NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Regular Board of Directors Meeting – August 26, 2021

FID Office – Teleconference Meeting

2907 S. Maple Avenue

Fresno, CA 93725-2208

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
SCHEDULED A REGULAR MEETING FOR AUGUST 26, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M.
2907 SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE – FRESNO, CA
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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **REVIEW AGENDA**
   Additional Agenda Items – Requires Majority Approval of Board - §54954.2(b)

3. **REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

5. **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 §18705]

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
   a. Discussion / Possible Action – Appointment of Board Chair and Vice-Chair (Chauhan)
   b. Discussion/Possible Action on Board Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2021
   c. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update (Samuelian)
   d. Water Conditions Update (Claes)
   e. Advisory Committee Update (Redelfs)
   f. Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of the Official Rosters for the NKGSA Advisory Committee and Board of Directors (Chauhan)
   g. Workgroup Updates (Chauhan)
      i. Policy Workgroup (Chauhan)
         1. Agency Groundwater Impact Mitigation Policy Update
      ii. Drought Response and Evaluation Workgroup Update (Chauhan)

7. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

   b. Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of the Financial Statements as of May 31, 2021 (Koehn)

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8. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT (Chauhan)**

   a. Department of Water Resources Prop 68 Grant - Update
   b. Outreach / External Affairs Update
   c. Representative Monitoring Network Update
   d. Miscellaneous

9. **DIRECTORS REPORT**

CLOSED SESSION

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

Government Code Section 54957 – Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Executive Officer

10. **REPORT ON ACTION(S) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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NORTH KINGS GSA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

2021 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS / EVENTS- *Subject to Change with Proper Notice

Date	Time	Purpose
August 26, 2021	6:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
September 23, 2021	6:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
October 28, 2021	6:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
November 18, 2021*	6:00 p.m.	Special Board Meeting
December 16, 2021*	6:00 p.m.	Special Board Meeting

2 – REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 24, 2021

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR
JUNE 24, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M.
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TELECONFERENCE MEETING

AGENCIES – DIRECTORS / ALTERNATE DIRECTORS PRESENT
Fresno Irrigation District – Chairman Jerry Prieto, Jr. (via conference call)
County of Fresno – Director Brian Pacheco (via conference call)
Bakman Water Company – Director Steve Pickens (via conference call)
City of Fresno – Alternate Director Mike Carbajal (via conference call)
City of Clovis – Director Bob Whalen (via conference call)
Garfield Water District – Director Karl Kienow (via conference call)
Biola Community Services District – Alternate Director Eduardo Antunez (Seat 7) (via conference call)

AGENCIES ABSENT
None

MEMBER STAFF PRESENT
Executive Officer Kassy Chauhan – North Kings GSA (via conference call)
Legal Counsel Dave Boyer – Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, & Romo (via conference call)
P&P Consulting Group Representative – Ronnie Samuelian (via conference call)
City of Clovis Representative – Paul Armendariz (via conference call)
Fresno Irrigation District Representative – Bill Stretch (via conference call)
Fresno Irrigation District Representative – DeAnn Hailey (via conference call)
City of Kerman Representative – Jerry Jones (via conference call)
County of Fresno Representative – Glenn Allen (via conference call)
Recording Secretary Lynn B. Rowe – Fresno Irrigation District (via conference call)

OTHERS PRESENT
Public At Large – Lisa Koehn (City of Clovis Retired) (via conference call)
Asian Business Institute & Resource Center Representative – Dao Lor (via conference call)
Westlands Water District Representative – Kitty Campbell (via conference call)

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Prieto called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Chauhan, acting as the meeting's moderator, provided the instructions for conducting a teleconference meeting while the Shelter-In-Place order is in effect due to the COVID-19 meeting restrictions. This meeting was held completely virtually. Full instructions were

provided in the agenda. Ms. Chauhan reported that no written comments were received for this meeting.

Ms. Chauhan then conducted a roll call of directors, staff, interested parties, and the public who wanted to be identified. Ms. Chauhan reviewed the instructions on the commenting, making of a motion, and voting procedures. Once that was complete, the meeting was turned back over to Chairman Prieto.

2. REVIEW AGENDA
(Additional Agenda Items – Requires Majority Approval of Board - §54954.2(b)

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

M/S/C (Carbajal/Whalen) That the Board of Directors approved the agenda for the June 24, 2021, regular Board meeting. Ms. Chauhan proceeded with calling of the roll call vote. (Ayes – Pickens, Kienow, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Pacheco, Whalen, Antunez; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

3. REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Remaining dates will stay as scheduled. Plans are in discussion to bring back in-person Board meetings, possibly starting with the July meeting.

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

None.

5. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
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None stated.

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6. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Discussion/Possible Action on Board Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2021

It was noted that the motions showed that Director Pacheco voted on the different motions; however, Alternate Director Mendes represented the County of Fresno at the May 27th meeting. The minutes will be adjusted to reflect this misprint.

M/S/C (Whalen/Kienow) That the Board of Directors approved the revised minutes of the May 27, 2021, regular Board meeting. Ms. Chauhan proceeded with calling of the roll call vote. (Ayes – Antunez, Pickens, Kienow, Prieto, Jr., Carbajal, Pacheco, Whalen; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update (Samuelian)

Mr. Ronald Samuelian reviewed the following:

- SGMA Implementation Grant Round 1 Confirmed by DWR
  - Full Funding ($4.8M) for four projects from three GSAs in the Kings Subbasin. Received highest score among the submitted applications.
  - FID Savory Pond Expansion Project and Kerman Lions Park Recharge Project were included.
  - Reviewing DWR agreement – expect to be finalized by mid-July.
- Additional money potentially available in (draft) state budget
  - January budget had $60 million for SGMA. May's revise budget has an additional $300 million (not approved yet). Most likely will have drought and climate components.
  - Likely funding cycle this fall. Have projects ready (not just on the list).
- DWR close to starting on new monitor well(s) for couple GSAs (Tech Assist. Program). NKGSA is on the list, but other GSAs have higher priority.
- DWR Released First Decisions on <u>some</u> GSPs in the State (June 3, 2021)
  - Good summary video on DWR's website. DWR to host a Live Q/A Webinar on June 24.
    - Approved Plans: Santa Cruz Mid-County Basin and 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin (both included recommended items)
    - Notified Locals to Consult on Plan Deficiencies: Paso Robles Subbasin and Cuyama Valley Basin
    - Notification letter released are not final determinations

- Agencies provided time to address deficiencies while maintaining local control
- Supports SGMA's iterative process of progress being made over time
- Provides open communication between DWR and the GSAs

Recommended Corrective Actions:
Approved Plans
Generally, plan changes can be incorporated into five-year updates
Not conditional or qualified approval

Required Corrective Actions:
Once basin is determined Incomplete
GSAs have 180 days to address the plan's deficiencies

Ms. Chauhan encouraged the Board and interested parties to review the assessment information and video message on the DWR website. DWR did a good job of providing their first impressions of the GSPs and outlining the process. Chairman Prieto requested Ms. Chauhan send out the link to the Board's Directors and Alternate Directors. Ms. Chauhan agreed to send out the information following the meeting.

c. Water Conditions Update (~~Claes~~-Chauhan)

Ms. Chauhan gave a brief review on the following water conditions:

- Since 1895 (the start of recorded history), six of the driest 13 years have occurred since 2007. Currently this is the third driest year in recorded history.
- Temperatures continue to be warmer than normal.
- Fresno Irrigation District will deliver a Hardship Run (on the east side of the district) during the month of July.
- Not much precipitation being delivered from the thunderstorms at the upper elevations – conditions remain dry.

d. Advisory Committee Update (~~Redelfs~~ Chauhan)

Ms. Chauhan stated the Advisory Committee last met on June 11, 2021.
The Committee acted and approved the following recommendations (which appear on the June 24, 2021, agenda items 7 a. and b., 6. e. and f.):

- Approval of the April 2021 Expenses and Financial Statements.
- Approval of the Professional Services Contract for Upper Aquifer Boundary Flow Estimates Study; and
- Approval of the Member Agency Projects Updated Table for the GSP (dated June 2021).

Ms. Chauhan stated the Committee discussed the option and approved the formation of another workgroup that would focus on drought response and recommendations.

e. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of Professional Services Contract – Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group and Ken D. Schmidt & Associates – Upper Aquifer Boundary Flow Estimates Study - $120,000.00

- Joint Proposal from P&P and Ken D. Schmidt & Associates.
- Approved in FY 2021-2022 Budget – Professional Services: and
- Schedule.

Task 1 – Data Gap Evaluation	July 2021 – September 2021
Task 2 – Data Request	October 2021 – December 2021
Task 3 – Aquifer Tests	November 2021 – June 2022
Task 4 – Estimate of Upper Aquifer Boundary Flows	July 2022 – October 2022

This is an important issue to the NKGSA and its ability to maintain its sustainability goals.

Recommendation:
For the NKGSA Board of Directors to approve the contract with P&P Consulting Group in the amount of $120,000 for an upper aquifer boundary flow estimate study to be prepared in conjunction with Ken D. Schmidt & Associates.

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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by,

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Kassy Chauhan, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer

6 (f) – NKGSA Official Rosters

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6 (f)
Executive Officer: KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: Chair and Members of the Board

FROM: Kassy D. Chauhan – Executive Officer

DATE: August 22, 2021

SUBJECT: NKGSA Official Rosters

ATTACHMENTS:
A: NKGSA Advisory Committee Roster – 2021/2022
B: NKGSA Board of Directors Roster – 2021/2022

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the Board of Directors to approve the official NKGSA rosters for the Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors including designated representatives and alternates. The official rosters will be updated annually in July, or the first regular meeting after July of each year, and if changes are requested by the member agencies.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NKGSA Board of Directors has authority to appoint standing committees and ad-hoc committees as it deems necessary. This authority is established in the bylaws for the NKGSA. The NKGSA Board of Directors established the Advisory Committee, a standing committee, in November 2016 to assist with the development of the necessary processes and programs needed by the NKGSA Board of Directors to implement the mission of the NKGSA. Each party identified in the Joint Power Authority (JPA) Agreement can appoint a member of the Advisory Committee plus alternates. Advisory Committee members can be elected officials, or others designated by the member agency. Terms of advisory committee members were not established and are entirely determined by the party appointing the member to the Advisory Committee. An official Advisory Committee roster was created in November 2016 for tracking purposes. The roster was updated in October 2020 to reflect participation in the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee

approved an updated roster dated August 7, 2021, which reflects a change in representation for the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (Attachment A).

Each July, the roster will be reviewed, and nominations will be obtained for selecting the Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair. Continuing as Chair of the Advisory Committee is Mr. Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis) and continuing as Vice-Chair is Mr. Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District).

Board of Directors Roster:

Directors are elected officials who have been appointed to serve on the NKGSA Board of Directors by their respective boards, councils or commissions, or are the authorized representative of a member, contracting entity or interested party, per the bylaws for the NKGSA JPA. Each Director can appoint up to two alternates to serve in their place in case of absence. The official NKGSA roster was approved in October 2020 and since that time, the following changes have taken place:

- Seat No. 3 – Director Pickens transitioned to Seat No. 3 to represent Bakman Water Company in this shared seat. Director Pickens will serve in Seat No. 3 until December 2022.

- Seat No. 4 – Director Bob Whalen and Alternate Director Drew Bessinger were appointed in 2021 by the City of Clovis to replace Director Flores who had served on the NKGSA Board of Directors since 2016.

- Seat No. 5 – Mayor Jerry Dyer was automatically appointed as the designated director for the City of Fresno when he became mayor of the City of Fresno in January 2021. He will serve as the designated director until December 2024.

- Seat No. 7 – Director Ortiz and Alternate Directors Eduardo Antunex and Kyle Moeller were appointed in 2021 to fill the vacancy created when Director Pickens moved to Seat No. 3. Director Ortiz' term will expire in 2023 but can be extended if approved by the NKGSA Board of Directors.

JPA bylaws establish the term of the directors as two years except for the initial terms for Seats 1, 4, 5, and 6 were set at three years to allow for board continuity and alternating vacancies. Annually in July, nominations for chair and vice-chair positions are to be accepted and acted on by the Board of Directors. In October 2020, Director Jerry Prieto was re-nominated and selected to serve as Chair of the NKGSA Board. Similarly, Director Brian Pacheco was re-nominated and re-selected as Vice-Chair of the NKGSA Board of Directors.

The NKGSA Board of Directors official roster dated June 7, 2021, (Attachment B) has been updated to reflect the changes noted above. The NKGSA Board of Directors roster will be reviewed and updated each year in July or the first meeting following the July meeting if no meeting is held in July.

Prepared by: Kassy D. Chauhan

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Attachment A

Revision Date: 8/7/2021

Approval Date: _____

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OFFICAL ROSTER

August 7, 2021

Background:

The Advisory Committee is established by the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NKGSA) Board of Directors as a standing committee to assist with the development of the necessary processes and programs needed by the NKGSA Board of Directors to implement the mission of the NKGSA. Each party identified in the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement can appoint a member of the Advisory Committee and a designated alternative. Each July, the Advisory Committee should nominate and select a chair and vice-chair of the Advisory Committee. Each July, the official roster of Advisory Committee members and selected alternatives will be reviewed and approved.

Each	Name	Alternate 1	Comments
City of Clovis	Mr. Scott Redelfs	Mr. Paul Armendariz	Chair
Fresno Irrigation District	Mr. Adam Claes	Mr. Bill Stretch	Vice-Chair
Garfield Irrigation District	Mr. Nick Keller	Ms. Lauren Layne	
Bakman Water Company	Mr. Tim Bakman	Mr. Shay Bakman	
Biola CSD	Mr. Eduardo Antunez		
International Water District	Mr. Shawn Stevinson		
City of Kerman	Mr. John Jansons	Mr. Jerry Jones	
City of Fresno	Mr. Brock Buche	Mr. Dejan Pavic	
County of Fresno	Mr. Bernard Jimenez	Mr. Glenn Allen	
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Mr. Peter Sanchez	Mr. Brent Sunamoto Ms. Brandy Swisher	

Official Roster Changes:

Requested changes to the official NKGSA Advisory Committee roster shall be submitted in writing to the NKGSA Executive Officer, Kassy Chauhan.

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Attachment B

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICAL ROSTER

June 7, 2021

Background:

Directors are elected officials who have been appointed to serve on the NKGSA Board of Directors by their respective boards, councils or commissions, or are the authorized representative of a member, contracting entity or interested party, per the bylaws for the NKGSA Joint Power Authority (JPA). Each Director can appoint up to two alternatives to serve in their place in case of absence. Annually in July, nominations for chair and vice-chair positions are to be accepted and acted on by the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors Seat No.	Agency	Name	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Date Appointed	Comment
1	Fresno Irrigation District	Mr. Jerry Prieto	Mr. Chris Woolf		2016	Chair*
2	Garfield Water District	Mr. Karl Kienow	Mr. Chris Woolf		2016	
3	Bakman Water Company	Mr. Steve Pickens	Mr. Shay Bakman		2020	
4	City of Clovis	Mr. Bob Whalen	Mr. Drew Bessinger		2021	
5	City of Fresno	Mayor Jerry Dyer	Mr. Michael Carbajal		2021	
6	Fresno County	Mr. Brian Pacheco	Mr. Buddy Mendes		2016	Vice-Chair*
7	At-Large	Mr. Moises Ortiz	Mr. Eduardo Antunez	Mr. Kyle Moeller	2021	

*Chairman Prieto and Vice-Chair Pacheco were re-nominated and re-elected in October 2020.

6 (g) (i) (1) – Policy Workgroup – Draft Groundwater Impact Mitigation Policy Update

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO: **6 (g) (i) (1)**
Executive Officer: KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Kassy D. Chauhan – Executive Officer

DATE: August 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Agency Groundwater Impact Mitigation Policy Update

ATTACHMENTS: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There is varied pumping of groundwater and use of surface water within the NKGSA. Some entities within the NKGSA own and operate their own wells to provide groundwater, while other entities do not directly pump groundwater as that is performed by landowners. This policy is required as the member agencies and entities of the NKGSA have agreed to mitigate for their respective entity's groundwater impact, and the NKGSA will be responsible to ensure that each entity is meeting its mitigation obligation.

The purpose of the policy is to identify the groundwater mitigation requirements of each groundwater pumping entity within the NKGSA and identify the monitoring and reporting of groundwater mitigation progress by each entity.

Beginning in September 2020, the NKGSA along with engineering consultant Provost & Pritchard began meeting with each agency to gather the necessary details to complete

the groundwater impact analysis using the methodology described in the Technical Memorandum. Upon receipt of the required groundwater pumping, surface water deliveries, recharge information and in some cases service area acreages, the groundwater impact analysis was updated for each agency. The individual agency meetings continued through August 2021, and some agencies required multiple meetings given the complexity of their impact analysis. Once the individual groundwater impact analyses were completed, the Draft Agency Groundwater Impact Mitigation Policy was prepared and presented to the agencies during the first of two large group meetings with representatives from each agency present.

The first of two large group meetings with all agencies present was held on July 1, 2021 and included stepping the group through the draft policy and the associated technical memorandum. Feedback was solicited and each agency had an opportunity to provide feedback. The policy was updated to reflect the feedback received and a second large group meeting was held on July 20, 2021. Some of the agencies have expressed concern over how credit is being given for effluent percolation specifically as it relates to the agencies who send their wastewater to the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater and Reuse Facility. This item is being discussed amongst the affected agencies. The ultimate determination on whether the NKGSA is meeting its sustainability goals established in its groundwater sustainability plan is whether the groundwater levels continue to decline.

Following the meeting on July 20, 2021, the policy was further revised to incorporate additional comments. A follow-up meeting on the draft policy was held on August 18, 2021, and specifically talked about accounting for the wastewater flows being routed to the Fresno Clovis reginal wastewater treatment facility. Additional revisions were made to the draft policy which is currently being circulated amongst the agencies and workgroup members. An additional meeting is scheduled for August 27th, to gather any further comments/considerations prior to presenting to the Advisory Committee on September 10th for possible action including a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the policy.

The final draft of the policy represents the efforts by each agency and the technical consultant to use best available data to determine the overall groundwater impact for their agencies. The overall groundwater impact analysis revealed there is a surplus (indicating there is no over drafting). However, based on water level monitoring conducted by agencies and the NKGSA for many years, the groundwater levels continue to decline in some parts of the GSA. The groundwater impact analyses do not consider the boundary flows being lost due to pumping in neighboring GSAs. The NKGSA and the entities within the NKGSA fully intend to recapture the boundary flows to achieve sustainable conditions as specified in the NKGSA GSP.

Efforts to complete the groundwater impact analysis for California State University, Fresno are underway, and the technical memorandum indicates the impacts still need to be calculated. It is expected that the groundwater impact analysis for CSU, Fresno will be complete in the next one to two months.

The other key component of the draft policy is the monitoring and reporting section which provides details necessary for the NKGSA to monitor progress by the entities towards

mitigating for their groundwater impacts. It is expected information would be reported by the entities on an annual basis at which time additional reviews and analyses would be completed.

Prepared by: Kassy D. Chauhan

7 (a-b) - FINANCIAL REPORT –

May 2021 Expense Report &

Financial Statements as of

May 31, 2021

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7 (a-b)
Executive Officer: KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Advisory Committee Members

FROM: DeAnn Hailey – Fiscal Agent

DATE: August 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Financial Update

ATTACHMENTS:
(A) May 2021 Expense Report
(B) Financial Statements as of May 31, 2021

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the NKGSA Board of Directors to approve the May 2021 Expense Report and the Financial Statements as of May 31, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fiscal agent, DeAnn Hailey, has prepared the monthly expense report for May 2021 and the financial statements as of May 31, 2021. She will highlight some of the financial items of note and be prepared to answer any questions on the reports. The inclusion of the financial reports for consideration by the NKGSA Advisory Committee is a procedural change implemented in October 2020 to allow for review prior to submittal to the NKGSA Board of Directors for approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is shown on the attached reports. The total expenses are in line with the amounts included in the NKGSA 2020-2021 Revised Budget.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The reports represent expenses and revenues for the NKGSA for this reporting period.

ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

None.

Prepared by: DeAnn Hailey

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North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Expense Report
May 2021

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo					
Bill	05/01/2021	622929	April 2021 Legal Services	Legal	4,607.40
Total Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo					4,607.40
Constant Contact, Inc.					
Check	05/27/2021	EFT		Public Information	45.00
Total Constant Contact, Inc.					45.00
Digital Attic					
Bill	05/25/2021	31784	Quarterly Web Hosting 5/25/21-8/25/21	Public Information	147.00
Total Digital Attic					147.00
Fresno Irrigation District					
Bill	05/03/2021	6708	Executive Officer Hours	Executive Officer	7,464.87
Bill	05/03/2021	6708	Fiscal Agent Hours	Supporting Staff (FID)	176.90
Bill	05/03/2021	6708	Recording Secretary Hours	Supporting Staff (FID)	378.84
Bill	05/03/2021	6708	Engineering Admin Asst Hours	Supporting Staff (FID)	11.53
Bill	05/03/2021	6708	Admin Fee 6%	Supporting Staff (FID)	481.93
Total Fresno Irrigation District					8,514.07
Kings River Conservation District					
Bill	05/01/2021	4682	External Affairs Outreach	Public Information	2,247.18
Bill	05/21/2021	4687	External Affairs Outreach Services	Public Information	2,250.00
Total Kings River Conservation District					4,497.18
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group					
Bill	05/17/2021	85089	April 2021 Project 02643-21-001	Engineering Consultant	8,681.50
Bill	05/17/2021	85094	April 2021 Project 02643-21-002	Kings Basin Coordination	2,078.00
Total Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group					10,759.50
TOTAL					**28,570.15**

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North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2021

	May 31, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking Account	90,766.64
Money Market Account	755,754.71
Total Checking/Savings	846,521.25
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	25,561.70
Total Accounts Receivable	25,561.70
Total Current Assets	872,082.95
TOTAL ASSETS	872,082.95
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	7,004.40
Total Accounts Payable	7,004.40
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenues Intr Parties	11,246.40
Total Other Current Liabilities	11,246.40
Total Current Liabilities	18,250.80
Total Liabilities	18,250.80
Net Position	
Legal Reserves	250,000.00
Net Investment	243,148.70
Change in Net Position	360,683.45
Total Net Position	853,832.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	872,082.95

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North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Income Statement - Budget vs. Actual
July 2020 through May 2021

	Jul '20 - May 21	Budget	$ Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Interested Party Contribution	7,113.20	0.00	7,113.20	100.0%
Grant Income	0.00	70,000.00	-70,000.00	0 0%
Member/Contracting Entity				
Bakman Water Company	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Biola Community Services Distr	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0%
City of Clovis	34,000.00	34,000.00	0.00	100.0%
City of Fresno	167,000.00	167,000.00	0.00	100.0%
City of Kerman	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%
County of Fresno	85,000.00	85,000.00	0.00	100.0%
CSU Fresno	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Fresno Irrigation District	374,000.00	374,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Garfield Water District	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.0%
International Water District	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Member/Contracting Entity	677,000.00	677,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	684,113.20	747,000.00	-62,886.80	91.58%
Expense				
Audit Expense	4,475.00	4,500.00	-25.00	99.44%
Bank Charges	60.00	150.00	-90.00	40.0%
Dues and Subscriptions	2,795.00	1,000.00	1,795.00	279.5%
Grant Administration Costs	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Insurance	1,895.30	1,200.00	695.30	157.94%
Kings Basin Coordination	28,602.00	50,000.00	-21,398.00	57.2%
Legal	34,667.95	75,000.00	-40,332.05	46.22%
Legal Reserves Expense	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Office Supplies	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Printing/Materials Costs (FID)	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Professional Services				
Engineering Consultant	95,419.93	200,000.00	-104,580.07	47.71%
Security Services	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
Professional Services - Other	14,763.98	165,000.00	-150,236.02	8.95%
Total Professional Services	110,183.91	365,350.00	-255,166.09	30.16%
Public Information	20,344.68	15,000.00	5,344.68	135.63%
Staff Expense				
Executive Officer	59,528.26	100,000.00	-40,471.74	59.53%
Supporting Staff (FID)	10,941.37	20,000.00	-9,058.63	54 71%
Total Staff Expense	70,469.63	120,000.00	-49,530.37	58.73%
Total Expense	323,493.47	682,800.00	-359,306.53	47.38%
Net Ordinary Income	360,619.73	64,200.00	296,419 73	561.71%

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North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Income Statement - Budget vs. Actual
July 2020 through May 2021

	Jul '20 - May 21	Budget	$ Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Interest Income	63.72	400.00	-336.28	15.93%
Total Other Income	63.72	400.00	-336.28	15.93%
Net Other Income	63.72	400.00	-336.28	15.93%
Net Income	**360,683.45**	**64,600.00**	**296,083.45**	**558.33%**

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Unpaid Invoices
As of May 31, 2021

Type	Date	Num	Open Balance
NFKGSA - North Fork Kings GSA			
Prop 1			
Payment	04/15/2019	1089	-192,856.50
Invoice	04/15/2019	1032	214,285.00
Total Prop 1			21,428.50
Total NFKGSA - North Fork Kings GSA			21,428.50
TOTAL			**21,428.50**

8 (a - d) – Executive Officer Report

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO: **8 (a) - (d)**
Executive Officer: KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE NKGSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: Chair and Board Directors

FROM: Executive Officer – Kassy Chauhan

DATE: August 22, 2021

SUBJECT: NKGSA Executive Officer Report

ATTACHMENTS: A: None

Department of Water Resources Prop 68 SGMA Implementation Grant

DWR issued the final executed grant agreements to FID for the Proposition 68 Round 1 grant on August 4, 2021. FID is working with the other grant project sponsors (City of Kerman, South Kings GSA, and Tulare County) to obtain sub-agreements with each agency approved by their governing boards. The projects to be completed using the grant funds will further the Kings Subbasin agency efforts to reach sustainability. To date, about 500 acres of recharge within the Kings Subbasin boundary has been completed, is under construction or will be starting shortly.

Outreach and External Affairs

KRCD continues to provide support to the NKGSA about public relations including posting to the NKGSA social media and assistance with preparing emails for distribution to the general interest group for the NKGSA.

KRCD completed the website reformat project including a conversion to a different web platform which offers greater flexibility in posting of information and creating an environment with more engagement opportunity. The website modifications were completed, and the updated website went live in July 2021. The NKGSA website serves as the central hub for information for our diverse stakeholder group as well as the means for the public to engage with the NKGSA.

Social Media

The NKGSA has accounts on Facebook and Twitter and has consistently posted at least two posts per month since July 2020. Each month, a social media calendar is prepared which includes content, pictures, and details for scheduling posts to social media. The video posts collected from various stakeholders resulted in increased engagement with the NKGSA social media followers.

Representative Monitoring Network

Efforts to get access to construction information for the wells identified in the NKGSA representative monitoring network continue. Staff will continue to coordinate with the well owners to arrange for the video inspection of their wells to obtain construction information. It is expected this activity will resume in the late fall 2021, after the irrigation season, given the need to pump the groundwater wells to meet irrigation demands through the Summer months. Fresno Irrigation District continues to engage with the well owners to enter into access agreements at which point the NKGSA can arrange for the downhole video inspection and other necessary improvements to get access to the well construction features.

Miscellaneous Updates

Groundwater Conditions Update:

The NKGSA reviews each of the well permit applications submitted to permitting agencies for wells being drilled within the NKGSA boundary. Data obtained from the well permit applications is compiled to facilitate ease of review and tracking. The NKGSA has been reviewing all new well permit applications submitted to Fresno County. Since January 2021, there have been 226 well permit applications submitted and many have indicated the application is for a replacement well. The locations of the proposed new wells (including replacement wells) are being mapped to enable the NKGSA to identify any areas of concerns.

As the critically dry period continues, the number of permit applications both for new and replacement wells continues to increase. The NKGSA continues to be engaged with stakeholders regarding drought impacts. To facilitate the NKGSA's assessment of drought conditions, necessary resources, and potential recommended actions, the NKGSA is forming a drought response and evaluation workgroup. The workgroup will meet periodically to assess local drought conditions, discuss collaboration amongst agency partners and evaluate whether there are recommended actions the NKGSA should take. Any recommendations will be routed through the Advisory Committee and be approved by the NKGSA Board of Directors.

The NKGSA continues to be involved in discussions with CSU, Fresno's California Water Institute regarding development of additional tools to be used during the drought to help provide resources to those impacted by the drought conditions. The Drought Coordination and Assistance Program focusses resources to the eight San Joaquin Valley counties given the severe drought impacts experienced in the region during the

last critical drought. The initial efforts are focused on communications and outreach efforts. Phase 1 of this work includes a launch of the initial outreach tools developed by the coordination group. These tools are avaialble for use by individual agencies in hopes of promoting a consistent message regarding both drought conditions and drought resources. Self Help Enterprises (SHE) continues to lead the way through a state grant program for providing resources to affected residences. The resources include assistance with drilling new wells, pump repairs, initial assessments and SHE is encouraging residents who think their wells may be going dry to contact them at the onset of the problem.

Prepared by: Kassy D. Chauhan