



North Fork Kings GSA Proposition 218 Election

In 2023, North Fork Kings GSA received approval on its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) from the CA Department of Water Resources, marking a significant milestone for the agency and its landowners by allowing the North Fork Kings GSA to locally carry out sustainability efforts. The value of GSP approval cannot be overstated. It means the North Fork Kings GSA can continue to be a locally run agency, managed with direct stakeholder input. Although GSP approval was received, funding is required to implement GSP activities and programs essential to keep the North Fork Kings GSA's good standing with the State. The North Fork Kings GSA is seeking this funding through a Proposition 218 election (Prop 218).

Through the Prop 218, the North Fork Kings GSA is proposing a land-based assessment of up to \$18 per acre per year. The North Fork Kings GSA Board of Directors will set the rate annually and is planning on drawing some money from reserves to gradually increase the assessment over the next five years.

In the proposed budget, the Board plans to start with a rate of \$6 per acre in fiscal year 2024-25, escalating each year until it reaches the \$18 per acre maximum.

Fiscal Year (FY)	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29
Proposed Assessment (\$/acre)	\$6 per acre	\$10 per acre	\$14 per acre	\$18 per acre	\$18 per acre

LANDOWNER BENEFITS OF A SUCCESSFUL PROP 218 ELECTION



Maintain local control over groundwater management by the North Fork Kings GSA rather than the State Water Resources Control Board



Continue work to achieve sustainable groundwater levels with the rollout of new groundwater management projects and programs



Frequent landowner engagement and input on the groundwater management projects and programs impacting them

Join us for a public workshop!



Landowners are invited to attend a public workshop to learn more about the upcoming election and have their questions answered.

Workshop #1: Tues., May 21 from 5:30-7:00 PM
(Interpretación disponible en español)

Workshop #2: Weds., June 5 from 8:00-9:30 AM

Workshops will take place at Riverdale Memorial Hall – 3085 W Mt. Whitney Ave, Riverdale, CA 93656

RSVP now at www.northforkkings.org/218election



Attend the Prop 218 Public Hearing

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 • 5:30 PM

Riverdale Memorial Hall

3085 W Mt. Whitney Ave, Riverdale, CA 93656.



Landowners are invited to attend to provide comments. Ballots can be submitted in person at the Public Hearing before the close of the hearing.

For more information on Prop 218, view the Engineer's Report and additional resources at www.northforkkings.org/218election.



Proposition 218 Election Outcomes



 If Prop 218 passes, the North Fork Kings GSA can	 If Prop 218 fails, the North Fork Kings GSA will:
Maintain GSP approval by addressing corrective actions required by the State	Fail to finish State-required groundwater studies and rollout a domestic well mitigation program, necessary to keep State approval on the GSP
Continue implementing groundwater sustainability programs and projects to maintain local control over groundwater management	Lack adequate funding to implement groundwater sustainability programs and projects, putting it at-risk of losing control to the State
Operate as a stakeholder-driven, locally controlled agency, allowing for landowner input on programs and projects over time	Face increased pressure from the State to do things their way, rather than determined by local leaders with landowner input
Develop management actions, like groundwater allocations, with a measured and methodical multi-year approach	Face increased pressure from the State to quickly rollout groundwater demand-reducing actions

How to vote in the Prop 218

All landowners received a Prop 218 ballot and public hearing notice in the mail in early May. To vote, fill out your Prop 218 ballot and submit it in one of three ways:

1. Mail your ballot in the postage paid envelope provided in the ballot packet.
2. Drop your ballot off at the secure ballot box between 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Riverdale Unified School District Education Center, 3160 W Mount Whitney Ave, Riverdale, CA 93656.
3. Bring your ballot to the Public Hearing on June 26 at 5:30 PM.

BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHY IS THE NORTH FORK KINGS GSA HOLDING A PROP 218 ELECTION?

The North Fork Kings GSA received approval on its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) from the California Department of Water Resources in 2023. Although approved, funding is required to implement GSP activities and programs essential to keep the agency's good standing with the State. Because the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) is an unfunded mandate, the GSA must generate its own funding to implement the law. The North Fork Kings GSA is seeking this funding through the Prop 218 election.

WHAT DOES AN APPROVED GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) MEAN?


GSP approval allows the North Fork Kings GSA Board and staff to implement its GSP at a pace that allows for landowner input and awareness on future projects and programs. Ultimately, it means that groundwater can continue to be managed by local leaders, with local input, rather than by the State Water Resources Control Board.

WHERE WILL THE ASSESSMENT DOLLARS BE INVESTED?

North Fork Kings GSA will invest Prop 218 assessments in three key areas:

1. **Administrative costs:** this enables the agency to maintain administrative functions, covering expenses related to General Manager duties and future agency staff
2. **Professional services:** this includes consultants and attorneys that provide a variety of services needed for the agency's operations in support of GSA activities for the General Manager
3. **GSP implementation:** this includes expenses for implementing its Groundwater Sustainability Plan to meet State sustainability requirements

WHEN WILL THE ASSESSMENT TAKE EFFECT?

 If the Prop 218 passes, the new assessment rate will be set by the Board of Directors and will be collected beginning in fall 2024 and payable via County taxes in December 2024 and April 2025, and each subsequent December and April after that. Visit www.northforkkings.org/218election to learn more about the Prop218election. For questions, contact the North Fork Kings GSA at (559) 632-7032.

I LOST MY BALLOT OR NEED TO REQUEST A CHANGE. WHAT DO I DO?

If you lost your ballot, need to request ballot corrections, or would like to change your vote, contact MK elections at (209) 259-6740 or cesar@mkelections.com to receive a new ballot.