North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Special Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Riverdale Memorial Hall

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Buddy Mendes, Division 1 Frank Zonneveld, Division 2

JoAnne Rempp, Division 3

Mark McKean, Division 4

Leonard Acquistapace, Division 5

Stephen Maddox Jr., Division 6

Tony Campos, Division 7

Others Present:

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District

Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District

Kevin Johansen, P&P

Angel Hernandez, Landowner

Rodney Kamper

Danielle Roberts

Blanca Escobedo

Jerry Gragnani

Eldon Thiesa

Scott Sills

Antonio Solorio, Westlands Water District

Frank Oliveira

Alan Becker

Angela Ceslas, Self-Help Enterprises

Ben Nydam

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

Presenter:

Chair McKean

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Item 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Presenter:

Chair McKean

<u>Discussion</u>: None.

Actions: None.

Item 3: <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 December 18, 2019 meeting minutes.

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

Item 4:

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Presenter:

Chair McKean

Discussion:

Director McKean reported on his attendance at several meetings related to SGMA and the work of NFKGSA.

Actions: None.

 Item 5:
 STAFF REPORTS
 Presenter:
 Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock reported on upcoming events relevant to the NFKGSA and on items of note from meetings she had attended since the last Board meeting.

Actions: None.

 Item 6:
 RURAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 Presenter:
 Chair McKean

REPORT

Discussion:

Chair McKean reported that the Rural Community Advisory Committee had not met since the last Board meeting.

Actions: None.

 Item 7:
 STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND
 Presenter:
 Rebecca Quist

COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion:

Rebecca Quist reported on the 2019 Year in Review, highlighting outreach activities and statistics from the previous calendar year. She also presented briefly on the preliminary outreach plans for the coming year, noting that specific options can be presented at the next Board meeting.

Actions: None.

 Item 8:
 GSP UPDATE
 Presenter:
 Kevin Johansen

Discussion:

Kevin Johansen presented a status update, as well as the next steps planned toward completing the required Annual Report and moving toward implementation of the GSP.

Actions:

None.

 Item 9:
 RESPONSE TO NGO LETTER REGARDING
 Presenter:
 Chair McKean

 GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

Discussion:

The Board received a brief presentation regarding a letter from several NGOs, critiquing the NFKGSA's GSP as being inadequate. Questions were addressed regarding the authors of the NGO letter and the focus of the letter. A representative from Self-Help Enterprises, one of the NGO letter's signatories, offered clarifications as to the intent of the NGO letter. A representative from Leadership Counsel offered similar comments.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Maddox, and unanimously carried, to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter on behalf of NFKGSA, responding to a letter submitted by multiple NGOs to the California Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board.

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

 Item 10:
 FINANCIAL REPORT
 Presenter:
 Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

Brian Trevarrow reported on the financial status of the GSA as of December 31, 2020.

Actions:

Item 11: AD HOC BUDGET COMMITTEE Presenter: Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

The formation of an ad hoc budget committee was discussed.

Actions:

This item was combined with item 12.

Item 12: APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC BUDGET COMMITTEE Presenter: Chair McKean

<u>MEMBERS</u>

Discussion:

Chairman McKean asked for a motion to create such a committee with Mark McKean, Frank Zonneveld, and Tony Campos as members.

Actions:

(AYES: Mendes, Zonneveld, Rempp, McKean, Aquistapace, Maddox, and Campos; NOES: None;

ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None)

Item 13: ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION Presenter: Chair McKean

<u>Discussion</u>: The Board adjourned to closed session to conference with legal counsel regarding one case of potential litigation with the claimant being Westlands Water District, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2).

Actions: None.

Item 14: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion: The Board reconvened to open session at 6:30 p.m.

Actions: No action was taken under Closed Session.

Item 15: NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA Presenter: Chair McKean

<u>ITEMS</u>

Discussion: The next meeting of the Board will be February 26, 2020.

Actions: None.

Item 16:	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>		Adjourned:	6:31 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,				
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			Stephen Maddox Jr.,	Board Secretary
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		_ approved on	, 2020)
Mark McKea	an, Board Chair			