

**North Fork Kings GSA**  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**January 24, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency was held on January 24, 2024, 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
	John Mendes	Tony Campos
	Jim Petty	Stephen Maddox Jr.

Directors Absent: Frank Zonneveld

Also Present:	Justin Mendes	Kevin Johansen
	Aubrey Mauritson	Augustine Ramirez
	Antonio Solorio	Gary Coelho
	Frank Coelho Jr.	Nathan De Jong
	Tony Fontes	

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman McKean opened the meeting for public comment.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

General Manager Mendes reported on the 2023 Calendar Year slate of officers. The past chairman is Mark McKean; vice-chair, Buddy Mendes; Secretary/Treasurer as Stephen Maddox Jr. and Justin Mendes as Assistant Secretary Treasurer.

Director Buddy Mendes moved and Director John Mendes 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 November 20, 2023 special board meeting minutes.

Director Buddy Mendes moved and Director Petty seconded to approve the minutes as presented in the agenda packet. 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 will meet in March 2024..

### *Policy Committee*

The Policy Committee last met on November 13, 2023.

### *Finance Committee*

The Finance Committee met on January 17, 2024. Centered around Prop 218 election and the potential budget for the 218 election.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received.

Discussion continued.

### *Technical Advisory Committee*

The Technical Advisory Committee met on January 17, 2024.

Kevin reviewed water levels, subsidence data, more will be reported later on.

### *Grower Advisory Committee*

The Grower Advisory Committee met on January 24, 2024.

Closing out some issues with well registration program. Did put out water allocation framework discussed last year. GAC did see benefits to an allocation and having a year without enforcement. Still subbasin negotiations to consider on the coordination agreement.

### *Subbasin Coordination*

The Subbasin Coordination last Friday, meeting. Long meeting. Domestic well mitigation was the focus. A Draft has been circulated. Will meet on Feb 2. Plan to have engineering and legal review and provide comments and then circulate to the board.

## GSP PROGRAM & TECHNICAL UPDATE

### General Updates

Consulting Engineer Johansen reported on updated surface water delivery data and recharge efforts. Mr. Johansen also reported on recent Land IQ data.

General Manager Mendes reported on EO re new well permits and summary of all permits for ag and domestic. Approximately 120 new wells in the GSA.

Mr. Johansen provided a presentation on the new well permits since the Executive Order.

#### OUTREACH UPDATE

##### Well Registration Program Launch

Rebecca Quist provided a report on the well registration program status and outreach efforts.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman McKean announced the next meeting of the board of directors is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Justin Mendes, Assistant Secretary