

North Fork Kings GSA
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 22, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency was held on November 20, 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	John Mendes
	Jim Petty (Alternate)	
 Directors Absent:	 Daniel Saucedo	 Stephen Maddox, Jr.
	Tony Campos	
 Also Present:	 Justin Mendes	 Kevin Johansen
	Josh Fox	Jerry Gragnani
	Antonio Solorio	Luke Vanderham
	Sue Ruiz	Rodney Kamper
	Connor McKean	

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McKean opened the meeting for public comment. Comment was given by Barbara Martin.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

General Manager Mendes referred the board to Agenda Item No. 3, a copy of the March 27, 2024 board meeting minutes. An amendment was needed to list Director Buddy Mendes as Absent and Director John Mendes as Present

Director Zonneveld moved to approve with amendments and Director John Mendes seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Manager Mendes reviewed the financial statements of the NFKGSA. Rodney Kamper asked a question regarding grant income.

Director John Mendes moved and Director Zonneveld seconded to approve.

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 May 2, 2024 discussing the Well Mitigation Program and Roadmap to Sustainability.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on May 22, 2023. No recommendations were taken.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee did not meet..

Technical Advisory Committee

The Technical Advisory Committee did not meet.

Grower Advisory Committee

The Grower Advisory Committee met on May 22, 2023 and discussed the Roadmap to Sustainability and Article V. of the NFKGSA Rules and Regulations.

Subbasin Coordination

The Subbasin Coordination met May 17, 2024 with a focus on the timeline to include the Corrective Actions from DWR into the GSPs by the January 31, 2025 submittal deadline.

GSP PROGRAM & TECHNICAL UPDATE

Consulting Engineer Johansen reported on the general items of the NFKGSA annual report submitted in April. With the wettest year on record the NFKGSA made up over 300,000AF towards past overdraft. NFKGSA is on a timeline to complete the draft work of the Corrective Actions by September to put into the Draft GSP Update by October.

RULES & REGULATIONS

Deletion/Removal of the Groundwater Banking Policy

General Manager Mendes asked to review Item 7b. first. Staff recommended to delete the policy as there are no existing or planned Groundwater Banking projects within the boundary and the policy causes confusion regarding recharge in NFKGSA

Director Buddy Mendes moved and Alternate Director Petty seconded to approve deletion of the policy.

Article V. – Surface Water Recharge in the Underground

General Manager Mendes brought up the current Rules and Regulations Section regarding Surface Water Recharge. Landowners must follow their surface water provider's rules and policies and are entitled to the credit within their district. Currently only 2 districts have adopted recharge policies. Staff recommended an amendment to the Rules and Regulations to encourage districts without policies to adopt one. The amendment would read "In the absence of any surface water district policy, the stored water will be subject to a 10% leave behind to the benefit of the GSA."

Jerry Gragnani asked a question about varying policies throughout the GSA and technical aspects about recharge.

Director Buddy Mendes moved and Director Zonneveld seconded to amend the rules and regulations per staff recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman McKean announced the next meeting of the board of directors is scheduled for June 26, 2024 at the Riverdale Memorial Hall

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Number of Potential Cases: One

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:

[Government Code Section 54947]

Title: General Manager

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Josh Fox regarding one potential item of anticipated litigation. As well as Government Code Section 54947.

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/Treasurer