

North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
3160 W. Mt. Whitney Ave.
Riverdale, CA 93656

Members Present:

Buddy Mendes, Division 1
Frank Zonneveld, Division 2
Isabel Solorio, Division 3
Mark McKean, Division 4
Leonard Acquistapace, Division 5

Members Absent:

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

Others Present:

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District
Kevin Johansen, P&P
Aubrey Mauritsen, Legal Counsel (via Phone)
Scott Sills
Jerry Gagnani
Rodney Kamper

Antonio Solario
Gary Coelho
Angel Hernandez
Augustine Ramirez
Shirley A. Roue
Frank Oliveira
Representative from Lasaca Vineyards

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER

Presenter: Chair McKean

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

Item 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion: None.

Actions: None.

Item 3: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion: None.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Acquistapace, seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously carried with one abstention to approve the February 23, 2022 Board Meeting minutes.

Ayes: Directors Mendes, Zonneveld, ~~Solorio~~, McKean, and Acquistapace

Abstain: Director Solorio

Absent: Directors Maddox and Campos

Item 4: DIRECTOR REPORTS

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion:

Director Mendes reported that he was able to share information with Governor Newsom regarding water matters during a multi-county meeting with the Governor.

Director McKean reported that the Ad Hoc Personnel Committee has met and begun their process.

Actions: None.

Item 5: RURAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock reported that the Committee met and discussed several topics, including groundwater, subsidence, and the comments on the GSP received from Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Actions: None.

Item 6: STAFF REPORTS **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

Charlotte Gallock reported on activities and meetings, especially communications with DWR regarding their comments on the GSP; funding opportunities; and other matters of importance to the Board. Board member questions were addressed. Brian Trevarrow reminded the Board that Form 700s are due by April 1, 2022; and also noted that a Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled.

Actions: None.

Item 7: MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND ASSOCIATED TASK ORDERS **Presenter:** Charlotte Gallock

Discussion:

The Board received background and other information regarding the proposed agreement.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Mendes, and unanimously carried with one abstention to approve signature of the Master Service Agreement between Kings River Conservation District and the North Fork Kings GSA – and associated Task Orders – as presented.

Ayes: Directors Mendes, Zonneveld, ~~Solorio~~, McKean, and Acquistapace

Abstain: Director Solorio

Absent: Directors Maddox and Campos

Item 8: GSP PROGRAM UPDATE **Presenter:** Kevin Johansen

Discussion:

Mr. Johansen reported to the Board regarding progress in program implementation, activities in other area GSAs to keep abreast of, and expected activities and timelines for the NFKGSA. Specifically, Mr. Johansen reported on the comments received from the State on the GSP and noted key factors in the response to those comments. Board member and public questions were addressed.

Actions: None.

Item 9: NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS **Presenter:** Chair McKean

Discussion:

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be April 27, 2022. Shirley Roue asked to either have a general update on the water situation in the area added to the agenda or to have someone contact her understand things. She was put in contact with Scott Sills to help address her questions.

Actions: None.

Item 10: CLOSED SESSION

Presenter: Chair McKean

Discussion:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:50 p.m. to discuss:

ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential initiation of litigation (one matter); pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4).

Item 11: RETURN TO OPEN SESSION/REPORT ACTION

Presenter: Chair McKean

Report from Closed Session: 6:03 p.m.

In Closed Session, it was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously carried with one abstention to file an amicus brief in the CEQA litigation involving Stratford Utility District, Roller Land Company, Sandridge Partners, and Angiola Water District.

Ayes: Directors Mendes, Zonneveld, ~~Solorio~~, McKean, and Acquistapace

Abstain: Director Solorio

Absent: Directors Maddox and Campos

Item 12: ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary

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Board Chair