

North Fork Kings GSA
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 18, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency was held on October 18, 2023, 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	Tony Campos
	Jim Petty	John Mendes

Directors Absent: Stephen Maddox, Jr.

Also Present:	Justin Mendes	Kevin Johansen
	Aubrey Mauritsen	Auggie Ramirez
	Antonio Solorio	Daniel Errotabere
	Jason Fry	Gary Coelho
	Luke Vanderham	Eric Osterling
	Frank Coelho	Jerry Gragnani
	Donny Gragnani	

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 August 16, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Director Buddy Mendes moved and Director Zonneveld seconded to approve the minutes as presented in the agenda packet. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Accountant Jason Fry provided a report on the NFKGSA finances. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item No. 4 is a copy of the financial report.

Director Buddy Mendes moved and Director Petty seconded to approve the financial report as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

WATERMARK UPDATE

General Manager Mendes provided an update on the well registration software and reviewed the next steps of the water user accounting dashboard. Robert Cima from MLJ provided a status report.

Discussion ensued.

GENERAL MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Manager Mendes provided a report on recent matters as follows:

Rural Advisory Communities Committee (September)

The Rural Advisory Communities Committee met on the September 25, 2023. The focus of the meeting was on corrective actions from DWR. A presentation from EKI was presented on the corrective actions. Domestic well mitigation was also discussed. The RACC should meet again in November, 2023.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met in September and October. Discussions surrounded potential revisions to the Rules and Regulations, specifically regarding well registration and deadlines.

Technical Advisory Committee

The Technical Advisory Committee meeting was canceled in September. Met previous to this meeting at 4 p.m. to go over projects.

Grower Advisory Committee

The Grower Advisory Committee met in October. The focus of the meeting was on the well registration process. The GAC plans to schedule another meeting the following week.

Roadmap to Allocation Update

With the shift of focus for the GSA to DWR corrective actions, the roadmap timelines will be updated.

Other

Provided update on investment account. Subbasin coordination meeting this Friday to discuss scopes of work and analysis for corrective actions.

GSP PROGRAM & TECHNICAL UPDATE

General Updates

General Manager Mendes reported the Subbasin had a meeting with DWR staff to discuss the corrective measures and a timeline.

Discussion ensued.

Consulting Engineer Johansen reported on general GSP updates and comments from DWR staff regarding corrective measures. Best Management Practices will be out eventually on studying interconnected surface water, but likely not timely for the response needed from the subbasin.

Discussion ensued.

Prop 68 Grant Expenditure

Consulting Engineer Johansen provided a report. The grant was received several years ago. Will continue to update on progress for expenditures.

Confined Aquifer Study

Consulting Engineer Johansen reported on the confined aquifer study. DWR is encouraging a well inventory for purposes of the study.

Canal Conveyance Study

Consulting Engineer Johansen reported on the canal conveyance study. He is a bit behind, but continues to make progress.

RULES AND REGULATIONS DISCUSSION

Sustainable Yield Methodology

General Manager Mendes provided a report on the Sustainable Yield methodology needed for the Rules and Regulations and the interplay with surface water entities.

Consumptive Use of Dairies

General Manager Mendes provided a report. He provided a report on the 4Creeks white paper regarding the consumptive use of water for Dairies. He reported the committees have recommended using the 4Creeks white paper, at least for the time being, with the thought process to continue to revise and refine.

Discussion ensued.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

General Manager Mendes provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item No. 9 is a copy of the Stakeholder Engagement.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman McKean announced the next meeting of the board of directors is currently unknown given the regular board meeting is the day before Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Mendes, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer