## North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Rural Community Advisory Committee **Meeting Minutes**

December 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Riverdale Community Education Center, **Board Room** 

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**Members Present:** 

Pablo Avila

Angel Hernandez

Amanda Monaco

Jim Petty

Isabel Solorio

Andrew Zonneveld

**Others Present:** 

Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District

Kevin Johansen, Provost & Pritchard

Item 1: **CALL TO ORDER** 

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Item 2: **PUBLIC COMMENT** 

Discussion: None. Actions: None.

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Actions:

Item 3: **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 

Motion by Petty, seconded by Solorio. The Committee unanimously carried to approve the October 16, 2019 meeting minutes with a correction.

(AYES: A. Hernandez, Monaco, Petty, Zonneveld, Avila, Solorio; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Conway, Fritz, V. Hernandez)

Item 4: **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS** 

Tufenkjian announced Solorio's appointment to a statewide stakeholder committee tasked with considering how state funds will be allocated for safe drinking water.

Actions: None.

**Discussion**:

**Members Absent:** 

Dan Conway

Tommy Fritz

Vicente Hernandez

Presenter:

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Item 5:STAFF UPDATESPresenter:Cristel Tufenkjian, KevinJohansen

## **Discussion**:

Tufenkjian reported the Groundwater Sustainability Plan will be considered for adoption by the Board at the December 18 Board Meeting.

Johansen provided an update on the 12 comment letters received by the NFKGSA. Most letters focused on three basic areas of concern: water levels and potential impacts on DAC's and domestic users, water quality, and groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs). The NFKGSA is preparing a summary response to the comments. Comment responses will be included in the GSP.

Actions: None.

Item 6: <u>DOMESTIC WELL PROGRAM PRESENTATION</u> **Presenter:** Amanda Monaco

## **Discussion**:

Monaco presented on a drinking water protection program. The purpose of the program would be to protect the quantity and quality of drinking water, and protect against impacts caused by excessive pumping, movement or increase of groundwater contamination, and other groundwater management actions. The costs of drinking water impacts from groundwater management include deepening wells, digging new domestic or community wells, consolidating water systems, treatment and filtration, and bottled water. The GSA could avoid these costs by not allowing water levels to fall past existing wells and by monitoring water levels and quality around vulnerable households. Petty mentioned the GSA is following State guidelines, and the expense of closely monitoring and setting a baseline for individual wells. In the event impacts to wells were to occur, Monaco's presentation suggests a program that places the mitigating action on the NFKGSA and may include deepening wells, drilling new domestic wells, drilling new community system wells, consolidation, treatment facility installation, filter installation, and bottled water. Zonneveld discussed his community reverse osmosis filtration system for roughly 20 households; the filtration is point-of-use and requires consistent maintenance. The Committee questioned the scalability of individual household filtration. The program outlined by Monaco would be financed through fees on water users, land-based fees, State grants, Federal grants, and collaboration with funding sources that already exist. If the GSA decides to design the program, they need to ensure there are not obstacles to qualifying for the benefits (ie. language and place). The Committee discussed potential economic impacts of pumping restrictions, costs to the State and landowners, and renter verses owner responsibility.

## Actions:

Motion by Petty, seconded by A. Hernandez to recommend to the North Fork Kings GSA Board to consider a subcommittee to look into issues presented by comment letters and responses regarding the GSA's programs. The Committee carried to approve the recommendation.

(AYES: A. Hernandez, Monaco, Petty, Solorio; NOES: Avila, Zonneveld; ABSENT: Conway, Fritz, V. Hernandez)

 Item 7:
 OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
 Presenter:
 Chair Zonneveld

 Discussion: None.

 Actions: None.

 Item 8:
 NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS
 Presenter:
 Chair Zonneveld

**Discussion**:

<u>Actions:</u> None				
Item 9:	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>		Adjourned	7:16 pm
<u>Discussion</u> : No	one.			
Actions: None				
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		Respectfully submitted,		
			Stephen Ma	ddox Jr., Board Secretary
	annroved	d on February 19, 2019		
Andrew 7	onneveld, Committee Chair			
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The next meeting will take place February 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The 2020 meeting schedule is: February 19, April

15, June 17, August 19, October 21, December 16.