

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Fresno Irrigation District – Chairman Jerry Prieto, Jr.
City of Kerman – Director Rhonda Armstrong
Bakman Water Company – Director Steve Pickens
Garfield Water District – Director Karl Kienow
City of Clovis – Director Jose Flores
County of Fresno – Vice Chairman Brian Pacheco

DIRECTORS ABSENT

City of Fresno

MEMBER STAFF PRESENT

Executive Officer Gary R. Serrato – Fresno Irrigation District
Legal Counsel Kevin Dale
Advisory Committee Chairman Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis
Technical Subcommittee Chairman Adam Claes – 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
Consultant Ron Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe – Fresno Irrigation District

OTHERS PRESENT

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Chairman Prieto announced that Director Pickens and Alternate Director Bakman were sworn in prior to the start of the meeting.

REVIEW AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Later in 2019 the Board will reschedule the December 26 meeting date.

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

None.

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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.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2018 – Action Item

There were no corrections or amendments to the minutes.

M/S/C (Flores/Armstrong) That the Board of Directors approved the minutes from the November 15, 2018, by the following vote. (Ayes –Pickens, Kienow, Armstrong, Prieto, Jr., Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – City of Fresno; Abstain – 0)

b. Review 2019 Board Meeting Schedule – Action Item

With the exception of the December meeting, the dates were approved as presented. The December meeting date will be changed to TBD on future agendas until a decision is made later in the year.

c. Water Conditions Update

Mr. Claes provided the Board with an updated water/snow conditions report for both the San Joaquin River (Millerton Lake) and Kings River (Pine Flat Reservoir). Mr. Claes states we are at 60% of January 1 average. Millerton Lake's Inflow is at 1,000 cfs and Outflow is at 600 cfs. Pine Flat Reservoir's Inflow is at 1,300 cfs and Outflow is at 71 cfs.

d. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update

Mr. Samuelian stated the grant for the GSP (Groundwater Sustainability Plan) development has been executed and expenses have been submitted for reimbursement. There is no timeframe as to when the DWR will send payment. The NKGSA submitted for its whole share of reimbursement.

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Mr. Samuelian also reported on:

- All GSAs progressing with the GSP development
 - Working to have a draft GSP out for public review by mid-summer
- Coordinated Tasks continue
 - Confined Aquifer Flows estimation
 - Data Management System for annual reporting
 - Coordinated Water Budget
 - Sustainable Management Criteria – water level and other indicators
 - DWR Technical Support Services for monitor well construction
 - Common language being developed for the “basin” for each GSAs GSP
 - Draft Coordination Agreement being developed for all seven GSAs

Mr. Serrato mentioned that every GSA in the Kings Basin is working on the common language that will most likely be printed at the beginning of each of the seven plans.

e. Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Scott Redelfs stated there was little to report from the January Advisory Committee meeting. There was a small group from the public in attendance resulting from December’s County Outreach meeting on the “white areas”.

i. Technical Subcommittee Update

Mr. Claes reviewed the progress taking place in developing the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP). The subcommittee is currently working on:

- Water budget nearly complete (in coordination w/Kings Subbasin efforts)
 - Collecting data by groundwater pumping agency/sub-area
 - Will provide target for each area/agency to achieve sustainability
- Sustainable management criteria (address six undesirable results)
 - Water level – evaluate undesirable results in wells near indicator wells
 - Water quality – reference existing and future regulations, consulting DWR
- Evaluating GW conditions north and east of FID (County “white areas”) for water budget
- Evaluating de Minimis pumping regulations
- Basin boundary modification (east side) – preliminarily approved

ii. Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee Update

The subcommittee plans to meet to develop the 2019/2020 Fiscal Budget. The subcommittee is headed by Lisa Koehn (retired from the City of Clovis).

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iii. Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee Update

Ms. Swisher stated that roughly 2,800 invitation postcards were sent out for the December 13 workshop with approximately 300 attendees. Questions from the audience were answered at the end of the presentations and 130 attendees signed up on the NKGSA database. A follow-up workshop summary and FAQ sheet were sent to the interested attendees. A potential second public workshop for rural residential and small farmers west of the City of Fresno is being considered. Ms. Swisher reported that there is a collaborative effort with Self Help Enterprises, Asian Business Institute and Resource Center, and the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. There is also a Southeast Asian small farmer workshop - potential partnership with the University of California's Cooperative Extension being considered. To date there have been 22 presentations and outreach programs throughout the area and 430 registered on the NKGSA interested parties list.

Mr. Serrato stated staff members of the NKGSA have been meeting with Fresno County staff to discuss coverage of the "white areas" (areas with no surface water supplies) north and east of Fresno Irrigation District.

An outline of the North Kings GSP is available for viewing on the NKGSA website.

Chairman Prieto noted some counties in California have chosen not to represent the "white areas" even though it is a requirement; however, Fresno County is actively participating in the NKGSA/Kings Basin and representing the "white areas" within its jurisdiction.

Chairman Prieto stated the Director and Alternate Director from the City of Fresno were absent at the Board meeting.

2. LEGAL MATTERS

No items for discussion.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Expense Report for November through December 2018 – Action Item

Ms. Hailey reported expenses have been paid for August, September, and October 2018.

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M/S/C (Flores/Kienow) That the Board of Directors approved the Expense Report for November through December 2018 as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes –Pickens, Kienow, Prieto, Jr., Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – City of Fresno; Abstain – 0)

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

Director Armstrong inquired about the fiscal budget, invoicing of members from 2017, and the DWR grant payment. Ms. Hailey responded to Director Armstrong's questions.

Ms. Hailey reviewed the current balance and paid invoices (all invoices have been paid with the exception of CSU Fresno).

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

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

a. Executive Officer Recruitment - Update

This item will be discussed during Closed Session.

Mr. Serrato stated that Channel 26 approached Mario Santoyo about having a discussion on SGMA. Mr. Santoyo is exploring this with a number of GSAs to see if there is any interest. More details will be brought back to the Directors during the next Board meeting.

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Pickens – none.

Director Kienow – attended the December 13 outreach meeting and was impressed with the Mr. Serrato's presentation. While waiting in line, Director Kienow noted hearing from attendees a lot of misinformation and also noted that the public had a void of information. Director Kienow complimented the Outreach Subcommittee on their efforts on reaching out to the public.

Director Armstrong – none.

Director Prieto – none.

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DIRECTORS REPORT continued

City of Fresno – absent.

Director Flores – none.

Director Pacheco – none.

Open Session was suspended at 6:36 p.m. with the Board of Directors, the Executive Officer, and some management Staff going into Closed Session at 6:38 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Employee Appointment – Government Code 54957
Title: Executive Officer (Discussion Only)

Conference with Labor Negotiators – Government Code 54957.6
Agency designated representative: Board Chairman
Unrepresented employee: Future Executive Officer

Closed Session was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

6. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Prieto stated there was nothing to report out from Closed Session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion or action, Chairman Prieto adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Gary R. Serrato, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer