

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 25, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.**

DIRECTORS / ALTERNATE DIRECTORS PRESENT

Fresno Irrigation District – Chairman Jerry Prieto, Jr.
Bakman Water Company – Director Steve Pickens
Garfield Water District – Director Karl Kienow
City of Clovis – Director Jose Flores
City of Fresno – Alternate Director Mike Carbajal
County of Fresno – Director Brian Pacheco

DIRECTORS / AGENCIES ABSENT

City of Kerman

MEMBER STAFF PRESENT

Executive Officer Gary R. Serrato – Fresno Irrigation District
Legal Counsel Kevin Dale – Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, & Romo
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

Luke Serpa – City of Clovis
Bill Stretch – Fresno Irrigation District
September Singh – Fresno Irrigation District
Shay Bakman – Bakman Water Company
Sue Ruiz – Self Help Enterprises
Dao Lor – Asian Business Institute & Research Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

REVIEW AGENDA

Mr. Serrato stated there were no changes to the agenda.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Chairman Prieto stated the dates for the November and December Board meetings have not been confirmed.

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

None.

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.

Chairman Prieto stated Director Armstrong was absent and asked Staff to reconnect with the City of Kerman regarding assigning an alternate director for that seat.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Appointment of Board 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 re-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 Prieto, Jr. continue as the Board’s Chairman by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – City of Kerman; Abstain – 0)

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

M/S/C (Kienow/Pickens) That the Board of Directors approved Director Pacheco continue as the Board’s Vice-Chairman by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – City of Kerman; Abstain – 0)

b. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2019 – Action Item

There were no corrections or amendments to the minutes.

M/S/C (Carbajal/Kienow) That the Board of Directors approved the minutes of the June 27, 2019 meeting by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – City of Kerman; Abstain – 0)

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c. North Kings GSA Timeline and Schedule Update

This item will be covered under 1. f.

d. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update

Mr. Claes stated the NKGSA has been working with the other GSAs within the Kings Subbasin. Provost & Pritchard Consulting (P&P) continues to work on the Coordination Agreement. Additional updates are:

- P&P reviewing GSPs for consistency
- P&P completing data management system
- All GSAs anticipate the GSPs going public July – September
 - McMullin Area GSA – released July 10
 - North Fork Kings GSA – released July 17
- Adoptions planned for October – December
- Finishing Common Basin Language
- Draft Coordination Agreement final changes

e. Advisory Committee Update

No update at this time.

i. Technical Subcommittee Update

The Subcommittee is reviewing the 800 page admin draft GSP with final comments due by the end of July. Additional details about the GSP will be discussed in agenda item 1.f.

ii. Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee Update

During the June meeting the Board approved the new budget and cost share for the administrative costs.

iii. Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee Update

The Subcommittee is planning on two additional outreach workshops in the near future. Additional details regarding future outreach will be given during the August 15 Special Board meeting.

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f. Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Update

The draft Plan is still under review by the Technical Subcommittee with comments due at the end of July. The draft Plan will be brought to the Board at a special meeting on August 15 for approval to release a public draft version of the Plan for comments and to set a public hearing date. Mr. Claes recapped:

- SGMA enacted in 2014
- Establishment of GSAs by June 2017
- GSP adoption required by January 2020
- Annual reports due April 1 starting in 2020
- Five-year GSP updates
- Reach groundwater sustainability by 2040

GSP Development Process:

- Prepared by Technical Committee by a diverse group of stakeholders
 - Representatives of each agency
 - Private landowners
 - Interested party representatives
- Committee has met monthly since 2017
- General process was review requirements, identify issues, develop draft language by section, Technical Subcommittee review and comment, then revise section
- Information regarding Kings Basin Coordination efforts incorporated

Timeline:

- July 3 – Release of the draft GSP to the Technical Subcommittee
- July 31 – Technical Subcommittee comments are due
- August 7 – Technical Subcommittee meeting to address comments
- August 15 – Presentation of GSP at Special NKGSA Board meeting
- August 16 – Start of the Public Comment Period, 90-day Notice to agencies, and GSP placed on NKGSA website
- August 19 – First Public Notice for Comment and Hearing
- September 16 – Second Public Notice for Comment and Hearing
- October 3 – Deadline for written comments
- October 24 – Present comment summary to NKGSA Board
- November 21 – Public Hearing at NKGSA Board Meeting, GSP adoption
- December NKGSA BOD meeting to adopt the GSP (if needed)

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Mr. Samuelian re-stated there are seven GSAs and that the Department of Water Resources will not accept any of the GSPs until all seven Plans are uploaded.

Mr. Samuelian presented the Board members a summary of the general points of the draft Plan:

Chapters:

- Introduction
- Plan Area (describes each agency)
- Basin Setting
 - Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model
 - Groundwater Conditions
 - Water Budget
 - Water Supply for Augmentation
 - Management Areas
- Sustainable Management Criteria for the six undesirable results
- Monitoring Network
- Projects and Management Actions
- Implementation

Also discussed was a common GSP outline was used by all GSAs in the Kings Subbasin for consistency. This outline is formatted so that a specific DWR SGMA regulation is identified, and followed by the GSA's response.

It was mentioned that the slides used during this presentation will be placed on the NKGSA's website, for reference by agencies and the general public.

2. LEGAL MATTERS

Nothing new to report.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Expense Report for June 2019 – Action Item

Ms. Hailey reported expenses have been paid for June 2019. There were no questions / comments from the Board.

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M/S/C (Flores/Carbajal) That the Board of Directors approved the Expense Report for June 2019 as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes –Pickens, Kienow, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – City of Kerman; Abstain – 0)

b. 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statements – Update

The June accrual has been made for year end. The financial statements will be presented upon completion of the audit. Auditors will be on site at the end of July to begin the audit process.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

a. Executive Officer Replacement - Update

Mr. Serrato stated this item will be discussed during Closed Session.

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Pickens – none.

Director Kienow – none.

Director Prieto – none.

Alternate Director Carbajal – none.

Director Flores – none.

Director Pacheco – none.

Open Session was suspended at 7:08 p.m. with the Board of Directors, the Executive Officer, and some management Staff going into Closed Session at 7:14 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 7:40 p.m. and Open Session resumed immediately afterwards.

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6. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion or action, Chairman Prieto adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Gary R. Serrato, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer