

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 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 – Director Steve Pickens
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 Bryan Martin (sitting in for 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 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

Hudson Henderson & Company, Inc. Representative Eric Gonzales

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

REVIEW AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda. Mr. Serrato reminded the Board that it will go into Closed Session immediately following Open Session.

REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no changes to future meetings.

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

There were no public comments.

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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 – June 28, 2018 – Action Item

There were no corrections or edits to the minutes from the June 28, 2018 Board meeting.

M/S/C (Hernandez/Carbajal) That the Board of Directors approved the minutes from the June 28, 2018, by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. 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. Mr. Claes reported that the Fresno Irrigation District will end its water deliveries on September 30, concluding a five and half month delivery season, which is better than expected since water allocation was only at 75% of average on the Kings River Watershed. Mr. Claes stated that within the last few days the United States Bureau of Reclamation announced a three percent (3%) increase in this year's water allocation bringing it from 85% to 88% for the Friant Central Valley Project. As of September 26, Pine Flat storage was at 228,000 acre-feet with the inflows and outflows to be 560 cfs and 1,300 cfs respectively.

c. 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.

d. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update

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

- Change in base period, revising storage change numbers
- New Tasks Initiated:

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- Confined Aquifer boundary flows (primarily in the south and western areas)
- Data management system
- Water budget
- Starting Coordination Agreement Framework
- Discussing Sustainable Management Criteria
- Upcoming Agreements
 - Data Sharing Agreement
 - DWR Grant Sub-Grantee Agreement

e. Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Stretch reported on the most recent Advisory Committee meeting held earlier in September. Discussions included committee updates and the change of chairman for the Advisory Committee. Mr. Luke Serpa, current chairman, will be stepping down and Scott Redelfs, Public Utilities Director from the City of Clovis will be recommended to the Board to assume the role as chairman.

Mr. Stretch was named the new general manager of Fresno Irrigation District beginning January 2019, as Mr. Serrato will be retiring. Mr. Stretch will be stepping down as the chairman of the Technical Subcommittee and Mr. Adam Claes will assume the role as chairman.

i. Technical Subcommittee Update

Mr. Ron Samuelian of Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group 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 – began researching water budget options (started in June)
- Sustainable Management Criteria (outline of requirements – draft criteria for water levels)
- Projects and Actions (initiate soon)
- Plan Implementation (initiate soon)

Mr. Serrato updated the Board on evaluating de minimis pumping and agencies expressing desire to track net impact by agency and be responsible for their own

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mitigation/sustainability.

Mr. Samuelian outlined the proposed selection of wells for the monitoring network:

- Two wells per township/range
- Wells with historical data
- Wells with known well completion reports
- Wells that are spatially distributed

Also reviewed were:

- Iterative process for establishing, measuring, and re-adjusting sustainable management criteria:
 1. Set Initial Criteria
 - Hydrographs, proposed projects
 2. Compare to Undesirable Results
 - Well depths nearby, shallow bedrock, subsidence
 3. Modify Criteria for GSA or portion of GSA
- Different Criteria for Measurable Objectives (MO's) and Minimum Thresholds (MT's)
- Importance of coordination within Kings Subbasin regarding establishing sustainable management criteria to ensure compatibility along boundaries.

A graph showing the rate of decline, MO's, and MT's from 1990 to 2050 (projected) was provided. The GSP is due January 2020 with GSAs having until 2040 to achieve sustainability.

ii. Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee Update

Ms. Koehn stated there was nothing new to report.

iii. Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee Update

Ms. Swisher reported on the last subcommittee meeting held via teleconference. Ms. Swisher announced two new members to the committee: the League of Women Voters of Fresno and the Asian Business Institute & Resource Center. There are currently 287 sign-ups on the Interested Parties database. The Subcommittee continues to perform public outreach projects including September utility billing flyers for the County of Fresno. The Subcommittee is also working with CSUF on video presentations with the goal of reaching younger audiences. On a long-term basis the Subcommittee is looking at the potential for multiple disciplines to include SGMA in their curricula, specific to ways it will impact their fields/clients.

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Mr. Serrato gave a summation of the different outreach presentations that have taken place to date. Once the draft plan is ready, Mr. Serrato will continue with additional outreach presentations. Mr. Serrato plans to revisit agencies/districts to inform them on the draft Plan when it becomes available.

f. ACWA / JPIA Member Director Representative – Action Item

Mr. Serrato stated ACWA/JPIA requires a Director to represent the Board at JPIA conferences/meeting. Meetings take place twice a year on the day before the spring and fall ACWA conferences. Chairman Prieto enlisted Karl Kienow to be the Board's representative and agreed to be the Board's alternate representative. No formal action was needed; however, the Board gave Staff direction to inform JPIA of its decision on the representatives.

2. LEGAL MATTERS

a. 2018 Conflict of Interest Code – Action Item

NKGSA Attorney Mr. Martin briefly reviewed the purpose of the conflict-of-interest code with the political reform act (Form 700). The code is reviewed every two years to determine if there is a need to amend. It was determined that there is enough reason to revise the 2018 COI Code and be consistent with the state level recommendations. A 45 day public review/comment period ended on August 16 regarding the proposed revisions.

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

b. Resolution 18-03 – Adopting Revised Conflict of Interest Code – Action Item

With the opportunity to review the resolution, the Board proceeded to adopt Resolution 18-03.

M/S/C (Carbajal/Flores) That the Board of Directors approved adopting the revised Conflict of Interest Code by Resolution 18-03 by the following roll call vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

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3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018 – Action Item

Ms. Hailey introduced Mr. Eric Gonzales from the auditing firm of Hudson Henderson & Company, Inc. who performed the audit of the NKGSA financial records.

The auditors performed their audit in July and finalized their audit on August 8, 2018.

Mr. Gonzales reported it was the opinion of the auditing firm that the financial statements referred to above were presented fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the NKGSA, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Mr. Gonzales stated it would be issuing a clean or unmodified opinion that the financial statements were presented free of material misstatement.

M/S/C (Pickens/Hernandez) That the Board of Directors approved the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, as was presented by the auditing firm of Hudson Henderson & Company, Inc., by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. Finance Statements as of June 30, 2018

Ms. Hailey reviewed the expense report; there were no questions/comments from the Board. Since the audited financial statements were adopted, it was not necessary to adopt the Finance Statements as of June 30.

c. Expense Report for July 1 to September 30, 2018 – Action Item

Ms. Hailey reviewed the Financial Statements and supporting documents as of July 1 to September 30, 2018.

M/S/C (Kienow /Hernandez) That the Board of Directors approved the Expense Report for July 1 – September 30, 2018, as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Kienow, Flores, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

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d. Financial Statements as of September 30, 2018 – Action Item

Ms. Hailey reviewed the financial statements and reported there are no unpaid invoices.

M/S/C (Carbajal/Flores) That the Board of Directors approved the Financial Statements as of September 30, 2018, as presented by Staff by the following vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Hernandez, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Flores, Pacheco; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Serrato reported two items will be placed on the October Board meeting agenda: 1) selection of Board seats #3 (small agency) and #7 (at-large) to begin serving in November per section 3.03 of the Bylaws; and 2) reorganization of the Board of Directors (selection of chair and vice-chair) per section 3.07(a) of the Bylaws.

Director ~~Kienow~~ Hernandez stated he will appear before the next City of Kerman Council meeting to discuss the selection of the upcoming open seat.

5. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Pickens – none

Director Kienow – none

Director Hernandez – none

Director Prieto – stated he was amazed how quickly the last two years have gone by and that a lot of work has been done but that there is still a lot more to do.

Alternate Director Carbajal – none

Director Flores – none

Director Pacheco – none

Open Session was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. with the Board of Directors, the Executive Officer, and management Staff going into Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Employee Appointment – Government Code 54957

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Title: Executive Director (Discussion Only)

Conference with Labor Negotiators – Government Code 54957.6
Agency designated representative: Board Chairman
Unrepresented employee: Future Executive Director

6. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Prieto adjourned Closed Session at 7:44 p.m. and stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion or action, Chairman Prieto adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Gary R. Serrato, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer