

North Fork Kings GSA
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 25, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency was held on January 25, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., at the Riverdale Community Education Center located at 3160 W. Mt. Whitney Ave. Riverdale, CA 93656.

Directors Present:	Mark McKean	Buddy Mendes
	Frank Zonneveld	Tony Campos
	Stephen Maddox, Jr.	

Directors Absent:	John Mendes	Jim Petty
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Also Present:	Justin Mendes	Kevin Johansen
	Aubrey Mauritsen	Charles Van Der Koi
	Antonio Solorio	Daniel Errotabere
	Sue Ruiz	Frank Coelho Jr.
	Cristel Tufenkjian	Brian Trevarrow
	Steve Gulley	Tony Martin
	Rodney Kemper	Luke Vanderham

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McKean opened the meeting for public comment. Sue Ruiz, from Self Help, provided comment.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

General Manager Mendes reported on the 2022 Calendar Year slate of officers. The past chairman is Mark McKean; vice-chair, Buddy Mendes; and Secretary/Treasurer as Steve Maddox, Jr.

Director Zonneveld moved and Director Maddox seconded to approve the same slate of directors. The board unanimously approved the motion.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

General Manager Mendes referred the board to Agenda Item No. 4, a copy of the November 16, 2022, special board meeting minutes.

Director Zonneveld moved and Director B. Mendes seconded to approve the minutes as presented in the agenda packet.

GENERAL MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Manager Mendes provided a report on recent matters.

The finance committee met in late December, at which point Mr. Trevarrow provided a financial report. Due to the amount in reserves, there is no need for a new Proposition 218 election in 2023. As a result, at end of the fiscal year, no assessment for the period July 2023-June 2024 will be called.

The policy committee met earlier this month to have discussions regarding a well mitigation program. Mr. Mendes plans to bring back to the committee some suggested edits in February. The committee may at that point make recommendations to the board.

The technical group met recently to discuss a groundwater monitoring network, data derived therefrom, subsidence issues, and need for monitoring for interconnected surface waters.

A subbasin coordination meeting convened the previous Friday. There was some contention in the group as discussions related to the NFKGSA discussion of a draft well mitigation plan and road map discussion towards an eventual allocation.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mendes reported the next coordination meeting is February 17, 2023.

The last item Mr. Mendes reported on was KRCD's approval of a contract for Section 215 water from the Friant Division of the Central Valley Project. The contract is for an up to amount of 50,000 ac-ft of water.

Chairman McKean also reported on the 215 Contract and operations of diverting Millerton water into the Kings River channel, which is feasible. He also reported the cost from KRCD would be \$41.50 per ac-ft at the Dam.

Discussion ensued.

General Manager Mendes recommended an ad hoc of the board convene to discussion options the GSA may explore with KRCD's 215 contract comprised of Chairman McKean, Vice-Chair B. Mendes and Alt. Director Scott Sill.

Discussion ensued.

Direction was provided to move forward with the ad hoc as reported.

Public comment from Rodney Kemper.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

General Manager Mendes referred the board to Agenda Item No. 6 in the agenda packet, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, a list of committees and recommendations for individuals to be appointed.

Director B. Mendes moved and Director Maddox seconded to approve the recommendations as provided in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

GSP PROGRAM & TECHNICAL UPDATE

The Board will receive a report and may take action directing Consultants to utilize grant money to install new monitoring wells.

Consulting Engineer Johansen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item No. 7a is a proposal and scope of work to monitor shallow monitoring wells.

Public comment from Sue Ruiz.

Discussion ensued.

Director Zonneveld moved and Director B. Mendes seconded to approve the scope of work as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

The Board will receive a report and scope of work to study renovations of the Liberty Canal to maximize the potential of the Old Elkhorn Jail Recharge Project.

Consulting Engineer Johansen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item No. 7B is a copy of the scope of work.

Director Zonneveld moved and Director B. Mendes seconded to approve the scope of work as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

Public comment from Rodney Kemper.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board will receive and be asked to accept a report on the NFKGSA's finances through the period ending December 31, 2022.

Consultant Brian Trevarrow provided a report on the NFKGSA finances. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item No. 8 is a copy of the financial report.

Director B. Mendes moved and Director Zonneveld seconded to approve the financial report as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Board will receive a report and may take action on activities related to stakeholder outreach and communications.

General Manager Mendes provided a report on recent stakeholder and outreach communications. He reported the "Road Map" is live on the website and viewed the webpage with the board. He also reported on MLJ work and status.

PRESENTATION OF LANDIQ

Joel Kimmelshue, from Land IQ, provided a presentation on the ET methodology. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item No. 10 is a copy of Mr. Kimmelshue's presentation.

Discussion ensued.

Numerous unidentified members of the public made comment.

CLOSED SESSION

REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

[Government Code Section 54956.8]

Property: Fresno County APN 042-043-051

Agency Negotiator:

Negotiating Parties: County of Fresno

Under negotiation: price and terms.

The board of directors met, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, with Justin Mendes regarding real property agreements with Fresno County for the above-listed APN.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

The Board of Directors returned to open session. Chairman McKean reported there was no reportable action.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman McKean announced the next meeting of the board of directors will be February 22, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Maddox, Secretary