

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 22, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Chairman Jerry Prieto, Jr. – Fresno Irrigation District  
Alternate Director Dwight Miller – Biola Community Service District  
Director Karl Kienow – Garfield Water District  
Director Steve Pickens – Bakman Water Company  
Director Jose Flores – City of Clovis  
Director Lee Brand – City of Fresno  
Alternate Director Bernard Jimenez – County of Fresno

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Director Rudy Hernandez (Biola Community Service District)  
Director Brian Pacheco (County of Fresno)

**MEMBER STAFF PRESENT**

Gary R. Serrato (Executive Officer) – Fresno Irrigation District  
Kevin Dale – NKGSA Legal Counsel  
Luke Serpa – City of Clovis  
Lisa Koehn – City of Clovis  
Tommy Esqueda – City of Fresno  
Shay Bakman – Bakman Water Company  
Adam Claes – Fresno Irrigation District  
Sue Ruiz – Self Help Enterprises  
Lynn B. Rowe (Recording Secretary) – Fresno Irrigation District

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group

**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**

The oath of office was administered by a notary public prior to the meeting to Director Lee Brand and Alternate Director Dwight Miller.

**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**

Sue Ruiz from Self Help Enterprises announced there will be a Groundwater Sustainability Plan Workshop on June 24 in Visalia.

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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 – April 27, 2017 – Action Item**

No corrections or edits.

**M/S/C (Kienow/Flores) That the Board of Directors approved the minutes from the April 27, 2017 meeting by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Miller, Prieto, Brand, Flores, Jimenez; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)**

**b. Water/Snow Conditions Update**

Mr. Serrato provided the Board with an updated water/snow conditions report for the Southern Sierra. Millerton Lake's current storage is 450,400 acre-feet and Pine Flat's storage is 988,000 acre-feet. Mr. Serrato noted this is the third or fourth wettest year on the Kings River watershed. There was a levee break on the South Fork of the Kings River due to the flood conditions. Member units of the Kings Rivers are diverting as much water as possible.

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

Mr. Claes reviewed the timeline and milestones for the North Kings. DWR approved the NKGSA as an Exclusive GSA in April 2017. By June 30, 2017 the entire Kings Subbasin must be managed by a GSA. Mr. Claes noted that the goal of the Kings Subbasin is to submit the GSP by May 2019, which would allow time for revisions and any unforeseen issues (deadline is January 30, 2020).

**d. Advisory Committee Update**

For the newer members of the Board, Mr. Serpa briefly reviewed the function of the Advisory Committee and the process it follows for items being brought to the NKGSA Board for review or action.

Mr. Serrato announced that Mr. Serpa has just been named as the new city manager for the City of Clovis.

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**i. Technical Subcommittee Update**

On behalf of Mr. Stretch, Mr. Claes reported that the main objective of this subcommittee is to develop the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The group meets once a month and is currently developing the first couple of chapters of the Plan.

**ii. Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee Update**

Ms. Koehn stated a Request for Proposal (RFP) to CPA firms for auditing services was sent out. After review of the submitted proposals, Hudson Henderson & Company, Inc. was recommended by both the Advisory and Administrative/Fiscal committees as the proposed auditors for the NKGSA.

**M/S/C (Jimenez/Brand) That the Board of Directors approved hiring Hudson Henderson & Company as the new NKGSA auditors by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Miller, Prieto, Brand, Flores, Jimenez; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)**

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

**1. North Kings GSA Website**

Mr. Miller reviewed the proposed website and highlighted the different features that it offers, including meeting agendas, minutes, links, information sheets, etc. Digital Attic developed the website with the input of members of the Member/Outreach Subcommittee. The Advisory Committee also had an opportunity to review the proposed website. Once the Board approves the website, it will be launched for public viewing ([northkingsgsa.org](http://northkingsgsa.org)) and a news release will be sent out to the media.

**2. North Kings GSA Logo**

The Membership/Outreach Subcommittee members selected a “water drop” next to the NKGSA name as the logo. Consultant Craig Moyle was able to obtain a water drop picture at no cost or copyright infringement issues. The subcommittee took their selections (white background with black lettering or blue background with white lettering) to the Advisory Committee. It is the recommendation of both committees to select the black lettering on the white background for business cards and letterhead, and the white lettering on the blue background for the website.

**M/S/C (Flores/Brand) That the Board of Directors approved the logo style/coloring for the website, letterhead and business cards as recommended by the Advisory Committee and Membership/Outreach Subcommittee by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Miller, Prieto, Brand, Flores, Jimenez; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)**

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The Membership/Outreach Subcommittee is working with the smaller school districts in the area (that pump from their own wells) to ensure they are included in the SGMA discussions.

**e. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update**

Mr. Serrato noted that the NKGSA is part of the larger six-unit Kings Subbasin. It recently was made known that a seventh GSA has filed with the intent to become a member of the Kings Subbasin. The South Kings GSA filed with the State on June 2, 2017. The South Kings GSA consists of the cities of Fowler, Kingsburg, Parlier, Selma and Sanger (and possibly Del Rey and Caruthers), all of which were originally within the Central Kings GSA (Consolidated ID). There is a discrepancy in the sphere of influence between the South Kings GSA and the Central GSA. A meeting with representatives from the Kings Subbasin and the newly formed South Kings GSA was held to discuss and resolve the overlap issues prior to the June 30, 2017 deadline. Should the two GSAs (Central and South) not come to an agreement, the County (as the default agency) would step in and assume responsibility.

Mr. Serrato informed the Board that the Kings River East GSA will hold a Proposition 26 election to fund their GSA efforts.

**2. LEGAL MATTERS**

- a. None

**3. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**a. April and May 2017 Expense Report – Action Item**

Mr. Claes reviewed the April and May 2017 expense reports and requested they be approved.

**M/S/C (Kienow/Miller) That the Board of Directors approved the April and May Expense Reports as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Miller, Prieto, Brand, Flores, Jimenez; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)**

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**b. Proposed FY 2017/2018 Budget – Action Item**

Mr. Claes reviewed the 2017/2018 budget. This budget is for a full fiscal year and is therefore larger than the 2016/2017 budget (November 2016 – June 2017). Staff will furnish a revised budget with any needed line item adjustments later in the year.

**M/S/C (Flores/Brand) That the Board of Directors approved the 2017/2018 Budget as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Miller, Prieto, Brand, Flores, Jimenez; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)**

**4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**a. Insurance Update**

Mr. Serrato reported that ACWA/JPIA has agreed to insure the NKGSA Board for three years. Cost of coverage depends on whether the NKGSA is a member of ACWA. Mr. Serrato also stated that he researched other insurance agencies but found they were not competitively priced.

**M/S/C (Flores/Brand) That the Board of Directors approved the Executive Officer entering into a contract for insurance coverage through ACWA/JPIA as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Miller, Prieto, Brand, Flores, Jimenez; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)**

**b. Future Meeting Schedule**

No update.

**5. DIRECTORS REPORT**

**Director Pickens** - none

**Director Kienow** – credited staff on a good job on the website

**Director Hernandez** – none

**Director Prieto** – mentioned that he attended a risk management workshop on water/SGMA issues. Gary Serrato, Gary Sawyers and Sarge Green were among some of the panelist

**Director Brand** – glad to be here and that all the agencies are working together

**Director Flores** – none

**Director Jimenez** – none

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**6. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further discussion or action, Chairman Prieto adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Gary R. Serrato, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer