NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency JPA

Board Meeting

September 28, 2017

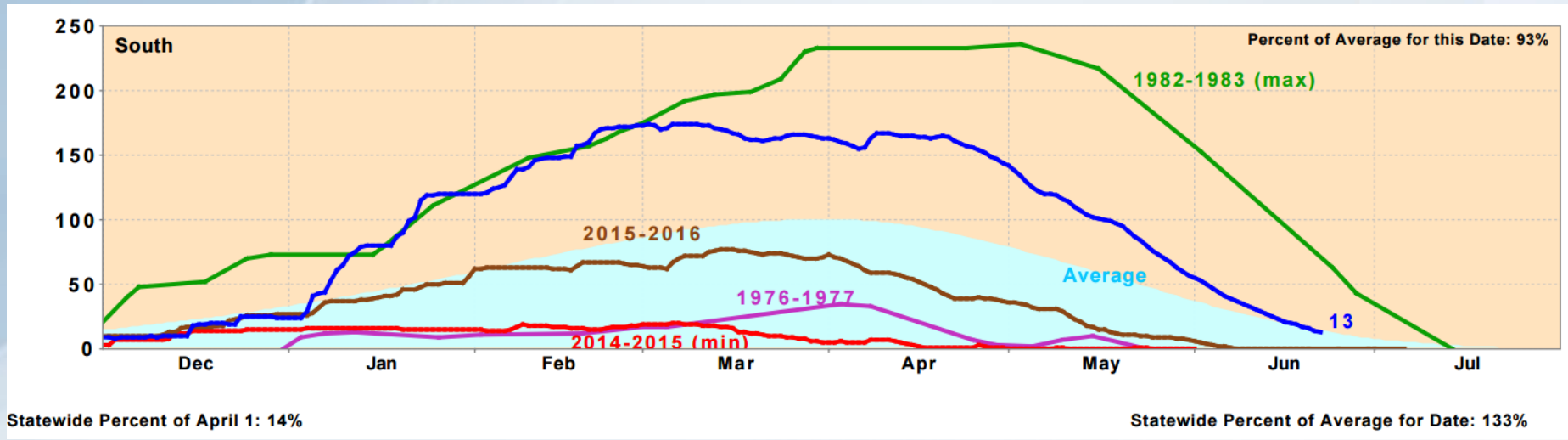
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Board Chair & Vice-Chair Elections**
- ***Oath of Office (if necessary)***
- **Review Agenda**
- **Public Presentations**
- **Potential Conflict of Interest**

1. Administrative Matters

- 1.a – Approval of June 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - Action Item

1.b Water/Snow Conditions Update

Southern Sierra Snowpack



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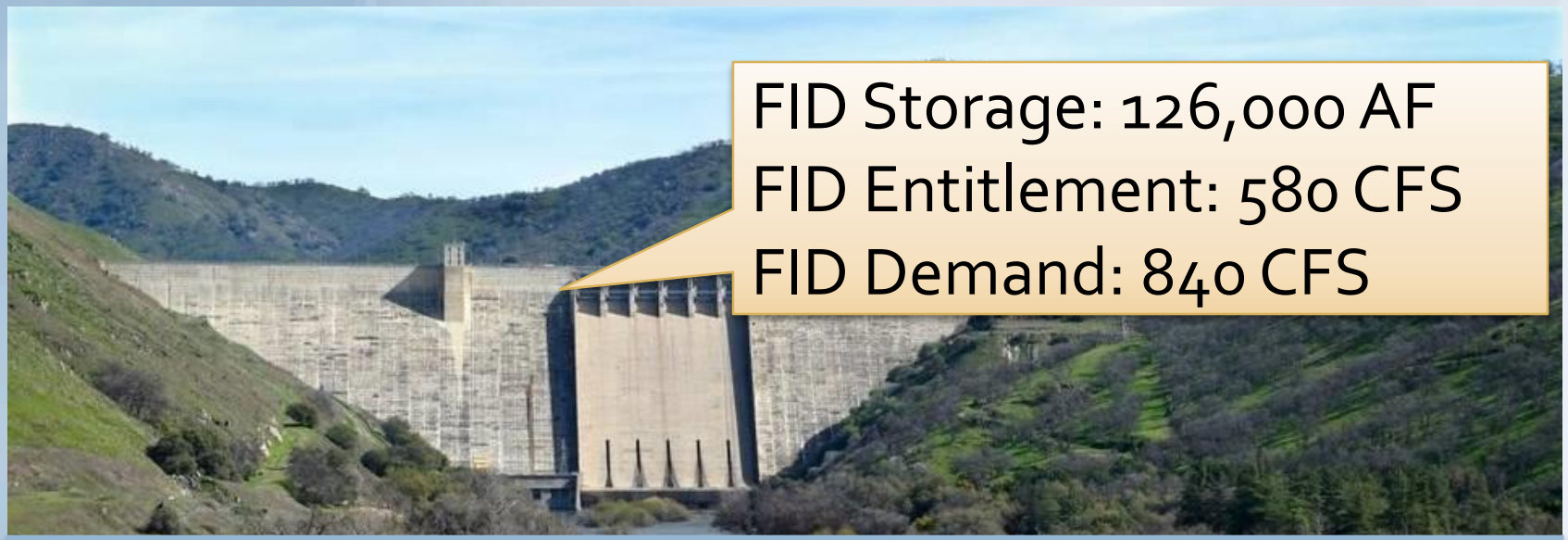
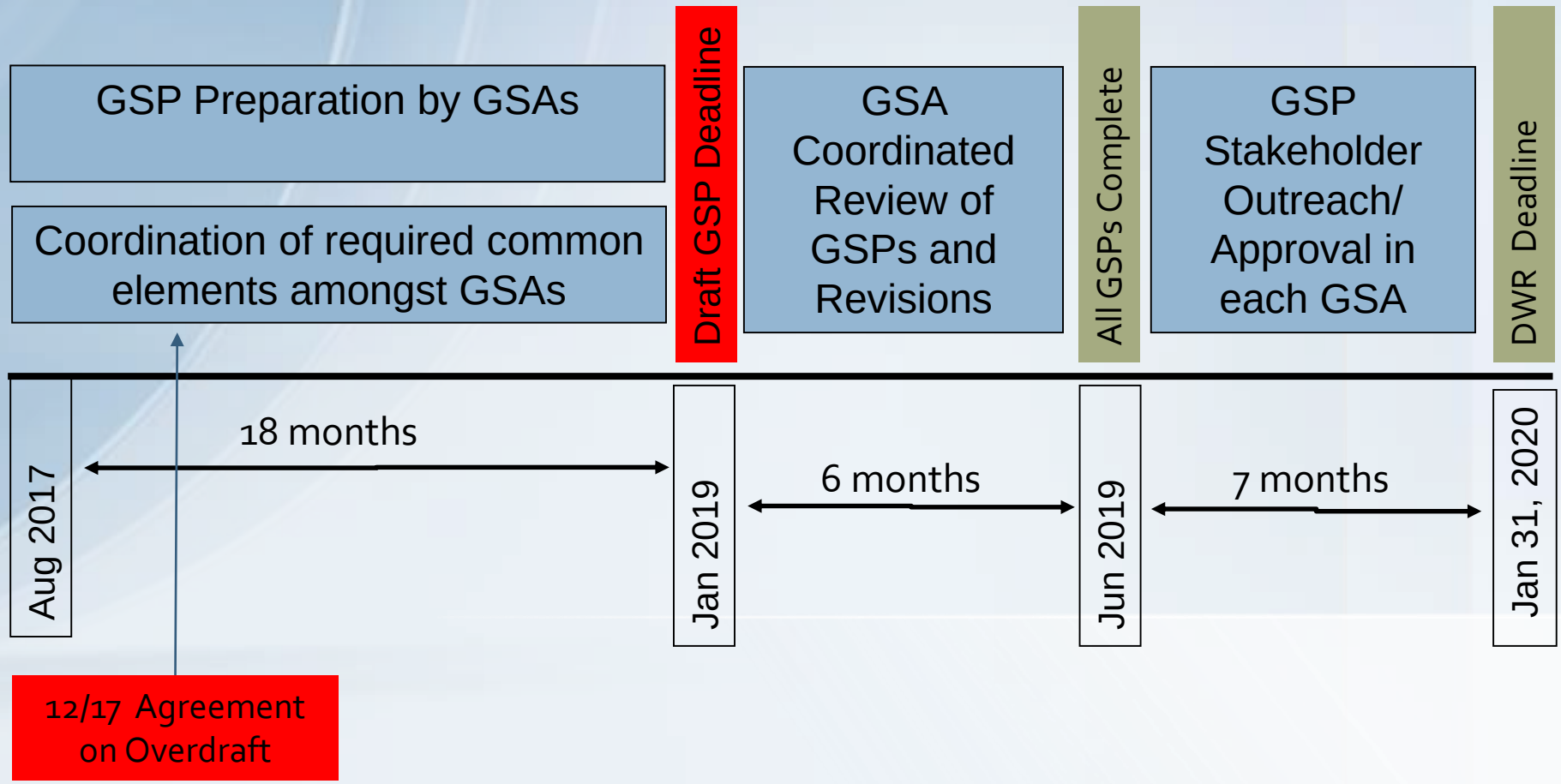


Pine Flat Reservoir

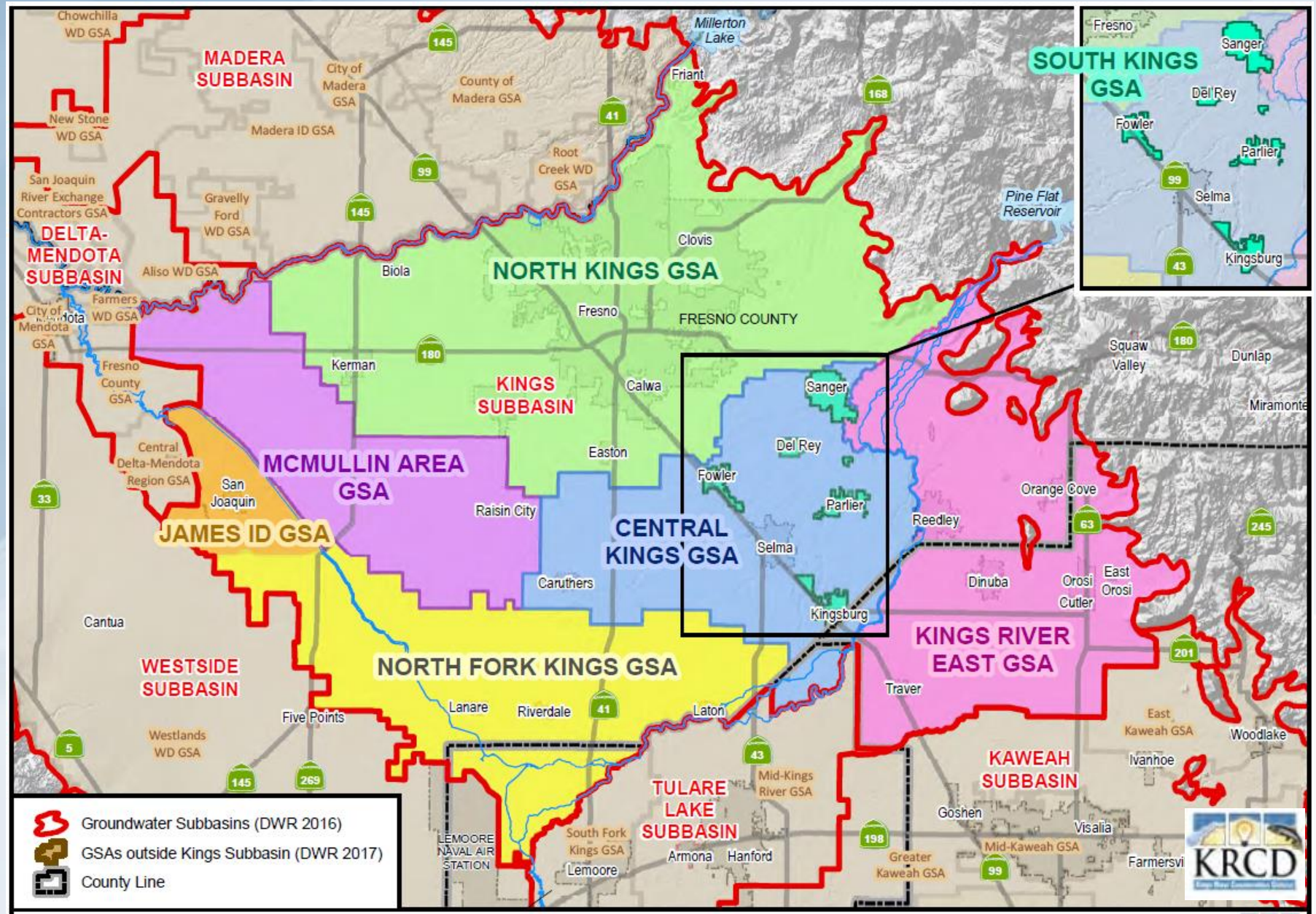
	April 23	June 22	Sept 24
Storage	500,100 AF	988,000 AF	614,000 AF
Inflow	9,800 CFS	24,500 CFS	815 CFS
Outflow	9,000 CFS	14,000 CFS	2,800 CFS

1.c Timeline & Milestones

GSPs and Coordination Schedule



1.d. Kings Subbasin Coordination



1. Administrative Matters (cont.)

- 1.e – Advisory Committee Update

  i. Technical Subcommittee Update
     - Chair: Bill Stretch (FID)

  ii. Administration/Fiscal Subcommittee
     - Chair: Lisa Koehn (Clovis)

  iii. Membership, Outreach & Communications Subcommittee
     - Chair: Dwight Miller (Biola CSD)

1. Administrative Matters (cont.)

- 1.f – Self-Help Enterprises – Letter of Support for Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Funding Application
  - Action Item

3. Financial Matters

- 3.a – Audited FY 2016-2017 Financial Statements
  - Action Item
- 3.b – Financial Statements as of June 30, 2017
  - Action Item
- 3.c – Financial Statements as of September 30, 2017
  - Action Item
- 3.d – June to September 2017 Expense Report
  - Action Item

4. Executive Officer Report
   a. Letter of Opposition to the Tulare Lake Storage Facility (walk in)
      - Action Item

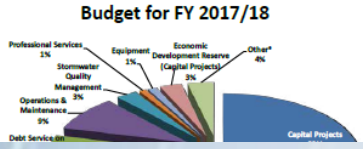
5. Directors Report

6. Adjournment

Flood Line
Volume 26, Number 2
Summer 2017
A Newsletter of the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Capturing stormwater since 1956.

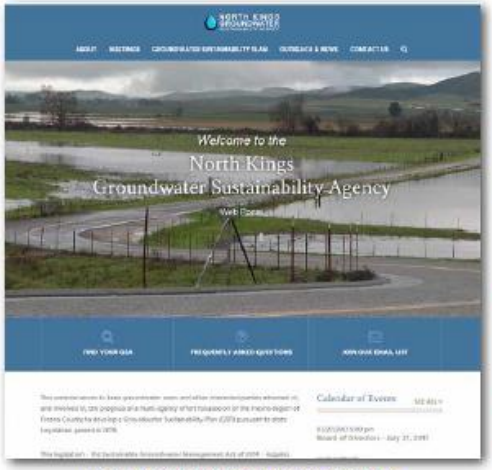
2017/2018 District budget adopted

The District Board of Directors adopted a $28.5 million budget at its June 21, 2017 public hearing. The budget was prepared with the statutory purpose of the District in mind: "*...to acquire and construct facilities for flood control and drainage of flood, storm, and other waste-waters and the conservation of any thereof.*" The work and expenses funded by the budget serve that purpose.



New North Kings GSA website launched

The first public piece in the evolution of the new North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) has been launched. On July 7, 2017, its new website, www.northkingsgsa.org, went live. It provides the public, landowners and other interested parties with current information on the progress and decision-making structure of the North Kings GSA. Importantly, it will also serve as a gateway for stakeholders to learn how they can participate in the agency's development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan, required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014.



New and worldwide: www.northkingsgsa.org

What is your GSA?

Passage of SGMA has led to the creation of several locally-managed GSAs throughout Fresno County and elsewhere in the state. North Kings GSA encompasses 312,000 acres of the nearly one million-acre Kings Sub-Basin. It includes the service areas and jurisdictional limits of the local agencies who formed a joint powers authority to comply with SGMA's groundwater management requirements. Its area is roughly bounded by the San Joaquin River to the north, the Sierra Nevada foothills to the east, and the Fresno Irrigation District's boundaries to the south and west.

North Kings GSA is made up of Fresno Irrigation District, Garfield Water District, International Water District, Biola Community Services District, City of Kerman, City of Clovis, City of Fresno, County of Fresno, and Bakman Water Company. The Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District joined as an interested party.

To learn which GSA serves your Fresno County home or business, enter your address into the website's mapping tool, using the magnifying glass icon in the lower left corner: www.northkingsgsa.org/find-your-gsa/.

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What are your GSA's responsibilities?

North Kings GSA is responsible for working with the other GSAs in the Kings Sub-Basin to write and put into use a Groundwater Sustainability Plan, perform periodic updates, and enforce plan provisions. The plan will be written with the intention of applying best practices to maintain a healthy groundwater supply for the benefit of urban, industrial, rural, and agricultural users. Benchmark conditions will be established through the shared data of all local agencies. Local investment in cooperative projects for maximum recharge of floodwaters during wet years is one tool that can be employed to balance the groundwater equation.

How to get involved

The State legislature intends sustainability plans to be developed through active engagement with groundwater users and other interested parties. The new website is the first step toward reaching out to stakeholders. Sign up for e-mail notices about meetings and other agency information at www.northkingsgsa.org/contact-us/#join-email-list.

Working together for a secure water future

Guest writer:
Dwight Miller
General Manager

Groundwater is a finite resource. Until recently, Californians have not had restrictions placed on the pumping of groundwater. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), signed by Governor Brown in the fall of 2014 has changed the lack of restrictions. Now, as a result of SGMA, all those who pump water out of the aquifer must be part of the plan to sustain that groundwater into the future. The Biola Community Services District (BCSD) is one of those agencies who is and will continue to be actively engaged in this process.

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BCSD is the smallest member of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NKGSA) officially formed in December 2016. Our two municipal wells pump about 250 acre feet a year for the 1700 residents of Biola and a handful of businesses that reside within our boundaries located about 8 miles west of Highway 99 on Shaw Avenue. That 250 acre feet represents approximately 0.5% of the annual water pumped within the NKGSA boundaries.

Implementation of SGMA has moved agencies, like the members of the North Kings GSA, to work together during the last two years. An important aspect of SGMA is local control. This law puts the responsibility on local cities, counties and water districts to work together to develop and implement the plans. The NKGSA is only one of seven GSAs formed in Fresno County and all must coordinate their respective plans to sustain groundwater. This coordination can be complicated at times. Some other counties have over 20 GSAs working together to sustain their groundwater.

The BCSD Board had to make a decision about whether we should get involved directly for a seat at the table or sit back and let Fresno County represent our interests. We decided to take an active role in the development, planning and implementation of the regional Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). As a result, one of our board members, Rudy Hernandez, sits on the NKGSA Board. As the General Manager of the District, I participate on three committees that advise the NKGSA Board on the Technical Committee, the Outreach and Communication Committee and the Advisory Committee to the Board.

The immediate effect of SGMA is the incentive for all agencies to look for new ways to recharge stormwater and capture excess surface water, especially in wet years like this past one. The FMFCD has been the regional leader in developing and managing recharge basins in the Fresno-Clovis area. Their leadership and expertise has been and will continue to be valuable as more recharge basins are created across the county, modeling remotely what FMFCD has done locally.

Another very positive effect of BCSD's active participation in the NKGSA has been the connection to funding opportunities to create solutions. As a result of this, BCSD has had access to funding to find new ways to work with our partners at Fresno Irrigation District (FID) and develop 10 acres of available land in our district for recharge basins. Early calculations indicate that Biola could be self sustaining as a result of these new basins.

The importance of leadership in the formation and growth of the North Kings GSA cannot be overstated. Gary Serrato, General Manager of the Fresno Irrigation District, played an extremely significant role in pulling all parties together. In addition to the FID team, leaders from the City of Fresno, City of Clovis, City of Kerman, Fresno County, Garfield Irrigation District, FMFCD, engineering and legal consultants all came together in an open and constructive process. The way that the North Kings GSA was formed should give confidence to the region that solutions to upcoming groundwater issues will be handled openly, positively and constructively.