

North Fork Kings GSA
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 26, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency was held on July 26, 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
 Jim Petty

Directors Absent: John Mendes Stephen Maddox, Jr.

Also Present: Justin Mendes Kevin Johansen
 Aubrey Mauritsen Eric Osterling
 Antonio Solorio Brian Trevarrow
 John Coelho Rodney Kamper
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McKean opened the meeting for public comment.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

General Manager Mendes referred the board to Agenda Item No. 3, a copy of June 28, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Mendes noted a correction in the minutes regarding the next regular meeting date.

Director Petty moved and Director Mendes seconded to approve the minutes as presented in the agenda packet, with the noted correction. The motion was unanimously approved.

GENERAL MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Manager Mendes provided a report on recent matters as follows:

Rural Advisory Communities Committee

The Rural Advisory Communities Committee did not meet this month.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee did not meet this past month.

Technical Advisory Committee

The Technical Advisory Committee met last week. Discussions continued on the water accounting framework and a future allocation. Discussions continue on the need to address the Sustainable Yield components and specifically the percentage of seepage from the King River to contribute to Sustainable Yield.

Grower Advisory Committee

The Grower Advisory Committee met this morning. Joel Kimmelshue from Land IQ provided a presentation. An explanation was provided as to how Land IQ can be used to invoice landowners. In addition, questions were answered regarding growers' meter data versus ET data, specifically regarding how precipitation is captured in the ET valuation.

Discussion ensued.

Finance Committee

There was no update for the Finance Committee.

Subbasin Update

The Subbasin coordination meeting occurred on Friday, July 21, 2023. The components of Sustainable Yield were again reviewed. The remaining GSAs in the subbasin did not object to NFKGSA moving forward with an allocation.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

General Manager Mendes provided a report on recent matters as follows:

Appoint Jason Fry of M. Green & Co. as Assistant Treasurer

General Manager Mendes reported on Resolution 23-03, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item No. 5a.

Director Mendes moved and Director Petty seconded to approve Resolution 23-03 as presented in the agenda packet. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adopt a GSA Investment Policy

General Manager Mendes reported on the GSA Investment Policy. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 5b is a copy of the proposed Investment Policy.

Public comment regarding types of investments

Director Petty moved and Director Zonneveld seconded to adopt a GSA Investment Policy as presented in the agenda packet, with the exception of one typo in reference to the Government Code Section. The motion was unanimously approved.

Riparian Pumper Request for Recharge Credits

General Manager Mendes reported on the riparian pumper request for recharge credits. General Counsel Mauritson provided a report and recommendation. She recommended asking riparian diverters for filed Statements of Diversion and Use to account for their riparian diversions and recommended communicating closely with Kings River Water Association. In addition, she reported riparian water cannot be stored for more than 30 days. Further investigation may be needed on some recent requests.

Multiple User Accounts within Landowner Group

General Manager Mendes reported on having multiple user accounts within landowner group. General Counsel Mauritson provided a review of the issue and potential options to combine accounts.

GSP PROGRAM & TECHNICAL UPDATE

General Updates

Consulting Engineer Johansen reported on general GSP updates. It is understood that the DWR corrective letter will be coming the following week. The Subbasin continues to look at water accounting framework.

Watermark (Well Registration Tool) Update

General Manager Mendes provided an update on the Watermark (well registration tool). The tool is finished. The next steps will be to create administrative forms. Staff will work on an outreach plan.

EKI Environment & Water – Task Order

General Manager Mendes reported on the EKI task order. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item No. 6c is a copy of the task order.

Director Mendes moved and Director Campos seconded to approve the task order as presented in the agenda packet. The motion was unanimously approved.

MLJ Environmental - Recharge Form

MLJ has inquired whether the GSA would prefer to establish the recharge form within the online database. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item No. 6d is a price estimate from MLF for the scope of work.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Eric Osterling

The item was tabled.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

No report was provided.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Number of Potential Cases: One

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritson regarding one potential item of anticipated litigation.

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 is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Mendes, Assistant Secretary