

North Fork Kings GSA
Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 27, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency was held on March 27, 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 John Mendes
 Scott Sills (Alternate) Tony Campos
 Daniel Saucedo

Directors Absent: Buddy Mendes Frank Zonneveld
 Steve Maddox Jr.

Also Present: Justin Mendes Kevin Johansen
 Aubrey Mauritson Frank Coelho
 John Coelho Danielle Roberts
 Jerry Gragnani Gary Coelho
 Cory Rosa

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McKean opened the meeting for public comment. None.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

General Manager Mendes referred the board to Agenda Item No. 3, a copy of the February 28, 2024 special board meeting minutes.

Alternate Director Sills moved and Director John Mendes 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 met on March 14, 2024. Discussion was related to well mitigation. The RACC should meet again on May 2, 2024

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee did not meet in March due to a lack of a quorum.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on March 21, 2024. Discussion was to go over the Engineer's Report that will be reviewed later in the agenda.

Technical Advisory Committee

The Technical Advisory Committee did not meet in March due to a lack of a quorum. .

Grower Advisory Committee

The Grower Advisory Committee met on March 27, 2024. Discussed some annual report data and few other monitoring items. Did an update on the well registration program.

Subbasin Coordination

General Manager Mendes provided a report on Subbasin efforts. The Subbasin group met this last month. The group reviewed comments on the domestic well mitigation program. Another draft is expected in April. Other GSAs now want to discuss a Sustainable Yield allocation and other methodologies. The discussion will continue.

GSP PROGRAM & TECHNICAL UPDATE

General Updates

Consulting Engineer Johansen reported subbasin coordination will continue work on mitigation program. Efforts are also underway with the confined aquifer study through EKI. Interconnected Surface Waters is another area which is required to be addressed.

Discussion ensued.

Resolution 2024 -01 – Form Approval

General Manager Mendes referred the board to Agenda Item No. 5b, a copy of Resolution 2024-01.

Alternate Director Sills moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-01. Director John Mendes seconded, and the board unanimously approved.

PROP 218 LAND-BASED ASSESSMENT – DRAFT ENGINEER'S REPORT

Staff Presentation Proposition 218 Land-Based Assessment Process and Status

General Manager Mendes provided a summary of the Proposition 218 process to date. He noted the Engineer's Report has been reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Consider Approval of Engineer's Report

Consulting Engineer Johansen referred the board to Agenda Item No. 6b, a copy of the Engineer's Report.

Unidentified member of the public provided public comment.

Director John Mendes moved to approve the Engineer's Report as presented. Director Saucedo seconded, and the board unanimously approved.

Consider Setting Public Hearing Date for Prop 218 Land-Based Assessment Election for June 26, 2024

Consulting Engineer Johansen provided a report.

Discussion ensued.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman McKean announced the next meeting of the board of directors is scheduled for April 24, 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 the board unanimously approved a Tolling Agreement with Westlands Water District.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Mendes, Assistant Secretary