North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency JPA

Regular Board Meeting
April 22, 2021

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Call to Order

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

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SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DUE TO COVID-19

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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.

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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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1. Swearing in of Appointed Directors

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Seat No. 5 – City of Fresno

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Director Mayor Jerry Dyer

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Seat No. 4 – City of Clovis

Director Bob Whalen

Alt. Director Drew Bessinger

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Outgoing Directors

Mayor Jose Flores

Former Mayor Lee Brand

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3. Review Agenda
4. Review of Future Meetings
   - May 27, 2021 -6:00 p.m. - Virtual Until Further Notice
5. Public Presentations

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5. Public Presentation

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6. Potential Conflicts of Interest

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7. Administrative Matters:

   a. Discussion/Possible Action on Board Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2021

   b. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update (Samuelian)

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7.b. Kings Basin Update

- SGMA Implementation Grant Rd 1
  - Recommended for Full Funding….$4.8M, 4 Projects from 3 GSAs in Kings
  - FID Savory Pond Expansion Project, and Kerman Lions Park Recharge Project
- Additional money potentially available in draft budget ($60M)
  - If approved, likely out mid summer, for planning and implementation
- Spring '21 Water Level Readings being gathered
- Proceeding with Coordinated Basin outreach efforts
- Annual report submitted 3/31 (based on water year Oct '19 – Sep '20)
  - Kings Basin SW Deliveries in WY'20 were 940,000AF compared to 1,800,000AF in WY'19
  - Kings Basin GW Storage Change estimated to be -550,000AF (was +390,000AF in WY'19)

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

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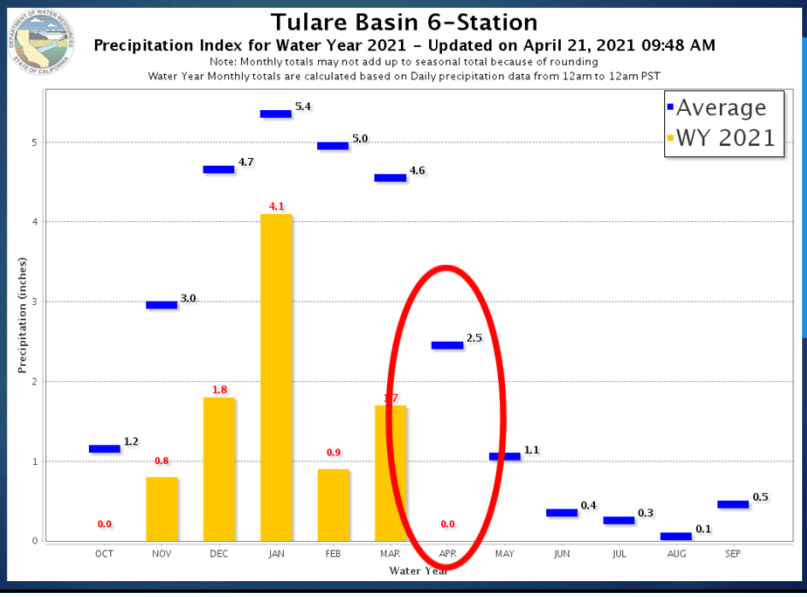
Tulare Basin Precipitation



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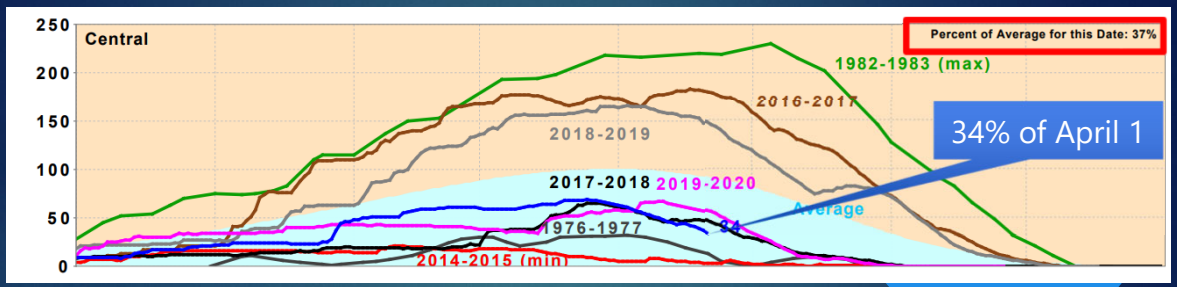
Snow Water Content



- April 20 DWR Bulletin 120 Kings Runoff Forecast:
  - 27% of April-July average
- October-March Runoff: 2nd driest on record
- On track for 5th driest year on record

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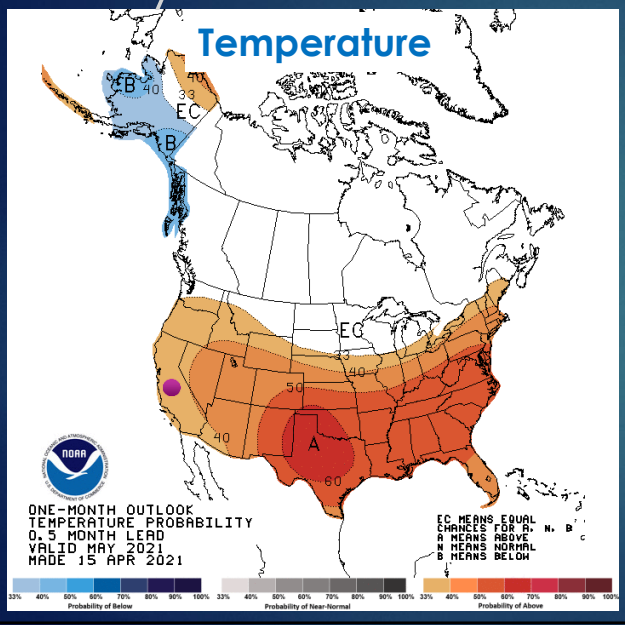
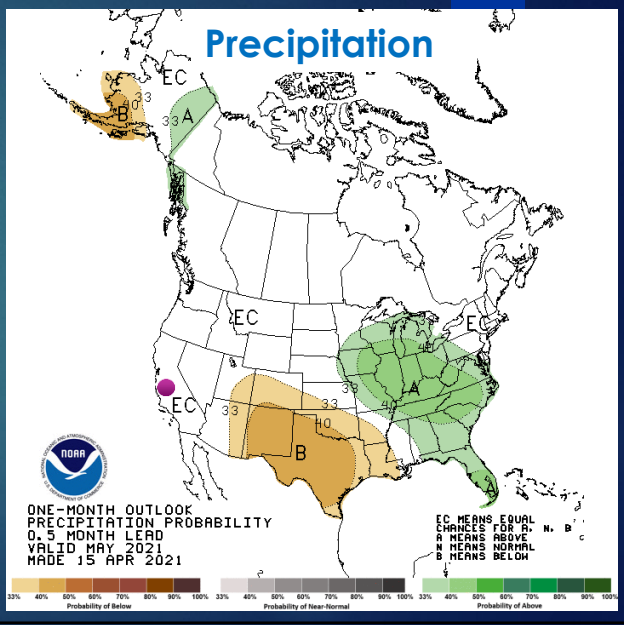
May Outlook





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7. Administrative Matters
   d. Advisory Committee Update (Claes/Redelfs)
   e. Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of Signing and Spending Authority Policy – NKGSA 2021-002 (Chauhan)

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7.e. NKGSA Policy 2021-002

- NKGSA Signing and Spending Authority Policy
  - Signing Authority – EO
  - Spending Authority - EO
  - Delegation of Authority
  - Spending Authorization Limits Matrix

- *Currently Using FID Purchasing Policy (130-403).

Position	Expenditures Within Approved Annual Budget	Other Items*
Board of Directors	>$50,000.00	>$5,000.00
Executive Officer	$50,000.00	$5,000.00

*Expenses not included in Board-approved budget or outside the normal course of business.

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7.e. NKGSA Policy 2021-002

- AC Recommended Approval Subject to Following Changes:
  - Removal of Data Collection Section
  - Addition of General Provision
    - Non-disclosure and Confidentiality Agreements

General Provisions

In an emergency, the Executive Officer, may exceed the Spending Authority Limit, subject to subsequent ratification by the Board. The Executive Officer must seek Board ratification of emergency spending authorization as soon as it is practicable.

Spending Authority is aligned with budget responsibility. The Executive Officer has an obligation, on an on-going basis, to manage and monitor expenditures to ensure expenditures remain within approved annual budget amounts.

The Executive Officer shall report to the Board any non-disclosure or confidentiality agreements entered into as soon as it is practicable, if prior Board-approval was not received.

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7. e. NKGSA Policy 2021-002

- Recommendation
  - For the NKGSA Board of Directors to adopt the Signing and Spending Authority Policy, NKGSA 2021-002.

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7.f. Workgroup Updates and Actions

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7.f. Policy Workgroup

- Member Agency Reporting Policy
  - Considered by AC in May 2021
    - GW Extraction Data
    - Recharge Data
    - Project Implementation Schedule and Milestones

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8. Financial Agent Report (Koehn)

a. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the January 2021 and February 2021 Expense Report (Koehn)

b. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the Financial Statements as of February 28, 2021 (Koehn)

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8. Financial Agent Report (Koehn)

   c. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the FY 2021-2022 Budget Revision (Koehn)

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8.c. Financial – FY 20-21 Budget Revision

- Contributions – No Revisions
  - Member Agency Contributions
  - Interested Party Contributions
  - Grant Contributions
- Increased Expenses, $
  - Public Information
  - Dues/Subscriptions*
- Decreased Expenses, $
  - Legal Expenses
  - Kings Basin Coordination
  - Engineering Consultant
  - Staff Expenses

Attachment A

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	Jul '20 - Feb '21 Actual	5/28/2020 Approved 2019-2020 Budget	% of Budget	4/22/2021 Proposed 2020-2021 Revised Budget	% of Budget
Operating Income/Expense					
Income					
Interested Party Contribution	7,113.20	0.00	100%	7,113.20	100%
Grants Income	0.00	70,000.00	0%	70,000.00	0%
Member/Contracting Entity					
Bakman Water Company	5,000.00	5,000.00	100%	5,000.00	100%
Biola Community Services Distr	1,000.00	1,000.00	100%	1,000.00	100%
City of Clovis	34,000.00	34,000.00	100%	34,000.00	100%
City of Fresno	167,000.00	167,000.00	100%	167,000.00	100%
City of Kerman	5,000.00	5,000.00	100%	5,000.00	100%
County of Fresno	85,000.00	85,000.00	100%	85,000.00	100%
Fresno Irrigation District	374,000.00	374,000.00	100%	374,000.00	100%
Garfield Water District	4,000.00	4,000.00	100%	4,000.00	100%
International Water District	2,000.00	2,000.00	100%	2,000.00	100%
Total Member/Contracting Entity	677,000.00	677,000.00	100%	677,000.00	100%
Total Income	684,113.20	747,000.00	92%	754,113.20	91%
Expense					
Audit Expense	4,475.00	4,500.00	99%	4,500.00	99%
Bank Charges	20.00	150.00	13%	120.00	17%
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	1,000.00	0%	2,795.00	0%
Grant Administration Costs	0.00	50.00	0%	50.00	0%
Insurance	1,895.30	1,200.00	158%	1,900.00	100%
Kings Basin Coordination	14,324.00	50,000.00	29%	50,000.00	29%
Legal	23,823.54	75,000.00	32%	50,000.00	48%
Legal Reserves	50,000.00	50,000.00	100%	50,000.00	100%
Office Supplies	0.00	500.00	0%	500.00	0%
Printing/Materials Costs (FID)	0.00	50.00	0%	50.00	0%
Professional Services					
Engineering Consultant	76,042.90	200,000.00	38%	151,000.00	50%
Security Services	0.00	350.00	0%	0.00	0%
Professional Services - Other	14,763.98	165,000.00	9%	165,000.00	9%
Total Professional Services	90,806.88	365,350.00	25%	316,000.00	29%
Public Information	14,275.50	15,000.00	95%	25,000.00	57%
Staff Expense					
Executive Officer	46,516.10	100,000.00	47%	75,000.00	62%
Supporting Staff (FID)	8,894.88	20,000.00	44%	15,000.00	59%
Total Staff Expense	55,410.98	120,000.00	46%	90,000.00	62%
Total Expense	255,031.20	682,800.00	37%	590,915.00	43%
Net Operating Income	429,082.00	64,200.00	668%	163,198.20	263%
Non-Operating Income					
Interest Income	44.67	400.00	11%	100.00	45%
Total Non-Operating Income	44.67	400.00	11%	100.00	45%
Change in Net Position	429,126.67	64,600.00	664%	163,298.20	263%

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8.c. Financial – FY 2020-2021 Revised Budget

- Recommendation
  - Approve the FY2020-2021 Revised Budget.

