

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Chairman Jerry Prieto, Jr. – Fresno Irrigation District
Director Rudy Hernandez – Biola Community Service District
Director Steve Pickens – Bakman Water Company
Alternate Director Tommy Esqueda – City of Fresno
Director Jose Flores – City of Clovis
Vice Chairman Brian Pacheco – County of Fresno

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Director Lee Brand – City of Fresno
Director Karl Kienow – Garfield Water District

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 Bill Stretch – Fresno Irrigation District
Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman Lisa Koehn
Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee Chairman Dwight Miller – Biola Community Service District
Administrator Adam Claes – Fresno Irrigation District
Fiscal Officer DeAnn Hailey – Fresno Irrigation District
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe – 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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Will be reviewed/approved under item 1. b.

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

There were no public comments.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.**

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 – September 28, 2017 – Action Item

There were no corrections or edits to the minutes of September 28, 2017.

M/S/C (Pickens/Flores) That the Board of Directors approved the minutes from the September 28, 2017, meeting by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Esqueda, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – Kienow; Abstain – 0)

b. Review 2018 Board Meeting Schedule – Action Item

The Board elected to continue the 2018 NKGSA meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month.

M/S/C (Flores/Hernandez) That the Board of Directors approved the 2018 NKGSA Board of Directors meeting dates by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Esqueda, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – Kienow; Abstain – 0)

c. Water Conditions Update

Mr. Claes provided the Board with an updated water/snow conditions report for both the Central (San Joaquin River) and Southern (Kings River) Sierra Snowpack. Millerton Lake's current storage is 364,000 acre-feet compared to 374,000 acre-feet for the same time last year. Pine Flat's current storage is 511,000 acre-feet compared to 587,000 acre-feet for the same time last year.

d. North Kings GSA Timeline and Milestones

Mr. Samuelian reviewed the following GSP internal and external deadlines: draft NKGSA GSP internal deadline – January 2019; all Kings Subbasin coordinated GSPs internal deadline – June 2019; and DWR external deadline – January 31, 2020. Mr. Samuelian also reported that the NKGSA is fully funded to develop the GSP.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.**

e. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update

Mr. Samuelian stated the members continue to meet monthly. The group is now in the process of reviewing storage change and initial boundary flow numbers. The draft GSP MOU will be ready for review in March 2018. DWR has not yet responded to the GSP grant application that was submitted; a decision is expected within the next month.

f. Advisory Committee Update

i. Technical Subcommittee Update

Mr. Stretch noted the subcommittee consisting of 15 – 20 members from different agencies continue to meet monthly. Currently the subcommittee is working on how the monitoring of groundwater will be handled. The subcommittee was recently provided the preliminary overdraft numbers for the other GSAs. The group is making good progress on developing a plan; there are only 12 months remaining to complete the draft GSP. The subcommittee has reviewed the easier topics and is now prepared for the more difficult topics of overdraft numbers and boundary flows.

ii. Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee Update

Ms. Koehn reported the subcommittee reviewed the grant application prior to its submission in November 2017. The group expects to be very busy during the coming year once the allocations are announced and expenses are determined. Mr. Serrato stated that Ms. Koehn retired at the end of 2017 from the City of Clovis but has agreed to continue to chair the committee.

iii. Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee Update

Mr. Miller reported the subcommittee consists of a great cross-section of the membership. The purpose of the subcommittee is to ensure that all the member agencies and public are informed by newsletters, civic group meetings, NKGSA meetings, and schools, on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The group recently met and reviewed the Outreach Plan which will be brought to the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting. One of the goals of the Outreach Plan is to have as many civic, water, and community leaders sign up on the “Interested Party list” located through a feature on the NKGSA website. The subcommittee plans to use the feature to distribute the GSP information. A handout of the NKGSA’s website on new and returning users was handed out to the Board.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.**

g. Insurance

i. Execute Joint Powers Agreement Creating the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority – Action Item

Mr. Serrato reminded the Board that Staff has researched insurance coverage options for over a year for the NKGSA. ACWA/JPIA has agreed to insure the NKGSA for three years provided the authority becomes a member of ACWA. Mr. Claes reviewed the ACWA Joint Powers Agreement with the Board and also explained that the NKGSA will not be a voting member of ACWA because it will be an Affiliate Member. Mr. Claes stated legal counsel has reviewed the agreement.

M/S/C (Flores/Hernandez) That the Board of Directors approved entering into the Joint Powers Agreement by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Esqueda, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – Kienow; Abstain – 0)

ii. Adoption of Resolution 2018-01 – Consenting to Enter the Joint Protection Program of the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority – Action Item

Mr. Claes stated that ACWA requires the NKGSA to provide a resolution agreeing to enter into the Joint Protection Program of ACWA.

M/S/C (Esqueda/Hernandez) That the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2018-01 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Esqueda, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – Kienow; Abstain – 0)

2. LEGAL MATTERS

a. Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)

Mr. Dale reminded the Board their 700 Forms are due before April 2, 2018. Fresno County now requires that all 700 Forms be submitted electronically.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.**

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Financial Statements as of December 31, 2017 – Action Item

Ms. Hailey presented the financial statements as of December 31, 2017. Reviewed were the ending cash balance, revenues, and expenditures. Ms. Hailey also reported that all invoices have been paid.

Mr. Serrato stated the California State University, Fresno (CSUF) still plans on participating as an interested party; however, they cannot participate until the agreement is executed (currently on the chancellor's desk).

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

b. October to December 31, 2017 Expense Report – Action Item

Ms. Hailey reviewed the expenses for October to December 2017, including Provost & Pritchard, Hudson and Henderson, and Digital Attic for the NKGSA website.

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

c. Revised FY 2017/2018 Budget – Action Item

Ms. Hailey reviewed the changes to the 2017/2018 budget. An adjustment to the income section was made due to CSUF not yet a participant. Once the CSUF signs the agreement, the amount will be added back in, plus any outstanding amounts to bring them current. Expenses are also being reduced in the Kings Basin and Supporting Staff (FID) categories.

M/S/C (Flores/Esqueda) That the Board of Directors approved the revised FY 2017/2018 Budget as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Esqueda, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – Kienow; Abstain – 0)

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.**

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Serrato stated that an additional groundwater hydrologist engineer will need to be retained. Mr. Serrato is asking for direction from the Board on authorization for the Executive Officer to enter into future contracts for additional consultants or services. The Board would be kept updated. Chairman Prieto expressed his concern that there may not be enough time to effectively negotiate a contract if Staff needed to wait for Board approval. Chairman Prieto approves giving the Executive Officer the discretion to negotiate contracts/agreements providing they are within the budgets parameters. Director Pacheco requested that any contract/agreement that is signed be reported at the next Board meeting under a new line item in the new Budget. Following those parameters, the Board gave Mr. Serrato the authority to negotiate additional Consultants and services as needed.

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Pickens - none

Director Kienow – absent

Director Hernandez – none

Director Prieto – thanked Staff for all the work they have given

Alternate Director Esqueda – would like to see a copy of the outreach plan

Director Flores – none

Director Pacheco – none

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion or action, Chairman Prieto adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Gary R. Serrato, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer