North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency JPA

Regular Board Meeting
February 25, 2021

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Call to Order

1. Pledge of Allegiance
   - Special Teleconference Instructions
   - Roll Call

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SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DUE TO COVID-19

Given the current Shelter-in-Place Order covering the State of California and the Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, the NKGSA is implementing the following changes to participate in and provide public comment for all NKGSA Board meetings until notified otherwise. There will not be a physical location available for the public to participate in the meeting.

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Written Comments

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments via email at northkingsgsa@gmail.com up to one (1) hours before the meeting. You will need to provide: Meeting date, agenda item number, name, email and comment (please limit to 300 words or 3 minutes). Please include: PUBLIC COMMENT in the subject for the email.

Your item will be read onto the record during the public comment portion when the item is heard. Any portion of your comment extending past three (3) minutes may not be read aloud due to time restrictions but will be made part of the record of proceedings.

Please be aware that any public comments received that do not specify a particular agenda item will be read aloud during the general public comment portion of the agenda.

If a written comment is received after 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, efforts will be made to read the comment into the record. However, staff cannot guarantee that written comments received after 5:00 p.m. will be read. All written comments that are not read into the record will be made part of the record of proceedings, provided that such comments are received prior to the end of the NKGSA meeting.

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Verbal Comments

If you wish to speak to the Board of Directors on the item by telephone, you must contact the NKGSA Executive Officer at (559) 233-7161 x. 7109 no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

You will be asked to provide a phone number to call you during the meeting. You will also be asked for your name so that you can be called when it is your turn to speak.

You will be called during the comment section for the agenda item on which you will speak.

You may be put on hold until your name is called by the Executive Officer.

Your comment period will be limited to three (3) minutes.

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2. Review Agenda
3. Review of Future Meetings
   - March 25, 2021 -6:00 p.m. - Virtual Until Further Notice
4. Public Presentations

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4. Public Presentation

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5. Potential Conflicts of Interest

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6. Administrative Matters:

   a. Discussion/Possible Action on Board Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2021

   b. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update (Samuelian)

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6.b. Kings Basin Update

- SGMA Implementation Grant Rd 1 Submitted Today
  - Dollars requested were about 3X the total available
  - DWR expecting to have draft recommendations out in March
- Additional money potentially available in draft budget ($60M)
  - If approved, likely out mid summer, for planning and implementation
- Basin Point of Contact call last month
  - DWR may have some non-San Joaquin basin reviews completed in summer
- Working on annual report. Due 4/1/21. Water year '20 (10/19 - 9/20)
- Rep. Monitor Well Construction Info gathering continues
- Discussing coordinated Basin outreach efforts

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6. Administrative Matters
   c. Water Conditions Update (Claes)

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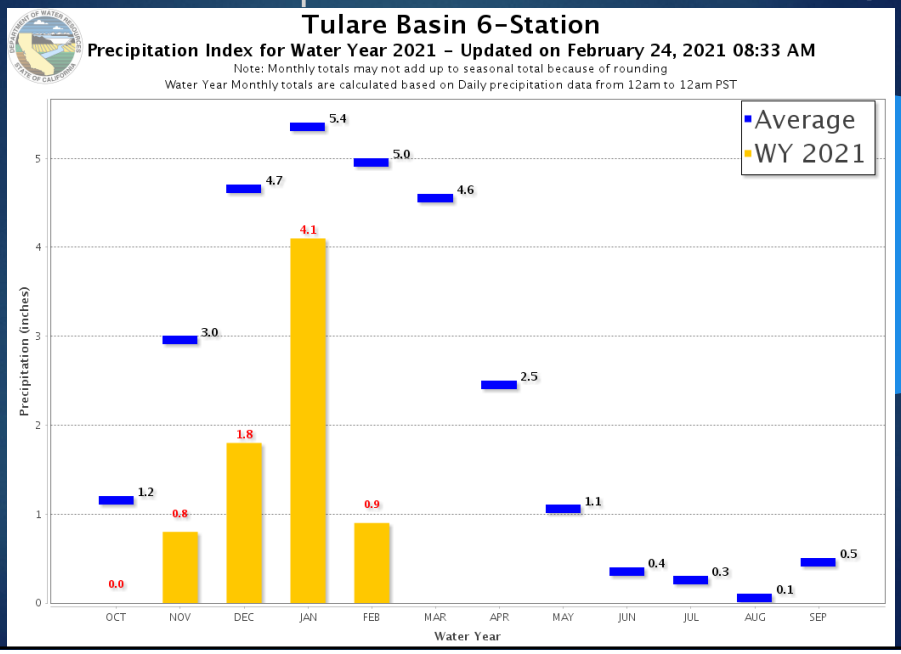
Tulare Basin Precipitation

DWR – As of February 24, 2021



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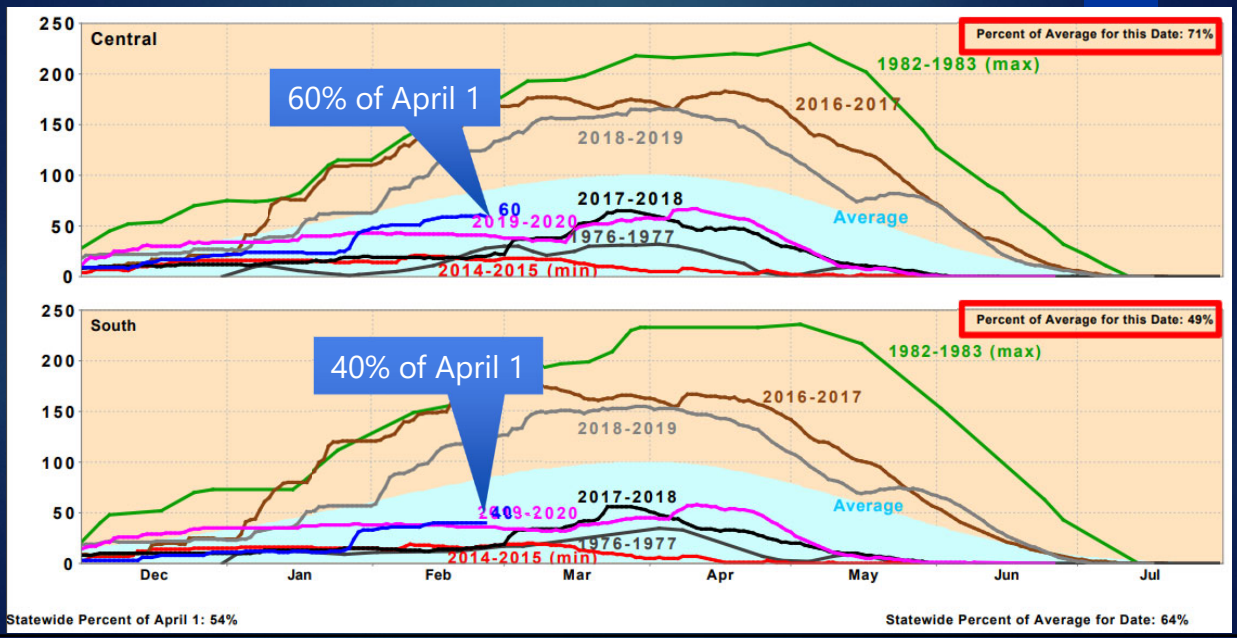
Snow Water Content – Feb 25



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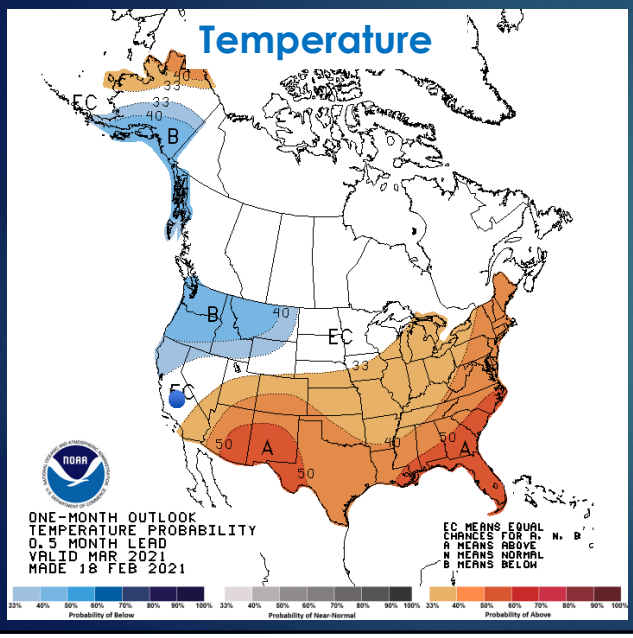
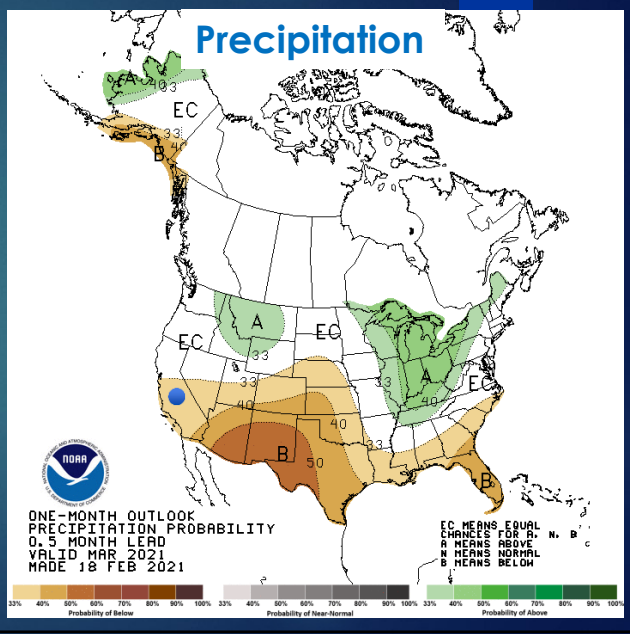
1-Month Outlook

NOAA – As of February 18
For March 2021





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   d. Advisory Committee Update (Claes/Redelfs)

   e. Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of Professional Services Contract – Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group – Kings Basin Coordination - $33,000.00 (Chauhan)

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6.e. Professional Services Contract

- Kings Basin Coordination Activities
  - Basin Coordination and Facilitation
  - Groundwater Pumping Estimation
  - Annual Report Preparation
  - Contract Amount - $105k/$33k for NKGSA
- Approved FY2020-2021 Budget
  - Including Costs for Kings Basin Coordination.
- Recommendation
  - Recommend the NKGSA Board of Directors approve the contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group in the amount of $33k for Kings Basin Coordination tasks.

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6.f. Workgroup Updates and Actions

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6.f. Policy Workgroup

- New Well Review Policy:
  - Version 01.27.2021
  - Routed Through Permitting Agencies
  - Legal Review
  - Posted to Website for Stakeholder Input
  - Incorporated Comments – Finalized Draft
- Recommendation:
  - Recommend the NKGSA Board of Directors approve/adopt the New Well Review Policy, No. NKGSA-2021-001, version 01.27.2021.

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6.f. Policy Workgroup - Members

Name	Agency/Interest Group
Glenn Allen	Fresno County
Paul Armendariz	City of Clovis
Adam Claes	FID
Tom Krazan	Kings River Drilling
Lindsay Cedarquist	Maricopa Orchards
David Cehrs	Hydrologist/Resident
Sayre Miller	Grower/Resident
Sue Ruiz	Self Help Enterprises/ Private Well Owner
Ronnie Samuelian	Provost & Pritchard
Lisa Koehn	Retired Clovis - Resident
Nicholas Torstensen	City of Clovis

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6.f. Policy Workgroup

- Fresno County Driller Meeting:
  - March 18, 2021at 3:00 p.m.
  - Alert Drillers to NKGSA Request for:
    Additional Review Time
    - Affected Timelines for
      Permit Issuance
  - Second Driller Discussion

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6.f. Policy Workgroup Update

- Member Agency Reporting Policy
  - Draft Policy Being Developed
  - Routing to Workgroup for Input
  - Discuss with Member Agencies
  - Considered by AC in March/April 2021

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7. Financial Agent Report (Koehn)

   a. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the December 2020 Expense Report (Koehn)

   b. Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of the Financial Statements as of December 31, 2020 (Koehn)

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8. Executive Officer Report

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8.a. Member Agency Mitigation

- Member Agencies Responsible for % of Overdraft
- Follow Up Meetings Needed
  - Fresno, Clovis, Fresno County and FID
    - Current Analyses Being Completed (2019 and 2020)
  - Mitigation Where Extractions Occur
- Large Group Meeting – April 2021
- Mitigation Responsibility Policy

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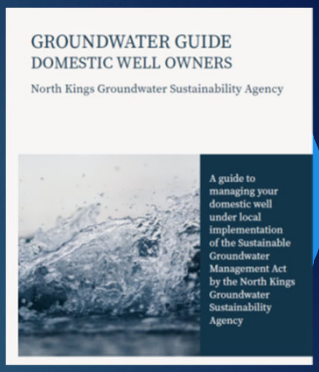
8.b. EO Update – Outreach/External Affairs



- New Resources
  - Domestic Well Owner Brochure
  - Schools Brochure
    - Webinar Planned – April 20, 2021
  - E-News Released 2/11/21
- San Joaquin Valley Water Collaborative Coalition
  - Drinking Water Caucus Discussions – Problem Statement
- Social Media and Website

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8.b. EO Update – Outreach

- Stanford University Cardinal Course
  - Selected NKGSA GSP to Evaluate
  - How to Achieve SGMA and Human Right to Water Compliance
    - Lecture: 2/2/2021
    - Panel Discussion: 2/4/2021
      - Adam Claes – Fresno Irrigation District
      - Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis
      - Sue Ruiz – Private Well Owner /Self-Help Enterprises
      - Tommy Esqueda – City of Fresno

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8.c. Representative Monitoring Network

- Spring Measurements Scheduled
  - March 1st – 11th
  - Includes DWR Monitoring Wells – 5
  - All RMW's Need to Be Monitored

- Contact with Well Owners
  - Securing Well Access Agreements
  - Scheduling Downhole Video Inspections
  - Scheduling Pump Pulling – Prior to Irrigation Season
  - Need Construction Information for All Monitoring Wells

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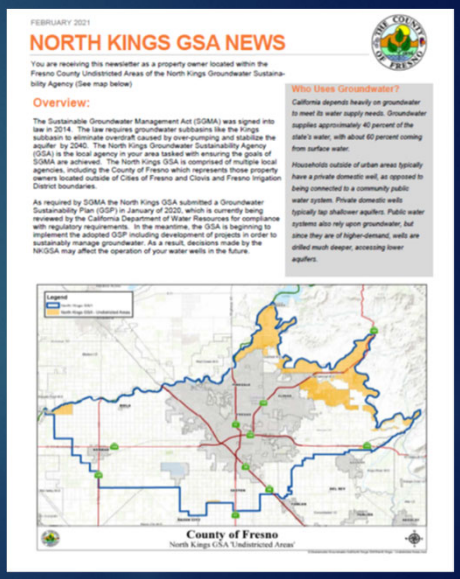
8.d. EO Update – Miscellaneous

- Other Items
  - AEM Survey Results
  - UCCE Letter of Support –
    - Small Farm Grant
  - Fresno County SGMA Outreach
    - Inquiries From Residents
  - Annual Report Preparation/Reporting



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NORTH KINGS GSA NEWS

You are receiving this newsletter as a property owner located within the Fresno County Undistricted Areas of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (See map below)

Overview:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law in 2014. The law requires groundwater subbasins like the Kings subbasin to eliminate overdraft caused by over-pumping and stabilize the aquifer by 2040. The North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is the local agency in your area tasked with ensuring the goals of SGMA are achieved. The North Kings GSA is comprised of multiple local agencies, including the County of Fresno which represents those property owners located outside of Cities of Fresno and Clovis and Fresno Irrigation District boundaries.

As required by SGMA the North Kings GSA submitted a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in January of 2020, which is currently being reviewed by the California Department of Water Resources for compliance with regulatory requirements. In the meantime, the GSA is beginning to implement the adopted GSP including development of projects in order to sustainably manage groundwater. As a result, decisions made by the NKGSA may affect the operation of your water wells in the future.

Who Uses Groundwater?

California depends heavily on groundwater to meet its water supply needs. Groundwater supplies approximately 40 percent of the state's water, with about 60 percent coming from surface water.

Households outside of urban areas typically have a private domestic well, as opposed to being connected to a community public water system. Private domestic wells typically tap shallower aquifers. Public water systems also rely upon groundwater, but since they are of higher-demand, wells are drilled much deeper, accessing lower aquifers.

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9. Directors Reports

Closed Session

Please note:

The meeting will be locked and accessible only to Directors, NKGSA Staff and legal council. If you would like information on actions taken during closed session, please call back in using the number provided. You will be allowed back into the meeting once it is unlocked at the end of the closed session discussion.

10. Report on Action(s) Taken in Closed Session

11. Adjournment

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Thank you for joining us for the NKGSA JPA Regular Board Meeting.

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