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8.d. Financial – Interested Party Invoices

- Mailed April 1, 2021
- Due April 30, 2021
- Received:
  - Self Help Enterprises
  - Pinedale County Water District
  - Malaga County Water District

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9. Executive Officer Report

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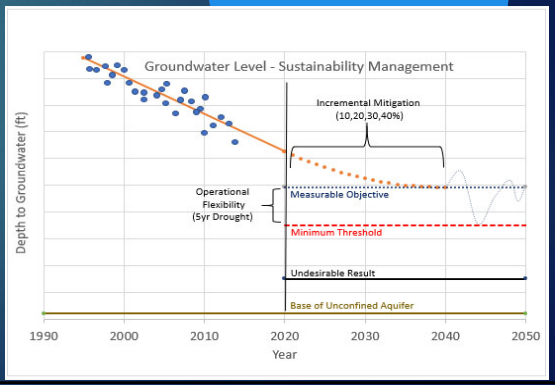
9. EO Update

9.a. Kings Subbasin Annual Report

- Two Dry Years – Anticipated Decline in Water Levels
  - Considered in Development of GSP
- Water Level Measurements
  - Some RMWs At or Below Mos
  - Need to Evaluate RMWs
  - No Changes to MOs/MTs



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9. EO Update

9.b. Member Agency – Call for Projects

- Call for Projects – Expedited Schedule

Date	Action
April 2021	Call for Projects – Agencies to Submit Outline to GSA via Template provided.
May 27, 2021	Project Submittal Deadline for Potential Projects
5/31 – 6/4	Project Workgroup Evaluates Potential Projects for Inclusion on Project List
June 11, 2021	Advisory Committee Considers Recommended Projects
June 24, 2021	Board Considers Approval of Recommended Projects and Projects Added

Get Your Projects Submitted!!

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9. EO Update

9.c. Member Agency Mitigation Responsibility Update

- Simplified Procedure Developed
- Follow-up Meetings In Progress
- Large Group Meeting – End of April 2021
- Mitigation Responsibility Policy – To AC – May 2021

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9.d. EO Update – Outreach

- Domestic Well Owners
  - Domestic Well Owner Brochure
- Schools
  - Schools Brochure
  - Webinar – April 20, 2021
- San Joaquin Valley Water Collaborative Action Plan

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9.d. Outreach/External Affairs Update

- Social Media
  - Increased Engagements
  - Short Video Series
- Blog Posts – E-News
  - Board Meeting Update
  - Brochures Announcement
- Website Updates and Refresh

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State Board – Climate Change Report

- Staff Report – Recommendations for an Effective Water Rights Response to Climate Change
  - 12 Recommendations
  - Comments Submitted – March 31st
    - KRWA on Behalf of Member Agencies
    - Kings Subbasin – 5 of 7 GSAs

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9.e. Representative Monitoring Network

- Spring Water Level Measurements Underway
  - All Water Level Measurements Taken in **March** and **October** Each Year
  - City of Fresno, City of Clovis and FID
  - Alternate Sites Needed
- 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

RMW Network	Site Visits – Camera Access	Construction Info Needed
Water Level	5 Remaining	10 Wells
Water Quality	0	6 – Centerville School/Vulcan Materials and Four Private Wells

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9.f. Misc.

Fresno County Coordination Update:

- New Well Permit Review
- Driller Meeting
  - March 18th
  - 30+ Participants
- Planning Document Routing and Review
- Quarterly Coordination Discussions
- Outreach to Residents in White Areas

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9.f. Miscellaneous Items

- Fresno County Coordination Update:
  - New Well Permit Review
  - Driller Meeting – March 18th
  - Review Planning Documents
- AEM Survey Results – Foothill Area
- DWR Well Standards TAC – Kick Off Meeting and Sub-Committee Meetings
- Drought Response Inquiries
  - New Well Permit Applications
  - Interview with Monica Vaughn – Fresno Bee – Fresnoland
  - CSUF – Drought Hotline Work

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10. Directors Reports

Closed Session

Please note:

The meeting will be locked and accessible only to Directors, NKGSA Staff and legal counsel. 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.

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

12. Adjournment

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