

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 27, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

MEMBER STAFF PRESENT

Gary R. Serrato (Executive Officer) – Fresno Irrigation District
Kevin Dale – NKGSA Legal Counsel
Lisa Koehn – City of Clovis
Adam Claes – Fresno Irrigation District
Bill Stretch – Fresno Irrigation District
DeAnn Hailey – Fresno Irrigation District
Dwight Miller – Biola Community Service District
Lynn B. Rowe (Recording Secretary) – Fresno Irrigation District

OTHERS PRESENT

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
Don Wright - Reporter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

OATH OF OFFICE

None.

REVIEW AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

None given.

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]

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None stated.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2017 – Action Item

Director Pacheco stated that Supervisor Buddy Mendes spells his name with a “s” and not a “z”. The correction was noted.

M/S/C (Pacheco/Flores) That the Board of Directors approved the minutes for the February 23, 2017 meeting with the correction to the spelling of Director Mendes name by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Esqueda, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. Water/Snow Conditions Update

Mr. Claes provided the Board with an update on the water/snow conditions in the Southern Sierra. Millerton Lake’s current storage is 266,700 acre-feet and Pine Flat’s storage is 500,100 acre-feet.

Mr. Claes noted that Fresno Irrigation District delivered a modified water schedule earlier in the year (provided additional water to growers), recharged canals and stored water in its banking facilities to help facilitate groundwater recharge.

c. North Kings GSA Timeline and Milestones

As of April 13, 2017, it was noted that the NKGSA became an official GSA.

d. Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Serpa stated the most recent Advisory Committee meeting was held on April 14. One topics discussed during the meeting modifying the schedule of the Board of Directors meetings. With the required documents filed, placement of consultants (legal and technical), and general direction from the Board already given, it may not be necessary to hold a Board meeting every month when there is a lack of action items. The executive officer will discuss the upcoming agenda topics with the Chairman of the Board and they will then decide if a meeting is necessary.

i. Technical Subcommittee Update

Mr. Stretch reported that the main objective of this subcommittee is to develop the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The group meets once a month with the next meeting

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to be held on May 3. Committee members and the consultant are proceeding systematically. Currently the members are working on the first section of the plan (jurisdiction, utilization and water supply). A first draft will be ready for review and comments by the committee members at its next meeting.

ii. Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee Update

Mr. Serpa stated that the Administrative/Fiscal group, headed by Lisa Koehn, has not met as yet. They are waiting for the grant guidelines to be published before scheduling their first meeting.

iii. Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee Update

Dwight Miller discussed the progress the group is making on the development of the website. The group will also be developing the NKGSA's new logo.

e. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update

Mr. Serrato noted that the NKGSA is part of a larger six-unit group. The six agencies continue to meet monthly. Mr. Samuelian stated that four of the agencies have been approved as an official GSA and the two others are in a 90-day review period. It was reported that the Kings Subbasin Coordination group is fully funded. Consultant Provost & Pritchard is working on the estimation of the overdraft and should have that completed by the end of the year.

DWR is expected to publish their guideline for the grant approval process within the next day or so. The Kings Subbasin is expected to have their final grant fund application ready in August / September.

f. North Kings GSA Logo

Mr. Serrato reviewed a proposed sampling of NKGSA logos with the Board members. This will be brought before the Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee for additional review and suggestions.

2. LEGAL MATTERS

None

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. February and March 2017 Expense Report – Action Item

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Ms. Hailey briefly reviewed the expense reports – there was no Board discussion or questions. The agency has spent 7.2% of their budget.

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

b. Financial Statements and Supporting Documents as of March 31, 2017 – Action Item

Ms. Hailey reviewed the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Paid and Unpaid Invoices for the Directors.

M/S/C (Flores/Kienow) That the Board of Directors approved the Financial Statements and Supporting Documents as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Esqueda, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

c. Revised 2016/2017 Budget – Action Item

Ms. Hailey reviewed the revisions to the 2016/2017 budget. The only changes were an increase to the office supply line item amount of \$500 and a decrease of \$35,000 to the Kings Basin Coordination line item. Any remaining funds will be carried over to next year's budget.

M/S/C (Hernandez/Flores) That the Board of Directors approved the revised 2016/2017 Budget as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Esqueda, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

d. Request of Proposal (RFP) for Auditing Services – Report Only

Ms. Hailey reported that a request for auditing services will be mailed out this week. Deadline for responses is June 8, 2017 with selection/notification of the new auditor by June 27, 2017. A prepared audit statement is expected to be ready in September in time for the monthly Board meeting.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

a. Insurance Update

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Mr. Serrato reported the ACWA/JPIA has agreed to insure the NKGSA Board for a minimum of two years, provided that the agency becomes a member of ACWA. Cost to join ACWA would be less than \$1,000 per year. Mr. Serrato stated that he received a letter from DiBuduo and DeFendis offering a quote on providing insurance.

b. Future Meeting Schedule

Mr. Serrato stated that after talking with Chairman Prieto, the May meeting will most likely be cancelled due to lack of action items. There will definitely be a June Board of Directors meeting so Staff can review the new budget with the Board. For future Board meetings if there are no actions items or anything new to report, Staff will confer with the Board Chairman about cancelling those meetings.

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Pickens - none

Director Kienow – appreciation to the members of the Technical Subcommittee for their work

Director Hernandez – none

Director Prieto – none

Director Esqueda – gave an update on the City's Water Plan improvement projects

Director Flores – reminded everyone about the Clovis Rodeo weekend

Director Pacheco – none

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further action, Chairman Prieto adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Gary R. Serrato, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer