

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 28, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Fresno Irrigation District – Chairman Jerry Prieto, Jr.  
Biola Community Service District – Director Rudy Hernandez  
Bakman Water Company – Director Steve Pickens  
Garfield Water District – Director Karl Kienow  
City of Fresno – Alternate Director Michael Carbajal  
City of Clovis – Director Jose Flores  
County of Fresno – Vice Chairman Brian Pacheco

**MEMBER STAFF PRESENT**

Executive Officer Gary R. Serrato – Fresno Irrigation District  
Legal Counsel Bryan Martin (sitting in for Kevin Dale)  
Technical Subcommittee Chairman Bill Stretch – Fresno Irrigation District  
Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman Lisa Koehn  
Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee Chairman Brandy Swisher –  
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
Fiscal Officer DeAnn Hailey – Fresno Irrigation District  
Administrator Adam Claes – Fresno Irrigation District  
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group Representative Ron Samuelian  
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe – Fresno Irrigation District

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Prieto called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REVIEW AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

There were no changes to future meetings.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (for items not on agenda) – 3 Minutes Maximum Per Person, 10 Minutes Maximum Per Subject**

There were no public comments.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Any Board Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter. [FPPC §87105]

None stated.

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**1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2018 – Action Item**

Director Pacheco suggested instead of the seated Board Members being listed as absent when they are not able to attend, the Alternate Directors be listed as “sitting in for” the absent Director. This modification will begin with the June Board meeting minutes.

There were no corrections or edits to the minutes from the May 24, 2018 Board meeting.

**M/S/C (Pacheco/Flores) That the Board of Directors approved the minutes from the May 24, 2018, meeting with the Alternate Directors listed as “sitting in” for the Directors under the DIRECTORS PRESENT section of the minutes starting with the June 2018 minutes by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)**

Due to a temporary technical issue with the monitor, the Technical Subcommittee was discussed next.

**i. Technical Subcommittee Update**

Mr. Stretch noted the subcommittee continues to meet monthly. The subcommittee has begun to discuss dividing the NKGSA into sub-areas. An ad hoc committee has been formed to discuss this further. Boundary modifications along the eastern edge and San Joaquin River are being addressed. The main focus the Technical Subcommittee is to develop the draft GSP by January 2019. The Plan is broken down into the following eight sections:

- Plan Area (draft complete)
- Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model (draft complete)
- GW Conditions (draft almost complete)
- Monitoring Network (draft complete)
- Water Budget (starting research)
- Sustainable Management Criteria (outline of requirements – draft criteria for water levels)
- Projects and Actions (initiate soon)
- Plan Implementation (initiate soon)

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Mr. Stretch outlined the proposed selection on the monitoring network:

- Two wells per township/range
- Wells with historical data
- Wells with known well completion reports
- Wells that are spatially distributed

The GSP is due January 2020 with GSAs having until 2040 to achieve sustainability.

**b. Water Conditions Update**

Mr. Claes provided the Board with an updated water/snow conditions report for both the Central (San Joaquin River) and Southern (Kings River) Sierra Snowpack. The snowpack has almost completely melted. As of June 25, Millerton Lake's storage is 464,000 acre-feet and Pine Flat's storage is 743,000 acre-feet. The Bureau of Reclamation's estimate for CVP deliveries has not change from last month and is still at 85%.

**c. North Kings GSA Timeline and Milestones Update**

Mr. Claes reminded the Board of the timeline and goals the NKGSA is working towards. The Technical Subcommittee agreed to the completing of the draft GSP by January 2019 (DWR deadline is January 31, 2020). Once the draft Plan is complete, a public comment/review period is scheduled for the second half of 2019. The first half of 2019 will focus on coordinating with the other GSAs to make sure the seven GSPs are compatible and not impacting neighboring agencies. The MOU agreement has been signed, which enables the seven GSAs to mediate disputes among its members, if needed. With the signing of the MOA, each GSA will receive \$214,000 in grant funds from the DWR for GSP development.

**d. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update**

Mr. Samuelian updated the Board on the following subbasin items:

- MOA for dispute resolution and grant funding
  - All GSAs within the subbasin have signed and adopted the MOA
- DWR Grant Funding Contract anticipated to be executed in two to three months
  - Funding match waiver approved
  - Eligible reimbursable costs back to July 2017
- Developing formal data sharing agreement

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- New coordinated tasks approved by subbasin:
  - Confined Aquifer boundary flows
  - Data management system
  - Water budget
- Initial coordinated tasks focused on subbasin and GSA storage change and boundary flows
- Goal to reach agreement on initial estimates of amount to be corrected and GSA responsibility in next several months
- Evaluated five methodology alternatives and iterations for storage change responsibilities amongst the seven GSAs:
  - Equal distribution based on acreage
  - Storage change only
  - Storage change plus boundary flows (internal/external)
  - Storage change plus difference between historic and recent average boundary flows (recognition of historic boundary flows)
  - Net demand vs surface water received
- Seeking agreement on methodology only, acknowledging the numbers will change
- To date, not all GSAs have agreed to methodology

**e. Advisory Committee Update**

There was no Committee update.

**ii. Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee Update**

Ms. Koehn stated they have not met since the budget was reviewed.

**iii. Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee Update**

Mr. Serrato stated Ms. Brandy Swisher was appointed as the new chairperson of the subcommittee. Ms. Swisher reported the subcommittee met the afternoon of June 28. The subcommittee welcomed new members from Malaga County Water District and the Leadership Counsel for Justice. Ms. Swisher stated the subcommittee discussed how information will be disseminated from the Technical Subcommittee to ensure it is consistent with the Outreach Plan. The first of several groundwater sustainability workshops are scheduled for November and a newsletter will be sent out in the near future. Presentations with the City of Kerman, Biola Community Services District, Malaga County Water District, and Pinedale County Water District are being arranged with more to come. Ms. Swisher encouraged everyone to sign up on the interested party database.

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**f. Adoption of Resolution 18-02 – Basin Boundary Modification – Action Item**

Mr. Claes explained the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency’s proposed request to the DWR of modifications for the DWR’s Bulletin 118 boundaries of the Kings Subbasin along the eastern edge and San Joaquin River. The eastern edge near the base of the foothills would be a “scientific” modification to better match the edge of the subbasin to the geologic boundary of the water-bearing alluvium. The modification along the San Joaquin River would be used to match the Bulletin 118 boundary with the county line boundary separating Fresno and Madera counties.

Mr. Serrato stated a small committee was formed to discuss and propose boundary modifications. Participant included a hydrologist with Provost & Pritchard, County of Fresno, Dr. David Cehrs, and staff.

**M/S/C (Pickens/Kienow) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 18-02 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)**

**g. Letter of Support – Leadership Counsel – Action Item**

Mr. Serrato stated this item was brought before the Board during May’s meeting. The Board had a number of questions regarding the letter and directed Staff to revise the request. Staff took into consideration that the letter of support for the Leadership Counsel: 1) to be consistent with the objectives of our SGMA; 2) team with the NKGSA and provide opportunities to distribute / relay the Agency’s outreach message; 3) assist with translations in the Severely Disadvantaged Communities; and 4) publicly support the NKGSA Outreach Plan. The letter of support was revised by staff and with the help and approval of the Leadership Counsel.

Alternate Director Carbajal stated the City of Fresno has been in litigation with the Leadership Counsel in the past and is currently in litigation with a group represented by the Leadership Counsel; therefore, the City of Fresno cannot support this request.

Director Flores asked if the Counsel was in other GSAs and if it could collaborate with the NKGSA during times when there are differences of opinions. Director Flores also noted the NKGSA interest was in acquiring partnerships with different organization and individuals to help with the development of the “Plan”; however, there is a concern about possible future litigation if the Counsel did not agree with the direction of the NKGSA. The representative for the Leadership Counsel, Amanda Monaco, stated they are in several GSA and interested in collaborating and working with the different area GSAs.

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The Board asked the reason for the letter and Ms. Monaco stated it was part of the requirement to receive grant funding from the State.

Chairman Prieto called for a motion.

Director Pacheco also expressed a concern about possible action from the Counsel as it has previously threatened litigation with the County.

When asked by the Board for the Executive Officer's position, Mr. Serrato remarked that he sees the Leadership Counsel responsibility as an overlap of duties that are being provided by Self Help Enterprises and the Community Water Center. Mr. Serrato stated that Self Help Enterprises has participated with the NKGSA since the beginning and participates in each of the committees. Self Help Enterprises represents the same Disadvantage Communities as the Leadership Counsel. The NKGKS continues to invite all groups/individuals to participate including the Leadership Counsel.

Chairman Prieto called again for a motion: item 1. g. died for lack of motion.

## **2. LEGAL MATTERS**

### **a. 2018 Conflict of Interest Code - Update**

NKGSA Attorney Mr. Martin briefly reviewed the purpose of the conflict-of-interest code with the political reform act (Form 700). The code is reviewed every two years to determine if there is a need to amend. It was determined that there is enough reason to revise the 2018 COI Code. A biennial notice is due by August 1 and the revised Code is due by October 1 to the County. A 45 day public review/comment period will take place and once that is complete, the Code and resolution will be brought to the Board for approval (August Board meeting).

## **3. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **a. Expense Report for May 2018 – Action Item**

Ms. Hailey reviewed the expense report; there were no questions/comments from the Board.

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**M/S/C (Flores/Carbajal) That the Board of Directors approved the May 2018 Expense Report as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Kienow, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)**

**b. Financial Statements as of May 31, 2018 – Action Item**

Ms. Hailey reviewed the financial statements and supporting documents as of May 31, 2018. The auditors are expected to begin their on-site audit process on July 23.

**M/S/C (Kienow /Flores) That the Board of Directors approved the Financial Statements as of May 31, 2018 as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Kienow, Flores, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)**

**4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

Mr. Serrato reported that a job description for the executive officer's position is being developed. An ad hoc meeting consisting of Chairman Prieto and Director Flores plus staff will be scheduled in the near future.

**5. DIRECTORS REPORT**

**Director Pickens – none**

**Director Kienow – none**

**Director Hernandez – none**

**Director Prieto – none**

**Alternate Director Carbajal – none**

**Director Flores – none**

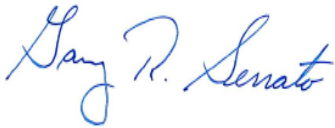
**Director Pacheco – none**

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**6. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further discussion or action, Chairman Prieto adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Gary R. Serrato, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer