

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 25, 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 – Alternate Director Shay Bakman
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 Kevin Dale
Advisory Committee Chairman Luke Serpa – 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
Administrator Adam Claes – Fresno Irrigation District
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group Representative Ron Samuelian
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe – Fresno Irrigation District

OTHERS PRESENT

City of Clovis Representative Scott Redelfs

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Board of Directors Reorganization (Chair and Vice Chair) – Action Item

Executive Officer Gary Serrato assumed the role of Chairman during the Reorganization and called for nominations. Chairman Prieto was nominated as Chair and with no other submissions the Board voted as follows:

M/S/C (Pacheco/Flores) That the Board of Directors approved Director Jerry Prieto as the Chairman of the Board by the following vote. (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

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Executive Officer Gary Serrato turned the role of Chairman back to Chairman Prieto who called for nominations for the Vice-Chair position. Director Pacheco was nominated and with no other submissions the Board voted as follows:

M/S/C (Flores/Kienow) That the Board of Directors approved Director Brian Pacheco as the Vice-Chairman by the following vote. (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

REVIEW AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

M/S/C (Carbajal/Hernandez) That the Board of Directors approved the agenda by the following vote. (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

At the recommendation of Staff, the November Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

M/S/C (Flores/Hernandez) That the Board of Directors approved holding the November Board meeting on November 15, 2018, by the following vote. (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

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

Mr. Wright announced a roundtable discussion to be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, on the CSUF campus.

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. [FPFC §87105]

None stated.

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2018 – Action Item

Mr. Serrato stated one correction will be made to Page 35 under item 4. Executive Officer Report. Director Rudy Hernandez stated that he will appear before the next City of Kerman Council meeting and not Director Karl Kienow as reported.

M/S/C (Kienow/Hernandez) That the Board of Directors approved the minutes from the September 27, 2018, meeting with the noted correction to item 4. Executive Officer Report by the following vote. (Ayes – PickensBakman, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. Board of Directors Formation (Seats 3 and 7) – Action Item

Mr. Serrato informed the Board that the City of Kerman has appointed Mayor Rhonda Armstrong and Mayor Pro Tem Gary Yep as the alternative as their representative to the NKGSA Board of Directors. Mayor Armstrong (seat 3) will replace currently sitting Director Hernandez. Seat 7 will be discussed during the November meeting.

M/S/C (Carbajal/Flores) That the Board of Directors accepted the Resolution submitted by the City of Kerman (Resolution No. 18-62) that authorized Mayor Rhonda Armstrong as their representative and Mayor Pro Tem Gary Yep as their alternate to the NKGSA Board, by the following vote. (Ayes – PickensBakman, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

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). Storage for Millerton Lake as of September 24 is 277,000 acre-feet and Pine Flat as of October 21 is 234,000 acre-feet.

d. North Kings GSA Timeline and Milestones Update

Mr. Claes stated the Technical Subcommittee is working towards a January/February 2019 completion of the draft GSP.

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e. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update

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

- Draft Coordination Agreement framework (subcommittee currently working on it)
- Grant Agreement with DWR fully executed
- DWR Technical Support Services application awaiting approval
 - Plan to pursue monitor well construction
- Coordinated Tasks continue
 - Confined Aquifer Flows estimation
 - Data Management System
 - Coordinated Water Budget
 - Sustainable Management Criteria

Storage Change and Boundary Flows

- Base Period is WY 1997 to WY 2011 (15 years)
 - 99.3% of long-term average Kings flows into Kings Subbasin
- Storage Change estimated using Water Levels, Specific Yield
 - Total Basin Storage Change estimated to be -122,000 acre-feet/year
 - NKGSA storage change estimated to be -24,000 acre-feet/year
- Adjustments for Boundary Flow within Kings (avg Spr '97-'12)
 - Losing 45,000 acre-feet/year to other GSAs in Kings (primarily McMullin)

<u>GSA</u>	<u>Proposed Initial Responsibility (acre-feet)</u>
Central/South	-7,100
James	16,700
Kings River East	-11,000
McMullin	-91,100
North Fork	-50,300
North Kings	20,800

i. Provost & Pritchard Proposal – Tasks 8, 9, and 10 – Action Item

Mr. Samuelian described to the Board the proposal from Provost & Pritchard Consulting to perform additional Kings Subbasin Coordination tasks. This includes Task 8 (DWR Technical Support Services Coordination), Task 9 (Coordination Agreement Assistance), and Task 10 (Water Level Sustainable Management Criteria Coordination).

M/S/C (Hernandez/Flores) That the Board of Directors approved Provost & Pritchard's Proposal – Tasks 8, 9, and 10 by the following vote. (Ayes – Bakman,

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Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

f. Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Serpa reported on the most recent Advisory Committee meeting held earlier in October. Mr. Stretch has resigned as the Chair of the Technical Subcommittee and Mr. Adam Claes was appointed to that position.

i. Technical Subcommittee Update

Mr. Claes reviewed the progress taking place in developing the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) chapters:

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

Update:

- Water Budget development underway
 - In coordination with Kings Basin coordination efforts
- Collecting data by groundwater pumping agency for water budget
- Agencies expressed desire to track net impact by agency and be responsible for their own mitigation/sustainability
- Initiated evaluation of area east of FID
- Evaluating de Minimis pumping regulations
- Sub-Area development
- Basin boundary modification (east side)

Mr. Claes reviewed a map showing the proposed sustainable management criteria “indicator” wells. A graph showing the rate of decline, Measurable Objective (MO’s), and Minimum Threshold (MT’s) from 1990 to 2050 (projected) was provided. The GSP is due January 2020 with GSAs having until 2040 to achieve sustainability.

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ii. Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee Update

Ms. Koehn stated the subcommittee met on October 9 and reviewed the cost share of funds for the NKGSA. The subcommittee looked at the financial needs for the remainder of the year and beyond. It is projected that there are enough funds to cover the NKGSA until the Plan has been submitted. Costs to fund projects and assess pumpers will be discussed with the Technical Subcommittee.

iii. Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee Update

Ms. Swisher reported they last met on October 23. There are currently 287 sign-ups on the Interested Parties database. The Subcommittee continues to plan and perform public outreach projects including public workshops, outreach to farmers of leased land, and fact sheets (in English, Hmong, and Spanish).

g. Advisory Committee Chair – Action Item

Mr. Serpa stated that at the last Advisory Committee meeting it was discussed and approved that Scott Redelfs from the City of Clovis (Public Utilities Director) be appointed as the new Chair of the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Serrato thanked Mr. Serpa for all of his work. Mr. Serrato then introduced Mr. Redelfs who briefly recapped his background with the Kings River Conservation District and currently with the City of Clovis.

M/S/C (Flores/Hernandez) That the Board of Directors approved Scott Redelfs as the new Chair of the Advisory Committee by the following vote. (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

2. LEGAL MATTERS

a. 2018 Conflict of Interest Code – Action Item

NKGSA Attorney Mr. Dale explained the language that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors requested to be added to the NKGSA COI Code.

M/S/C (Hernandez/Carbajal) That the Board of Directors approved to adopt the revised Conflict of Interest Code by the following vote. (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

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b. Department of Water Resources Proposition 1 Grant Sub-Grantee Agreement with North Fork Kings GSA – Action Item

Mr. Claes explained that this is the sub-grantee agreement between the North Fork Kings GSA and the North Kings GSA as it pertains to the Proposition 1 grant funding administered by the DWR. The North Fork GSA is the point agency for the Kings Subbasin group, which executed the primary grant contract with the DWR. Each of the remaining six GSAs in the Kings Subbasin will need to execute this sub-grantee agreement with the North Fork Kings GSA to receive grant funding. This document has been reviewed by NKGSA's legal counsel.

M/S/C (Hernandez/Kienow) That the Board of Directors approved adopting sub-grantee agreement by the following vote. (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Finance Statements as of October 31, 2018

Ms. Hailey reviewed the financial statements; there were no questions/comments from the Board.

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

b. Expense Report for October 2018 – Action Item

Ms. Hailey reviewed the normal expenses and noted all bills to date have been paid.

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

Chairman Prieto inquired if there has been any new information regarding California State University, Fresno. Ms. Hailey stated she has not heard of any new information and Mr. Serrato reported that the MOU is still on the Chancellor's desk.

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4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Serrato stated he will update the Board during Closed Session.

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

Alternate Director Bakman – stated that Steve Pickens will still be sitting as the Director and that Alternate Director Shay Bakman is currently sitting in as an alternate.

Director Kienow – expressed his gratitude to Director Hernandez for his service on the Board.

Director Hernandez – stated that he has enjoyed his time on the Board. Director Hernandez has received inquiries from farmers as to whether meters will be installed. Mr. Serrato replied that decision has not yet been determined.

Director Prieto – on October 6 he attended his 50th high school class reunion.

Alternate Director Carbajal – none.

Director Flores – Clovisfest will be held this weekend.

Director Pacheco – none.

Open Session was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. with the Board of Directors, the Executive Officer, and some management Staff going into Closed Session.

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

6. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Prieto adjourned Closed Session at 7:17 p.m. and stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion or action, Chairman Prieto adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Gary R. Serrato, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer