

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 23, 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  
Alternate Director Thomas Esqueda – City of Fresno  
Alternate Director Buddy Mendes – County of Fresno (noted spelling corrections for Supervisor Mendes’ name to the minutes at the April 27, 2017 Board meeting)

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Director Jose Flores – City of Clovis

**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  
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

**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**

Chairman Prieto announced the oath of office for the alternate director representing the County of Fresno was performed by a notary public prior to the meeting.

**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.

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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 – January 26, 2017 – Action Item**

There were no edits or corrections to the January 26, 2017 minutes.

**M/S/C (Esqueda/Mendes) That the Board of Directors approved the minutes of the December 7, 2016 meeting by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Esqueda, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – Flores; Abstain – 0)**

Prior to continuing with the meeting, Mr. Serrato introduced Mr. David Boyer who was approved to be the NKGSA co-legal counsel at January's BOD meeting. Mr. Boyer provided the Board with a brief explanation of his experience with environmental and water law and several groundwater adjudication cases in southern California.

**b. Water/Snow Conditions Update**

Mr. Serrato presented the conditions of the southern Sierra snowpack. Current conditions were measured against previous years 1982/83, the wettest winter on record.

Pine Flat releases started at the beginning of January. Another snow survey will take place next week (previous survey was measured on January 25 at the Kings River watershed). Millerton Lake is at 454,694 acre feet (as of February 21) with 16,000 cfs coming in and 9,000 cfs going out. Pine Flat is at 617,741 acre feet (as of February 20) with 12,000 cfs in (peaked at 50k) and 5,000 cfs going out.

Starting in January, the Fresno Irrigation District receive flood releases from the Kings River and started storing the water for groundwater recharge. In early February, FID started offering water to their growers in hopes they would take the early water for recharge purposes. FMFCD's basins have been collecting water and diverting it into the canals for storage in groundwater banking facilities.

Mr. Serrato reviewed damage to the emergency spillway at the Oroville Dam and the levee problems in the Tranquillity area.

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

Mr. Adam Claes reviewed the timeline from 2016 through the GSP Deadline of January 30, 2020 on what the NKGSA needs to accomplish and what its milestones are. The NKGSA is in its 90-day review period (ends on April 13, 2017) on becoming an official Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

**d. Advisory Committee Update**

Mr. Serpa stated the most recent Advisory Committee meeting was held on February 10. Besides the Advisory Committee there are three subcommittees. The structure of the subcommittees, which were previously approved by the Board are: Technical Subcommittee – headed by Bill Stretch; Administration/Fiscal Subcommittee – headed by Lisa Koehn; and Membership, Outreach & Communications Subcommittee – headed by Dwight Miller.

**i. Technical Subcommittee Update**

The first meeting of the ad hoc technical subcommittee occurred on February 15. Mr. Stretch reported the following participants in the subcommittee are growers Sayre Miller, Phil Larson and David Ceres, Cities of Clovis and Fresno, Fresno County, Biola Community Service District, Fresno Irrigation District, CSU Fresno, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, Garfield Irrigation District and Self Help Agency. The subcommittee's current main focus is to work on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) with technical consultant Provost & Pritchard. During the meeting the group reviewed regulations, timelines, process for gathering data, developing a website and the responsibility of being on the committee. The goal of the group is to have the GSP ready by May 2019 (deadline is January 2020).

**ii. Kings Subbasin-wide Technical Coordination Consultant Recommendation – Action Item**

Mr. Stretch gave an overview with Mr. Samuelian reviewing the details of the coordination consultation agreement. Mr. Samuelian stated the NKGSA is working with the other five GSA groups in the area. Regulations require the coordination of the five GSAs within the Kings Basin. Everyone in the group must have their plans in place and approved before the DWR acknowledges the Kings Basin is in compliance.

Staff's recommendations are:

- Accept proposal from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group (P&P) for technical coordination between Kings Subbasin GSAs
- Authorize the Executive Officer (E.O.) to execute a contract with P&P
- Authorize E.O. to have P&P proceed with proposed tasks to be funded by

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previously approved NKGSA FY 2016-2017 budget

**M/S/C (Hernandez/Mendes) That the Board of Directors approved the proposal from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group (P&P) for technical coordination between Kings Subbasin GSAs by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Esqueda, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – Flores; Abstain – 0)**

**M/S/C (Mendes/Hernandez) That the Board of Directors approved to authorize the Executive Officer to execute a contract with P&P by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Esqueda, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – Flores; Abstain – 0)**

**M/S/C (Esqueda/Pickens) That the Board of Directors approved to authorize Executive Officer to have P&P proceed with proposed tasks to be funded by previously approved NKGSA FY 2016-2017 budget by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Esqueda, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – Flores; Abstain – 0)**

**iii. Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee Update**

Ms. Koehn reported that Adam Claes, Bill Stretch, Greg Lewis, Dwight Miller, Michael Prandini and Sue Ruiz make up the group with Ms. Koehn serving as chairperson. Ms. Koehn stated their main objectives is to provide fiscal and administrative support to the Advisory Committee and to look for grant funding to facilitate and pay for the Plan.

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

Mr. Dwight Miller reviewed the first meeting of the subcommittee. The group's objective is to develop and plan the key messages, communication plan and outreach efforts for the North Kings GSA, specific to the North Kings GSA and not the entire Kings Basin. The North Kings GSA website is being developed and should be up soon.

**2. LEGAL MATTERS**

**a. Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)**

Mr. Dale reviewed that directors and alternates are required to complete and submit their 700 Form.

**b. AB 1234 Ethics Training**

Directors are required to take a two-hour certified ethics training program within one-year of assuming office. If a director takes the required training for another agency, that certificate is acceptable for this Board. AB1234 training is required every two years.

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**3. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**a. Fiscal Agent Report**

Ms. Hailey stated that the agency has spent 2.4% of their budget – target is 58%.

**b. January 2017 Expense Report**

Ms. Haley stated two expenses were paid, one was for Baker Manock and the other was for Staff (Admin/Fiscal agent). Without any Board discussion Staff asked for approval of January's expense report.

**M/S/C (Kienow/Hernandez) That the Board of Directors approved January 2017 Expense Report by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Esqueda, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – Flores; Abstain – 0)**

**4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**a. Insurance Update**

Mr. Serrato continues to reach out to different insurance agencies on obtaining insurance for the NKGSA Board. To date, nothing has been arranged.

**b. Future Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Serrato stated that if there are no actions items or anything new to report, Staff will confer with the Board Chairman about cancelling future meetings.

**5. DIRECTORS REPORT**

**Director Pickens - none**

**Director Kienow – none**

**Director Hernandez – none**

**Director Prieto – none**

**Director Esqueda – none**

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**Director Flores** – absent

**Director Mendes** – stated that the NKGSA is ahead of scheduled compared to some of the other agencies.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further action, Chairman Prieto adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Gary R. Serrato, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer