M/S/C (Kienow/Pickens) That the Board of Directors approved the contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group in conjunction with Ken D Schmidt & Associates, for a study on the Upper Aquifer Boundary Flow Estimates. Ms. Chauhan proceeded with calling of the roll call vote. (Ayes – Antunez, Pickens, Kienow, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Whalen; Nays – 0; Absent – Pacheco*; Abstain – 0)

***Director Pacheco lost connectivity for a brief period including the time when action was taken on this item. The vote reflects his absence during this agenda item.**

f. Workgroup Updates (Chauhan)

i. Project Workgroup (Chauhan)

1. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of Member Agency Projects Updated Table to be Incorporated into GSP and Completed Project Review (Chauhan)

- The NKGSA had a call for projects in April 2021 with a deadline of June 24, 2021.
- Completed Projects (total of 6): Surface Water Treatment Plants – City of Fresno; Recharge – City of Fresno and Fresno Irrigation District; and Meters – City of Fresno; and
- New Projects added to the list (total of 35): Recharge – Clovis, Fresno, FID, Bakman, and Kerman; Big Dry Creek (three projects) – FID; Meters – Clovis; Storage – City of Clovis; New SWTP – Clovis; and Expanded RW Use – City of Fresno.

Director Pickens stated the Bakman Water Company Meter Project has been completed. Ms. Chauhan stated the list would be modified to reflect that update.

M/S/C (Pickens/Kienow) That the Board of Directors approved the North Kings GSA Project List dated June 2021 as presented. Ms. Chauhan proceeded with the calling of the roll call vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Whalen, Pacheco, Antunez; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

Ms. Chauhan wanted to thank the members of the Project Workgroup for their time and efforts.

ii. Policy Workgroup (Chauhan)

1. **Mitigation Responsibility Policy Update**
2. **Member Agency Reporting Policy Update**

- Agency Groundwater Impact Mitigation Policy
  - Considered by Advisory Committee (AC) in June/July 2021
    - Groundwater Extraction Data;
    - Recharge Data;
    - Project Implementation Schedule and Milestones; and
    - Reporting – No Separate Policy (6.e.i.2).

Groundwater Impact Analysis	April 2021
Finalize Groundwater Mitigation Responsibilities	Late April 2021
Draft Policy – Work with Member Agencies	May 2021
Mitigation / Member Agency Reporting Policy Considered by AC	June/July 2021

Ms. Chauhan stated the workgroup is getting closer to having mitigation targets for each of the member agencies. There is a considerable amount of work to do before bringing the policy before the Board Members and the group wants to make sure all the agencies' concerns are being met. A meeting is scheduled for the last week of June where the draft policy will be discussed. The workgroup wants to ensure the accuracy of the information, as this is an important aspect, and therefore the group does not want to rush through the process. The group discussed having two separate policies; one for groundwater impact and one for reporting, but it was decided that both topics could be incorporated into one policy.

iii. Drought Response and Evaluation Workgroup (Chauhan)

The Advisory Committee approved proceeding with establishing a Drought Response and Evaluation Workgroup. This workgroup will provide a forum where drought issues, impacts, and working with other GSAs can take place. It was suggested coordinating with cities, counties, state agencies, and other GSAs. The next step will be to send out a formal invitation for participants.

- Critically Dry Conditions
  - Declining Water Levels
  - Increased Number of Well Permits

- Coordination with Other GSAs/Counties
- Resources
  - Educational Materials
  - Funding Programs
  - Areas of Concern

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Discussion/ Possible Action – Approval of the April 2021 Expense Reports (~~Hailey~~ Koehn)

b. Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of the Financial Statements as of April 30, 2021 (~~Hailey~~ Koehn)

Ms. Koehn presented the following Financial Matters:

Ms. Koehn reported on the April 2021 Expense Reports including expenses for attorney services, Constant Contact, and Provost & Pritchard Consulting.

Ms. Koehn reported on the financial statements, including Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Unpaid Invoices that ended April 30, 2021. All items were reported to be within budget.

Chairman Prieto inquired why CSU-Fresno was still listed. Ms. Chauhan stated that CSU-Fresno is listed as an interested party and that the NKGSA still holds discussions with their representatives to discuss boundary flow issues that are happening within their boundaries.

Both item 7. a. and b. were taken as one vote.

M/S/C (Whalen/Carbajal) That the Board of Directors approved the April 2021 Expense Reports and the Financial Statements as of April 30, 2021, as presented. Ms. Chauhan proceeded with the calling of the roll call vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Whalen, Pacheco, Antunez; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT (Chauhan)

a. Department of Water Resources Review and Release of GSPs - Update

- Will send out the link to the video as requested by Chairman Prieto. Further reporting was given earlier in the meeting.

b. Member Agency Mitigation Responsibility Update

- Previously discussed during the meeting.

c. Outreach / External Affairs Update

- Website:
  - Updates
    - Nearing Completion
  - Launch – July 2021 (different platform – easier to post and keep refreshed).
- San Joaquin Valley Water Collaborative Action Plan – met recently. Working on single problem statement then proceeding to find a solution set (five caucus groups – using facilitation services to help the process continue to move forward).
- Drought Preparedness Coordination and Assistance Program – developed by CSU-Fresno
  - California Partnership for the SJV heard a proposal from CSU-Fresno that developed the framework for the Drought Preparedness Coordination and Assistance Program at the meeting held June 11, 2021. The California Partnership group meets on a quarterly basis.

- Social Media
  - Continued Engagements.
  - Community Influencers Videos (taking the opportunity to showcase different individuals from other organizations to get their unique perspective).
  - Boost Engagement.

- Blog Posts – E-News
- Coordinated Outreach
  - Kings Subbasin Efforts (showcasing completed and in-progress projects).

- Domestic Well Owner (continuing to coordinate with KRCD).
- Schools (continuing to coordinate with KRCD).

d. Representative Monitoring Network Update

- Secure Access and Indemnity Agreements.
- Need Construction Information for all Monitoring Wells – will move forward once groundwater pumping slows up from irrigating.

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

e. Miscellaneous

- New Well Permit Review and Data
  - 155 Permit Applications Reviewed (up from 115) – taking into consideration information regarding reasons for new wells being drilled. Well Review Policy is proving to be very beneficial by informing the NKGS on which wells are being drilled (either new well or redrilling of existing well). Experiencing great communication and cooperation with Fresno County.
  - Representation on the Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee - looking for volunteer(s) from the NKGSA.
- Representation on the Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Charged with overseeing of the nitrate control program (replacement water) and CV-SALT. Looking for individuals to participate on the committee – will meet monthly.
- NKGSA Board and Advisory Committee – Official Rosters
  - Election of Officers for NKGSA Board – planned for the July 2021 Board meeting (per the NKGSA bylaws).
- NKGSA Member Agency Presentations – Sharing success stories.
  - Biola CSD (July)
  - Fresno Irrigation District (completed 150-acre of recharge basins within

the FID boundaries.

9. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Pickens – nothing to report.

Director Kienow – nothing to report.

Alternate Director Carbajal – nothing to report.

Director Prieto – would like growers to consider retaining flood water capability when installing drip irrigation lines. This would allow water to percolate down into the aquifer.

Director Whalen – nothing to report.

Alternate Director Mendes – nothing to report.

Alternate Director Antunez – nothing to report.

Ms. Chauhan stated anyone not participating in the Closed Session portion of the meeting should log out. Anyone wanting to reconnect to Open Session, can do so after waiting a few minutes and then reconnecting to the meeting where it will be re-opened once Closed Session has concluded.

Open Session recessed at 7:11 p.m. and the Board went into Closed Session at 7:13 p.m.

Director Pacheco recused himself from the Closed Session portion of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)): One potential case

Closed Session concluded at 7:27 p.m. and Open Session was reopened.

10. REPORT ON ACTIONS(S) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Prieto reported that there was nothing to report out from Closed Session.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion or action, Chairman Prieto adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kassy Chauhan

Kassy Chauhan, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer