North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. 3160 W. Mt. Whitney Ave. Riverdale, CA 93656

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Buddy Mendes, Division 1

Frank Zonneveld, Division 2

Jim Petty, Division 3

Mark McKean, Division 4

Leonard Acquistapace, Division 5

John Coelho (Alternate), Division 7

Stephen Maddox Jr., Division 6

Others Present:

Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District

Kevin Johansen, P&P

Aubrey Mauritson, Legal Counsel (via Phone)

Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District

Justin Mendes

Scott Sills

Frank Coelho, Jr.

Amanda Ortiz

Rodney Kamper

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

Presenter: Chair McKean

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Item 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Presenter:

Chair McKean

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

Item 3:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presenter:

Presenter:

Chair McKean

<u>Discussion</u>: None.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously carried to approve the April 27, 2022 Board Meeting minutes.

Ayes: Directors Mendes, Zonneveld, Petty, McKean, Acquistapace, and Coelho

Abstain: None

<u> Absent</u>: Director Maddox

CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF MINUTES

Chair McKean

<u>Discussion</u>: The Board was asked to approve amendment of the March 23, 2022 Minutes to remove the duplication of Alt. Director Solorio's name from the "aye" votes, accurately leaving Alt. Director Solorio's name solely in the "Abstain" category.

Actions:

Item 4:

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously carried to amend the March 23, 2022 Board Meeting minutes as requested by staff.

Ayes: Directors Mendes, Zonneveld, Petty, McKean, Acquistapace, and Coelho

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Maddox

Item 5: <u>DIRECTOR REPORTS</u>

<u>Discussion</u>: Director McKean noted that a well permitting process is in place to address the Governor's Executive Order regarding GSA involvement with Counties for well permits; key elements of the process were highlighted. Questions from the public were addressed.

Actions: None.

Item 6: STAFF REPORTS Presenter: Charlotte Gallock

<u>Discussion</u>:

Charlotte Gallock reported on activities, meetings, funding opportunities, correspondence and other matters of importance to the Board. Ms. Gallock specifically noted the ongoing development of a portal for GSA data sharing. Consultant Kevin Johansen provided further information, and Board member questions were addressed.

Presenter:

Chair McKean

Actions:

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Mendes, and unanimously carried to approve participation in the multi-agency San Joaquin Valley – Kings Subbasin correspondence presented to the Board.

Ayes: Directors Mendes, Zonneveld, Petty, McKean, Acquistapace, and Coelho

<u>Abstain:</u> None

Absent: Director Maddox

 Item 7:
 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 continued development of responses to the comments received from the State on the GSP, and amendments that may need to be considered as a result. Board member and public questions were addressed.

Actions: None.

Item 8: <u>RURAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u> **Presenter**: Charlotte Gallock

<u>REPORT</u>

<u>Discussion</u>:

The RCAC met the week prior to this Board meeting. While they did not have a quorum they discussed the well permitting process and groundwater levels within the GSA.

Actions: None.

 Item 9:
 STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND
 Presenter:
 Cristel Tufenkjian

COMMUNCIATIONS

<u>Discussion</u>:

No report.

Actions: None.

Item 10: PO

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Presenter:

Mark McKean

Discussion:

Director McKean reported that the Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Actions: None.

Item 11: FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Presenter:

Mark McKean

Discussion:

Brian Trevarrow reported that the Committee met and discussed the draft Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Budget, and no action was taken.

Actions: None.

Item 12: <u>CLOSED SESSION</u>

Presenter:

Chair McKean

Discussion:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss:

- 1. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential initiation of litigation (one matter); pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2).
- REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (one matter) 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.
- 3. Conference with Labor Negotiators Regarding Unrepresented Employee (Gov. Code, § 54957.6)

 <u>Agency Designated Negotiator(s):</u> Ad Hoc Personnel Committee Mark McKean, Buddy Mendes, and Stephen Maddox, Jr.
 - <u>Unrepresented Employee:</u> Executive Officer
- 4. Action Concerning Public Employee Appointment (Gov. Code, § 54957, subd. (b)(1)) Executive Officer

Item 13: RETURN TO OPEN SESSION/REPORT ACTION

Presenter: Chair McKean

Report from Closed Session: 6:36 p.m.

No reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

Item 14:

<u>DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION</u>

Presenter:

Chair McKean

<u>Discussion</u>:

None.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Petty, seconded by Director Coelho, and unanimously carried to approve an employment agreement with Justin Mendes as Executive Officer, contingent on legal review, in the amount of \$120,000.00 plus benefits, totaling approximately \$150,000.00. This motion encompassed Agenda Item 15, Appointment of Executive Officer. Ayes: Directors Mendes, Zonneveld, Petty, McKean, Acquistapace, and Coelho

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Maddox

Ayes: Directors Mendes, Zonneveld, Petty, McKean, Acquistapace, and Coelho

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Maddox

Item 15:	APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Presenter:	Chair McKean
<u>Discussion</u> : Non	e.		
Actions: Item was addressed in the preceding item, Item 14 on the agenda.			
Item 16:	NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS	Presenter:	Chair McKean
<u>Discussion</u> :			
The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be June 22, 2022. A Special Meeting previously planned for June 8, 2022 has been cancelled.			
Actions: None.			
Item 17:	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	Adjourned:	6:46 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,			
	Board Secretary		
	approved on	, 2022	
Boa	rd Chair		