engagement Timeline has been developed, and a copy was provided to the Board and the public present.

Actions: None.

Item 7: RURAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Presenter: Andy Zonneveld

REPORT

Discussion:

The RCAC agreed to promote their August 21, 2019 meeting to the communities of Laton, Riverdale, and Lanare, and a GSP workshop will be held immediately after that meeting. They were given the draft monitoring network to review, and they discussed how to address data gaps. One member stated that the priority is putting water into aquifers, and so it makes most sense to spend money on digging basins first. There were also questions about how the committee can be more involved in the GSP drafting process and whether staff can include water quality data in a presentation at the next meeting.

Actions: None.

 Item 8:
 LITIGATION POOL/ACWA-JPIA
 Presenter:
 Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock presented some preliminary information to the Board regarding a potential coordinated meeting for GSAs in Regions 6 &7, in order for ACWA-JPIA to present information about a possible litigation pool for GSAs. The litigation pool will not be for suits between GSAs, but rather for assisting GSAs as they combat suits upon implementing and/or enforcing their GSPs. It was the general understanding that the best place for more detailed questions to begin to be answered would be at the coordinated meeting.

Actions: None; information item only.

Item 9: <u>UPDATE ON STRATEGIES AND POLICIES RELATED</u> Presenter: Kevin Johansen

TO GSP DEVELOPMENT

<u>Discussion</u>:

Consultant Kevin Johansen reported to the Board in more detail regarding the GSP Review and Stakeholder Engagement Timeline. Key dates are July 24, when the Board will be asked to authorize notice of a public hearing

for the draft GSP; July 25, when the written public comment period will begin and notice would be sent to the counties; October 22, when the 90-day written comment period closes; October 23, when the Board will present the GSP again for the public hearing; November 27, when the Board will discuss the comments received, and then either December 18 or January 22, when the GSP will be adopted in its final form.

 $\mbox{Mr.}$ Johansen reiterated that all GSAs within the Kings Subbasin are working together to coordinate plan sections on:

- Water Budget
- Sustainable Management Criteria
- Basin-wide Lanugage
- Basin-wide GSP Outline

GSA specifics would be handled separately for those areas where basin-wide details do not have to be coordinated. All GSPs in the Subbasin must be submitted at the same time, and work is being done to finalize the Coordinating Agreement.

Mr. Johansen presented information and graphics related to the basin-wide Sustainable Management Criteria – Sustainability Goal, including the criteria to be addressed for the four sustainability indicators – out of the six identified under SGMA – that are applicable to the NFKGSA.

The current overdraft estimate in the GSA is 63,100 AF/yr based on the water budget, and the projected 2040 overdraft – if no projects or management actions were done – would be 68,900 AF/yr. The preliminary GSP project list would yield an estimated annual average water savings of 62,800 AF/yr, based on historic floodwater availability. The projects will both increase water supply and decrease water demand.

After the GSP is adopted in January of 2020, continuing efforts will include:

- 1. Improving monitoring networks and filling data gaps
- 2. Exploring primary clay layer extent and thickness
- 3. Finding a method for determining pumping volumes from various aquifers
- 4. Developing the data management system
- 5. Finding funding mechanisms for project development and implementation
- 6. Discussing and possibly adopting potential management actions

Actions: None.

Item 10: FINANCIAL REPORT

Presenter:

Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

Mr. Trevarrow noted that the agency received \$110,000.00 in reimbursement for invoice 2 for the Prop 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant, and \$436,982.00 from Fresno County for property taxes. As of this meeting, the agency has received 97% of the anticipated tax revenue from Fresno County and 95% of the expected revenue from Kings County.

Actions: None.

Item 11: FY 2018-2019 BUDGET AUGMENTATION

Presenter:

Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

This document consolidates changes in budgetary expenditures already approved by the Board in the past, as well as an increase in administration. The intent is to memorialize all of these changes. The difference between the original budget and the amended version is \$1,085,000, which is the amount of the Groundwater Planning Grant; the rest of the changes are reapportionment of funds between current lineitems.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried to approve the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Budget, as presented.

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

Item 12: FY TASK ORDERS FY 2019-2020 Presenter: Kevin Johansen

Discussion:

Change Orders 4 (related to Task Order 1 – project administration) makes up for shortfall in 2018-2019 and covers all of 2019-2020. Change Order 5 (related to Task Order 4 – GSP completion) are for cost differences between FY 2018 -2019 estimates related to reviewing all of the other GSPs and coordinating with them. Task Order 5 (Annual Reporting and Project Development/Implementation) is for FY 2019 – 2020. The dollar amounts are incorporated into the proposed budget.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously carried to approve the change orders and task order from Kevin Johansen at Provost and Prichard, as presented.

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

Item 13: <u>APPROVAL OF FY 2019-2020 BUDGET</u> **Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

Brian Trevarrow provided a handout to the Board and Public to highlight changes to the proposed budget from what was in the packet, which reflects the change orders and task order from Item 12. He highlighted that reimbursements to contributing member agencies are reflected in this budget proposal.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried to approve the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget, as presented.

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

Item 14:RESOLUTION 19-02 - LEVYING 2019-2020 KINGSPresenter:Brian TrevarrowCOUNTY ASSESSMENT

Discussion:

The counties have asked for resolutions reflecting the amount to be assessed.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried to approve the adopt Resolution 19-02, as presented.

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

Item 15: RESOLUTION 19-03 – LEVYING 2019-2020 FRESNO Presenter: Brian Trevarrow COUNTY ASSESSMENT

Discussion:

The counties have asked for resolutions reflecting the amount to be assessed.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 19-03, as presented.

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

 Item 16:
 STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND
 Presenter:
 Rebecca Quist

COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion:

Interested persons emails went up 10 from the beginning of May. Three email correspondences were sent out, and Management Actions was the second most popular page on the website. The open rates on emails were also up this month. Two phone calls came in on the GSA phone number: one was regarding questions about the Prop 218 election and assessments on their tax bill, and the other was the Nature Conservancy, wanting to know when the GSP would be available for review. Mark McKean represented the GSA on the Channel 26 Town Hall. The upcoming outreach event in August will include a GSP workshop for communities, and will have a Spanish translation available.

Actions: None.

Item 17:	OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	Presenter:	Chair McKean
session is put to	anda Monaco mentioned a session on Grou gether by Leadership Counsel, Self-Help E ntists, and the Environmental Defense Fun	Enterprises, Community Water	r Center, Union of
Actions: None.			
Item 18:	NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOS ITEMS	ED AGENDA Presenter:	Chair McKean
<u>Discussion</u> : July 17 a <u>Actions</u> : None.	and July 24, 2019 were both held as dates :	for the next meeting, to be de	termined and noticed later.
Item 19:	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	Adjourned:	6:57 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,			
		Stephen Maddox Jr., E	Board Secretary
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Mark McKe	an, Board Chair		