

North Fork Kings GSA
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 28, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency was held on February 28, 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
 Scott Sills (Alternate) Tony Campos
 Daniel Saucedo John Mendes
 Steve Maddox Jr.

Directors Absent: Frank Zonneveld

Also Present: Justin Mendes Kevin Johansen
 Aubrey Mauritson Jim Petty
 Antonio Solorio Daniel Errotabere
 Frank Coelho Amir Mani
 Cristel Tufenkjian Brian Trevarrow

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 January 24, 2024 special board meeting minutes.

Director Buddy Mendes 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 should meet on March 14, 2024.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee last met on February 28, 2024. Policy documents will be developed for new well construction and discussed at the March meeting.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on February 21, 2024. A recommendation was made to authorize a new Prop 218 election. Engineer's report would be expected in March and ballots would be counted in June.

Technical Advisory Committee

The Technical Advisory Committee met on February 21, 2024. Primary discussion centered around the Subbasin Draft Domestic Well Mitigation Program.

Grower Advisory Committee

The Grower Advisory Committee met on February 28, 2024. The committee discussed a Roadmap to 2040 outlining key deadlines and policy decisions between now and 2040.

Subbasin Coordination

General Manager J. Mendes provided a report on Subbasin efforts. Current work is related to a well mitigation policy.

Amir M. from EKI provided a report on a status update for the confined aquifer study.

GSP PROGRAM & TECHNICAL UPDATE

General Updates

Consulting Engineer Johansen helped summarize previously reported items and that comments for the annual report were due by the end of March.

Prop 68 Grant Reimbursement Status

Consulting Engineer Johansen reported that the remaining grant funds would be spent on cleaning and maintenance of monitoring wells on the western boundary of the GSA.

Task Order 23-4 (Prop 218 Authorization)

Consulting Engineer Johansen reported on the proposed 218 process General Manager Mendes provided a review.

Alternate Director Sills moved to authorize staff to begin work on the Proposition 218 process. Director Buddy Mendes seconded, and the board unanimously approved.

Preauthorization to GM for Future 215 Water Purchases

Consulting Engineer Johansen reported on potential future water purchases

Director Buddy Mendes moved and Alternate Director Sills seconded authorizing General Manger to purchase surface water of up to 5,000 ac-ft for the next water year. The board unanimously approved.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Well Registration Program Launch

General Manager J. Mendes provided a report. The registration process is underway. He discussed the potential of potential incentives to encourage further registration.

Change Order to Task Order 23-1 (Watermark Support)

General Manager J. Mendes provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #[x] is a copy of the task order.

Director Buddy Mendes moved to approve Task Order 23-1. Director Maddox seconded and 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 March 27, 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,

Justin Mendes, Assistant Secretary