

North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
Solely Via Zoom

Members Present:

Buddy Mendes, Division 1 (via Zoom)
Scott Sills (Alternate), Division 2 (5:50 p.m., via Zoom)
Danielle Roberts (5:33 p.m.); JoAnne Rempp (Alternate;
5:30 p.m.) Division 3 (via Zoom)
Mark McKean, Division 4 (via Zoom)
Leonard Acquistapace, Division 5 (via Zoom)

Members Absent:

Stephen Maddox Jr., Division 6
Tony Campos, Division 7

Others Present:

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District (via Zoom)
Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District (via Zoom)
Corey McLaughlin, Kings River Conservation District (via Zoom)
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District (via Zoom)
Kevin Johansen, P&P (via Zoom)
Josh Fox, Legal Counsel (via Zoom)
Amanda Monaco, Leadership Counsel (via Zoom)
Angela Islas, Self-Help Enterprises (via Zoom)
Glenn Allen
Rodney Kamper (via Zoom)
Antonio Solario
Scott Sills (via Zoom)

Item 1:	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Presenter:	Chair McKean
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The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Item 2:	<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>	Presenter:	Chair McKean
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Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Item 3:	<u>CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	Presenter:	Chair McKean
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Discussion: None.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to approve the December 16, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Mendes: Aye

Director Rempp: Aye

Director McKean: Aye

Director Acquistapace: Aye

Item 4:	<u>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u>	Presenter:	Chair McKean
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Discussion: The Board discussed nominations via individual office vs. as a slate.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to nominate and elect all current officers as a slate to serve for 2021. Those officers were Marck McKean – Chair; Buddy Mendes – Vice Chair; and Stephen Maddox – Secretary-Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Mendes: Aye

Director Rempp: Aye

Director McKean: Aye
Director Acquistapace: Aye

Item 5: DIRECTOR REPORTS Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion:

Director Roberts, Division 3, joined the meeting at 5:33 p.m. and assumed the voting role for the Division after the two votes above.

Actions: None.

Item 6: STAFF REPORTS Presenter: Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock reported on activities and meetings of importance to the Board; specifically noting staff turnover in the Department of Water Resources and grant project approval status.

Actions: None.

Item 7: GSP PROGRAM UPDATE **Presenter:** Kevin Johansen

Discussion:

Kevin Johansen reported to the Board regarding progress in program implementation, as well as items the Technical Advisory Group is reviewing.

Actions: None.

Item 8: RURAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE **Presenter:** Rebecca Quist
REPORT

Discussion:

Rebecca Quist reported that there was no meeting of the RCAC in January, and that the next meeting would be in February. A flyer was developed, by Committee request, to encourage participation from the community, and DWR free translation services were used to translate the flyer into Spanish as well.

Actions: None.

Item 9: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH
AND COMMUNICATIONS **Presenter:** Rebecca Quist

Discussion:

Rebecca Quist reported on the following: public engagement statistics from emails, NFKGSA website visits, growth of the interested persons list, etc.; updates to the NFKGSA website; and outreach activities, including the landowner survey. Ms. Quist addressed questions from Directors and the public.

Actions: None.

Item 10: NFKGSA POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT **Presenter:** Chair McKean

Discussion:

Chair McKean reported that the Policy Committee met on January 11, 2021, and that the Committee believes the Technical Advisory Group needs to complete certain work before the Committee can take further appropriate actions. Direction was given to engineers to identify an outline or checklist that entities/landowners will need for developing recharge sites.

Actions: None.

Item 11: FINANCIAL REPORT **Presenter:** Brian Trevarrow

Discussion:

The Board received a report on the NFKGSA's finances through the period ending December 31, 2020.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Roberts, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to accept the financial report for the period ending December 31, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Mendes: Aye

Director Roberts: Aye

Director McKean: Aye

Director Acquistapace: Aye

Item 12: AUDIT REPORT

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion:

The Board received and was asked to accept the audit report for the audit of Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020.

Actions:

At the time action was to be taken, Director Acquistapace had technical difficulties and was unable to respond either verbally or visually; this called into question a quorum. At that time, Scott Sills announced his presence and reminded the Chair of his authorization to serve as Alternate for Division 2. Alternate Director Sills was seated from 5:50 p.m. onward.

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Roberts, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to accept the audit report for the audit of Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Mendes: Aye

Director Roberts: Aye

Director McKean: Aye

Director Sills: Aye

Director Acquistapace: Absent due to technical difficulties

Item 13: CLOSED SESSION

Presenter: None

The Board entered Closed Session at 5:57 p.m. for:

- a. **REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8: Discuss with NFKGSA Negotiator Mark McKean the price and terms of payment for the purchase of Real Property commonly known as Fresno County Assessor's Parcel No. 042-043-051 from prospective seller County of Fresno.
- b. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One) Claimant: Westlands Water District.

Item 14: RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Presenter: None

Discussion:

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:05 p.m.

Actions:

No reportable action was taken in Closed Session

Item 15: NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion: The next scheduled meeting of the Board is February 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

Actions: None.

Item 16: ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Maddox Jr., Board Secretary

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Mark McKean, Board Chair