North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency JPA

Regular Board Meeting
February 24, 2022

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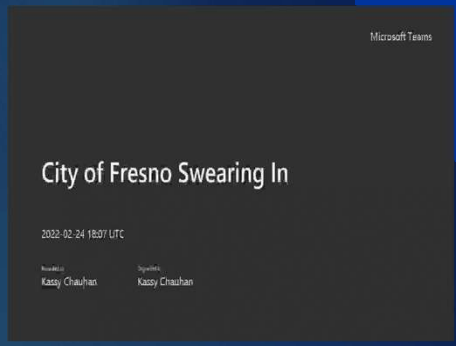
Call to Order



1. Swearing in of Appointed Alternate Director – City of Fresno
2. Call to Order
3. Pledge of Allegiance
   - Special Teleconference Instructions
   - Roll Call

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SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DUE TO COVID-19

Given the meeting restrictions created to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the NKGSA has transitioned to offering teleconference participation in NKGSA Board meetings only, until notified otherwise.

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Written and Verbal Comments

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the Board Meeting and will have an opportunity to provide public comments during the meeting under Agenda Item No. 7 and following each agenda item discussion. No prior arrangements are required to be able to make public comment but comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

Written Comments can also be provided up to one hour prior to the scheduled meeting. Written comments received in advance of the meeting 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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4. NKGSA Resolution 2022-04

a. In accordance with AB361, the Board will consider adoption of NKGSA Resolution 2022-04: Resolution of the NKGSA Board of Directors – Resolution Continuing the North Kings GSA Board Authority to hold virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361.

RECOMMENDATION:

- For the NKGSA Board of Directors to approve Resolution No. 2022-04 and continue to hold virtual meetings due to the current state of emergency related to Covid-19.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Requires Renewal Every 30 Days

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5. Review Agenda
6. Review of Future Meetings
   - Special Meeting Dates Possible: June and July 2022 – GSP Adoption
7. Public Presentations

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8. Potential Conflicts of Interest

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9. Administrative Matters:

   a. Discussion/Possible Action on Board Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2022

   b. Discussion/Possible Action – NKGSA Board Seat No. 7 – At Large – Vacancy (Chauhan)

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9.b. Board Seat No. 7 - Vacancy

- The At-Large, Seat No. 7 Director position can be filled by anyone falling into one of the three following categories:
  - Municipal/Industrial Water Supply Members not currently serving on the Board of Directors;
  - Contracting Entities; or,
  - Interested Parties.
- Each of the three terms above is defined in the bylaws. The "not currently serving on the Board of Directors" language under number 1 above is intended to avoid two board members being from the same entity. In other words, the At-Large Director can be from one of the NKGSA signatory agencies provided that the signatory agency is "not currently serving on the Board of Directors."

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Interested Individuals:

- **Kyle Moeller** – Senior Irrigation Technician – Fowler Packing
- **Chuck Rodriguez** –Biola CSD Board President

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9.b. Board Seat No. 7 - Vacancy

- Nomination Process:
  - Each Director will be asked if there is a nomination.
  - Nominations of Individuals will be in the form of a motion.
  - Each motion will be followed by a second and a roll call vote.
  - Voting to take place following solicitation for nominations.

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9.b. Administrative Matters

b. Discussion/Possible Action on Seating of Director for Vacant Board Seat No. 7 – At Large

- Voting By Roll Call Vote
- Official Motion - Action Required
- Seating of Alternate(s)
- Appointed Director Resumes Role – March 2022 – Oath of Office

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   c. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update (Samuelian)

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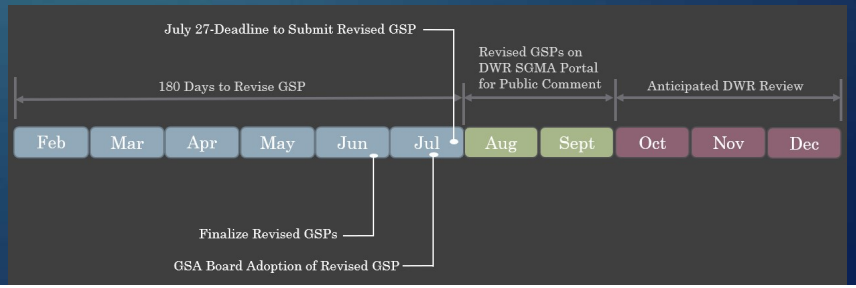
Kings Basin Update

- Grants:
  - DWR SGMA Implementation Grant Rd 1 Projects Underway (FID and Kerman in North Kings)
  - Submitted DWR SGMA Implementation Grant App for $7.6M for Kings Basin
    - Projects selected from Consolidated, James, Laguna and Fresno ID – Several DAC benefit projects
  - DWR Planning Grant - Continuing to gather well construction information on RMWs
- Preparing Annual Report (WY Oct 2020-Sep 2021). Due 4/1/2022
- Received DWR Comments on Basin GSPs
  - GSA Reps met with DWR staff on 2/4/22. Will have several follow-up meetings
  - Four Deficiencies. All Tied to Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs)
  - Requires addressing at Basin level through Basin coordination meetings first then to GSA Tech Workgroups
  - Revised GSPs due to State by July 27th
  - GSAs to adopt before resubmittal



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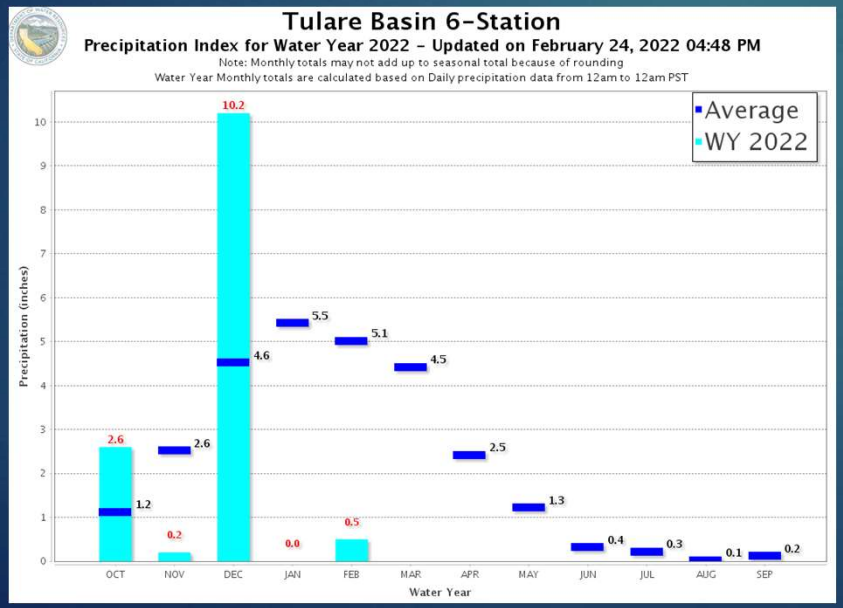
   d. Water Conditions Update

- Above Average December, Followed by Dry January 2022.



Initial 2022 Water Allocation for Friant Division:

Class 1: 15% (120,000 AF)
Class 2: 0%

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9. Administrative Matters

e. Advisory Committee Update

Decisions/Discussions:

- Continue to meet virtually (AB361) – 2nd Friday at 1:30

Recommended Actions:

- Approval of the Expenses (December 2021)
- Approval of the Financial Statements as of December 31, 2021
- Extension of Auditor Contract for At Least One Year.

9. Administrative

f. Discussion – Department of Water Resources SGMA Implementation Grant Application (Chauhan)

g. Workgroup Updates (Chauhan)
   i. Technical Workgroup
   ii. Policy Workgroup
      i. Agency Groundwater Impact Mitigation Policy Update

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9.g.i. Technical Workgroup

Reconvened Technical Committee – Technical Workgroup

- First Meeting – February 4, 2022
- Chair/Lead: Adam Claes (FID)
- Purpose: Review suggested changes to GSP and provide feedback on proposed revisions.
- Monthly Meetings Scheduled

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9.g.ii Policy Workgroup

Agency Reports: Requested Information

- Water Year 2021 (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021
- Data on:
  - Groundwater Pumping Estimates
  - Groundwater Recharge Volumes
  - Programs/Projects Completed Since January 2020
  - Tentative projects and timelines for GW Mitigation Projects
- Schedule:
  - Released Form – January 28, 2022
  - Due: **February 28, 2022**

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10. Financial Matters (Hailey)

a. Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of Expense Report for December 2021 (Hailey)
b. Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of the Financial Statements as of December 31, 2021 (Hailey)
c. Discussion/Possible Action – Extension of Current Auditor Contract for 2021-2022 Audit – Hudson Henderson & Company (Hailey)

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11. Executive Officer Report

11. EO Update

a. DWR Prop 68 Grant Project Update

- Savory Pond Project
  - Construction Underway

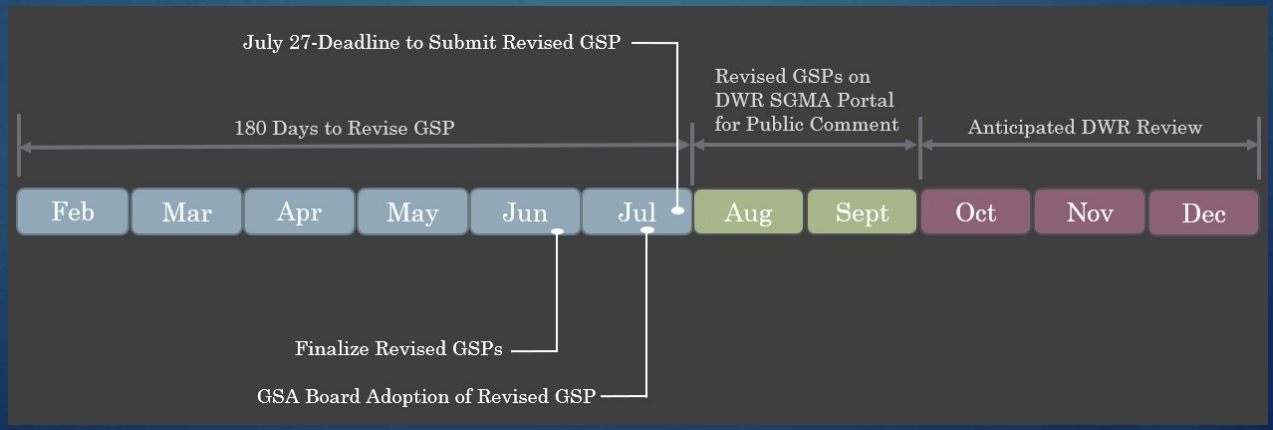
Installation of outfall structure and 36-inch RGRCP outfall pipe
Savory Recharge Basin I N/W Lincoln & Chestnut

Completing Oleander Canal to Savory Pond

Savory Recharge Basin I N/W Lincoln & Chestnut

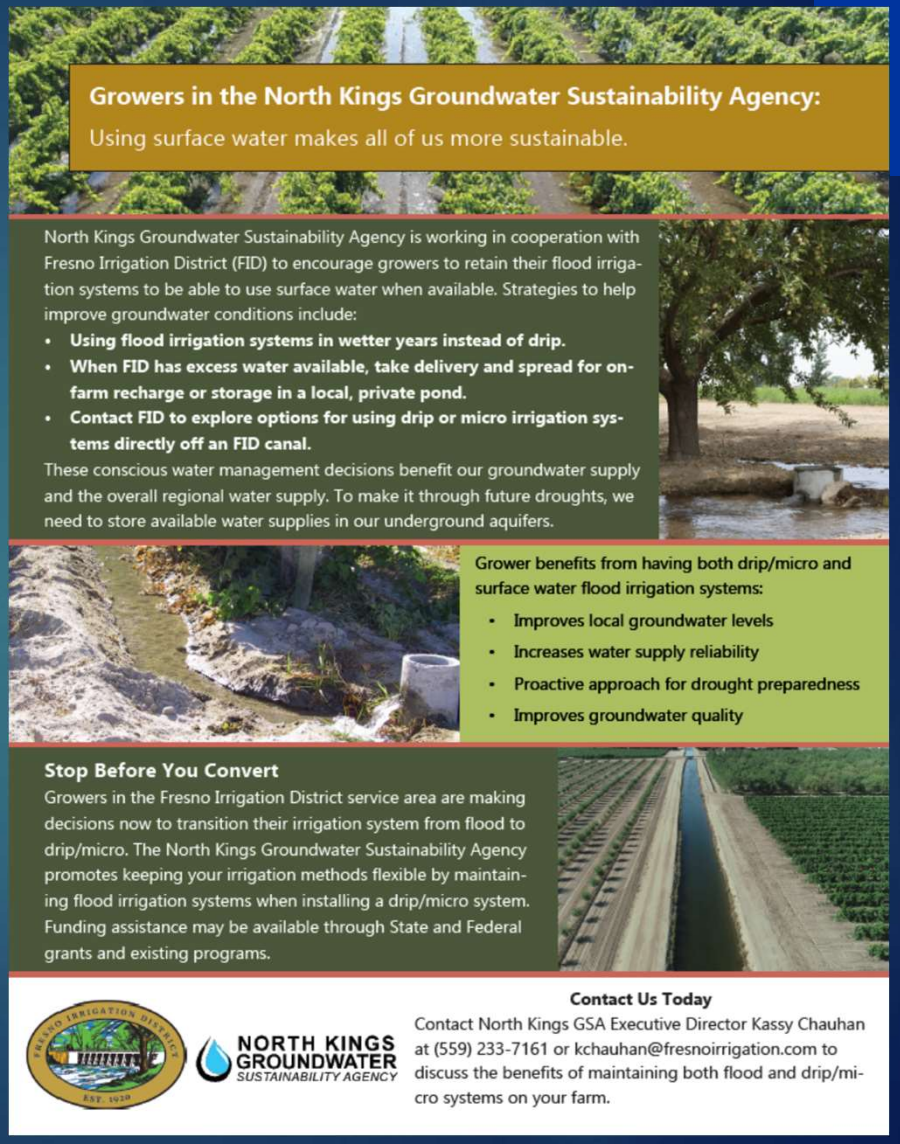
11.b. DWR GSP Comment Letter

- 4 Deficiencies
  - Coordinate Response
  - DWR Meetings/Discussions
  - Public Participation
    - Advisory Committee
    - NKGSA Board Meetings
    - Technical Workgroup



11.c. Outreach /External Affairs Update

- Grower Resources: Maintain Flood Irrigation Lines When Converting to Drip/Micro Irrigation
  - Translated to Hmong, Punjabi and Spanish
  - Will be Posted to Website – Grower Resources Tab
  - Will be Shared on Social
- Fresno County – White Areas – Engagement Post Card



11.c. Outreach – External Affairs

Upcoming Events:

- March 7 – FAACT Class – SGMA Compliance
- April 2 – WELL Conference – Reedley – SGMA Panel Discussion

11.d. Representative Monitoring Network

- Continued Efforts to Secure Well Access Agreements
- Identify Replacement Wells as Representative Monitoring Wells
- Review Destruction Permits for Potential Monitoring Locations

11.e. Misc

- Biola CSD DWR Grant Update
  - Working with DWR for Amendment – More Time/Reduced Scope
  - Biola Recharge Basin Project
- Upper Aquifer Study – Underway
- Kings Water Alliance Stakeholder Advisory Group
  - Lisa Koehn Represents NKGSA
  - Outreach Coordination Opportunities
- County Well Permit Review and Coordination with Permitting Agencies
- Stakeholder Group Participation
  - Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
  - San Joaquin Valley Blueprint
  - Collaborative Action Plan

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12. 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.

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

14. Adjournment

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

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