## North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes

October 23, 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 Stephen Maddox Jr., Division 6 Tony Campos, Division 7 Members Absent:

Danielle Roberts, Division 3 Leonard Acquistapace, Division 5

Others Present:

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District

Kevin Johansen, P&P Sean Smith, P&P

Angel Hernandez, Landowner

Scott Sills, Laguna ID

Liesbet Olaerts, Self-Help Enterprises

Lala Carbajal Silvia Vasquez Nancy Ortega

Steven Schultz, Schultz Ranch

Amanda Monaco, Leadership Counsel

Jerry Gragnani

Jim Verboon, Farmer

Glenn Allen, Fresno County

Antonio Soloris, Westlands Water District

Phyllis Abbott, Abbot Family Trust

Reid Potter Mike Harmon Steve Gulley Luke Vanderham Esther Espinoza

Angela Ceslas, Self-Help Enterprises

Presenter:

Chair McKean

Item 1: <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Item 2: PUBLIC COMMENT Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Item 3: ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE Presenter: Chair McKean

<u>AGENDA</u>

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Item 4: <u>CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion: None.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Maddox, and unanimously carried to approve the August 28, 2019 meeting minutes.

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

Item 5: NORTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER Presenter: Chair McKean

SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER

**SUSTAINABILITY PLAN** 

## Discussion:

- a. Consultants and staff gave a brief report on both the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) adoption process and the draft GSP's general content.
- b. Comments from the public were delivered orally and are summarized as follows:
  - i. A representative from the Abbott Family Trust expressed concern about ensuring that the Board would conduct regular, frequent, and ongoing review over the twenty year period established under SGMA, and not only at the required five year mark.
  - ii. Angel Hernandez, a resident within the GSAs boundary, expressed concern about ensuring that the Board has adequate plans for how to address drinking water/groundwater contamination that might surpass the established thresholds within the GSA's boundary.
  - iii. Esther Espinoza, a resident within the GSAs boundary through translation by Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) staff member Jose Soto expressed concern about ensuring the Board has plans to provide drinking water should the well on her property go dry due to agricultural groundwater pumping, or through contamination resulting in changes to the color and odor of the water; she later broadened this concern to include all small landowners..
  - iv. Mike Harmon, a farmer within the GSAs boundary, expressed concern about the Board to putting meters on agricultural groundwater pumping wells, and inquired as to what the timeline for doing so looks like, if any.
  - v. Amanda Monaco, of Leadership Counsel, stated that they had already provided written comments detailing their concerns, and highlighted some of the key concerns therein.
  - vi. Vicente Hernandez, a resident within the GSA's boundary through translation by KRCD staff member Jose Soto expressed concerns about the lack of fairness in metering city and rural customers' water usage, while farmers utilizing large pumps are not metered. He stated that he would like to see more equality amongst farmers.
  - vii. Liesbet Olaerts, of Self-Help Enterprises, stated that they had already provided written comments detailing their concerns, and highlighted some of the key concerns therein.

## Actions:

After all comments were heard, it was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing regarding adoption of the NFKGSA's GSP.

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

 Item 6:
 DIRECTOR REPORTS
 Presenter:
 Chair McKean

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

Item 7: STAFF REPORTS Presenter: Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock reported that she had nothing to add to what was reported during the public hearing.

Actions: None.

Item 8: RURAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Presenter: None.

**REPORT** 

**Discussion**:

The Committee met on Wednesday, October 16, where they discussed the study completed by Leadership Counsel. They were also reminded of a potential storm water project for recharge, and staff made sure to point out a similar provision within the draft NFKGSA GSP.

Actions: None.

Item 9: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND Presenter: Rebecca Quist

COMMUNICATIONS

**Discussion:** 

Rebecca Quist noted that, since the Board last met in August, there had been a great deal of outreach in the form of direct mailers, public workshops, a webinar, and emails. 278 individuals are on the Interested Persons list as of the most recent count. All of the direct mailers were translated into Spanish, and all GSP workshop materials have been posted on the website in both English and Spanish.

Actions: None.

Item 10: FINANCIAL REPORT Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

**Discussion**:

Brian Trevarrow reported on the financial state of the Agency as of the end of the quarter, and that the Agency's financial health is sound.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Maddox, and unanimously carried to approve the Agency's quarterly financial report.

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

Item 11: RESOLUTION 2019-04: AUTHORIZING NORTH Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

FORK KINGS GSA TO APPLY FOR AND

ADMINISTER PROPOSITION 1/PROPOSITION 68 -

**ROUND 3 GRANT FUNDS** 

**Discussion**:

None.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Campos, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2019-04, authorizing the North Fork Kings GSA to apply for and administer Proposition 1/Proposition 68 – Round 3 Grant Funds.

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

Item 12:	OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	Presenter:	Chair McKean
<u>Discussion</u> : Non	e.		
Actions: None.			
Item 13:	NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSE ITEMS	ED AGENDA Presenter:	Chair McKean
<u>Discussion</u> : The next meeting of the Board is changed from the usual date of November 27, 2019 to November 20, 2019, in order to accommodate the Thanksgiving Holiday.			
Actions: None.			
Item 14:	ADJOURNMENT	Adjourned:	6:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,			
		Stephen Maddox Jr., Bo	pard Secretary
	approved on	, 2019	
Mark McKean, Board Chair			

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