

North Fork Kings GSA
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency was held on June 26, 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
	Frank Zonneveld	David Schultz (Alternate)
	Daniel Saucedo	John Coelho (Alternate)

Directors Absent:	John Mendes	Stephen Maddox, Jr.
	Tony Campos	

Also Present:	Justin Mendes	Kevin Johansen
	Aubrey Mauritson	Rodney Kamper
	John Gailey	Luke Vanderham
	Michael Davis	Becca Quist
	Rick Adams	Amanda De Anda

Others (Not Signed In)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McKean opened the meeting for public comment.

PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT RATES

Overview of Prop. 218 Assessment

General Manager Mendes provided an overview of the proposed Proposition 218 Assessment. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #3a is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

Conduct a Public Hearing and Receive all Written and Verbal Testimony Regarding the Proposed Assessment

It was moved and seconded to open the public hearing. The motion was unanimously approved.

At approximately 5:40 p.m., Chair McKean opened the public hearing. Several members of the public made comments regarding the proposed assessment and asked various procedural questions. Numerous members of the public continued to vote and/or alter their previous votes.

Close Public Hearing

Director Zonneveld moved, and Director Buddy Mendes seconded to close the public hearing. The motion was unanimously approved.

At approximately 5:56 p.m., Chairman McKean closed the public hearing.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board Will Consider Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2024, Board Meeting

General Manager Mendes referred the board to Agenda Item No. 4, a copy of the May 22, 2024, board meeting minutes.

Director Mendes moved, and Director Zonneveld 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 did not meet this last month.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee last met on June 26, 2024. The Policy Committee discussed funding for well mitigation. Some GSAs are considering 0% loans for well mitigation. The Policy Committee did not recommend NFKGSA to do so. The Committee also discussed potential GSA-boundary alterations and amendments to the Rules and Regulations.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee did not meet this last month.

Technical Advisory Committee

The Technical Advisory Committee met on June 19, 2024. The status of the confined aquifer study was reviewed.

Consulting Engineer Johansen provided a review of the purposes of the confined aquifer study.

Grower Advisory Committee

The Grower Advisory Committee did not meet this last month.

Subbasin Coordination

General Manager Mendes provided a report on Subbasin efforts. The subbasin group met last Friday, June 21, 2024. The group recommended to approve well mitigation program. The subbasin as a whole is looking to release a draft revised GSP in October.

GSP PROGRAM & TECHNICAL UPDATE

General Update

Consulting Engineer Johansen provided an update. The updated GSPs are due at the end of January 2025. As noted, drafts will be out soon for public comment.

Review FY2024-25 Work Order and Task Order 24-1

General Manager Mendes provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6c is a copy of the work order and task order.

Discussion ensued.

Director Zonneveld moved, and Director Mendes seconded to approve FY 2024-25 Work Order and Task Order 24-1. The motion was unanimously approved.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Review and Amend Article II, Section 2.01 Well Registration

General Manager Mendes provided a report on Article II, Section 2.01 Well Registration. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item No. 7a is a copy of Article II, Section 2.01.

Director _____ moved and Director _____ seconded to amend Article II, Section 2.01 Well Registration as presented in the agenda packet.

Public comment from [name??]

Discussion ensued.

The board unanimously approved.

PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT RATES

Tabulate ballots and announce results.

General Manager Mendes announced the results. Eighty seven percent of landowners voted in favor of the 218 election; twelve percent opposed. As a result, the election passed.

Adopt Resolution 2024-2 certifying the protest ballot results.

Director B. Mendes moved to approve Resolution 2024-2 with the addition of the percentages approval pass as previously announced. Director Zonneveld seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved.

If No Majority Protests Exists, Adopt Resolutions 2024-3 and 2024-4 for County of Kings and County of Fresno, Each, Establishing the Assessment Rate for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Director B. Mendes moved, and Director Zonneveld seconded to approve Resolutions 2024-3 and 2024-4 for County of Kings and County of Fresno, each, establishing the assessment rate for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at \$6.00 per acre. The motion was unanimously approved.

GSP PROGRAM & TECHNICAL UPDATE

Adoption of Kings Subbasin Domestic Well Mitigation Program

General Manager Mendes reviewed the policy. The policy document is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as #6b.

Director B. Mendes moved, and Director Zonneveld seconded to approve the domestic well mitigation program. The board unanimously approved.

FINANCE & BUDGET

The Board Will Review and Adopt a FY2024-2025 Budget for NFKGSA

General Manager Mendes provided a report on the FY2024-2025 Budget for NFKGSA. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8 is a copy of the FY2024-2025 Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Director B. Mendes moved and Director Zonneveld seconded to adopt the FY2024-2025 Budget for NFKGSA. The board unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman McKean announced the next meeting of the board of directors is scheduled for July 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.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

Chairman McKean announced that there was no reportable action from closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Mendes, Assistant Secretary