North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency JPA

Regular Board Meeting
March 24, 2022

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Call to Order

1. Swearing in of Alternate Director – Seat 7 – Mr. Carlos "Chuck" Rodriguez – Biola CSD
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 2022-06

a. In accordance with AB361, the Board will consider adoption of NKGSA Resolution 2022-06: 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. 2022-06 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 – February 24, 2022

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9. Administrative Matters:

   b. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update (Samuelian)

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Kings Basin Update

- Grants:
  - $4.8M DWR SGMA Implementation Grant Rd 1 Projects Underway (FID and Kerman in North Kings)
  - $7.6M DWR SGMA Implementation Grant Rd 2 – DWR staff approval
    - Projects from Consolidated, James, Laguna and Fresno ID
    - Anticipate signing contract by May and starting work as early as this summer
  - DWR Planning Grant - Continuing to gather well construction information on RMWs
- Finalizing Annual Report (WY Oct 2020-Sep 2021). Due 4/1/2022
  - Planning outreach associated with annual report and new $7.6M grant
- Coordination of GSP Revisions
  - Work progressing on all four deficiencies
    - GSA representatives working through water level SMC language changes. Meeting with DWR in early April to review
    - Subsidence, water quality and Interconnected SW changes are also progressing
  - Still targeting revised GSPs to GSAs in June for adoption in July and submit to State by July 27th

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9. Administrative Matters
   c. Water Conditions Update

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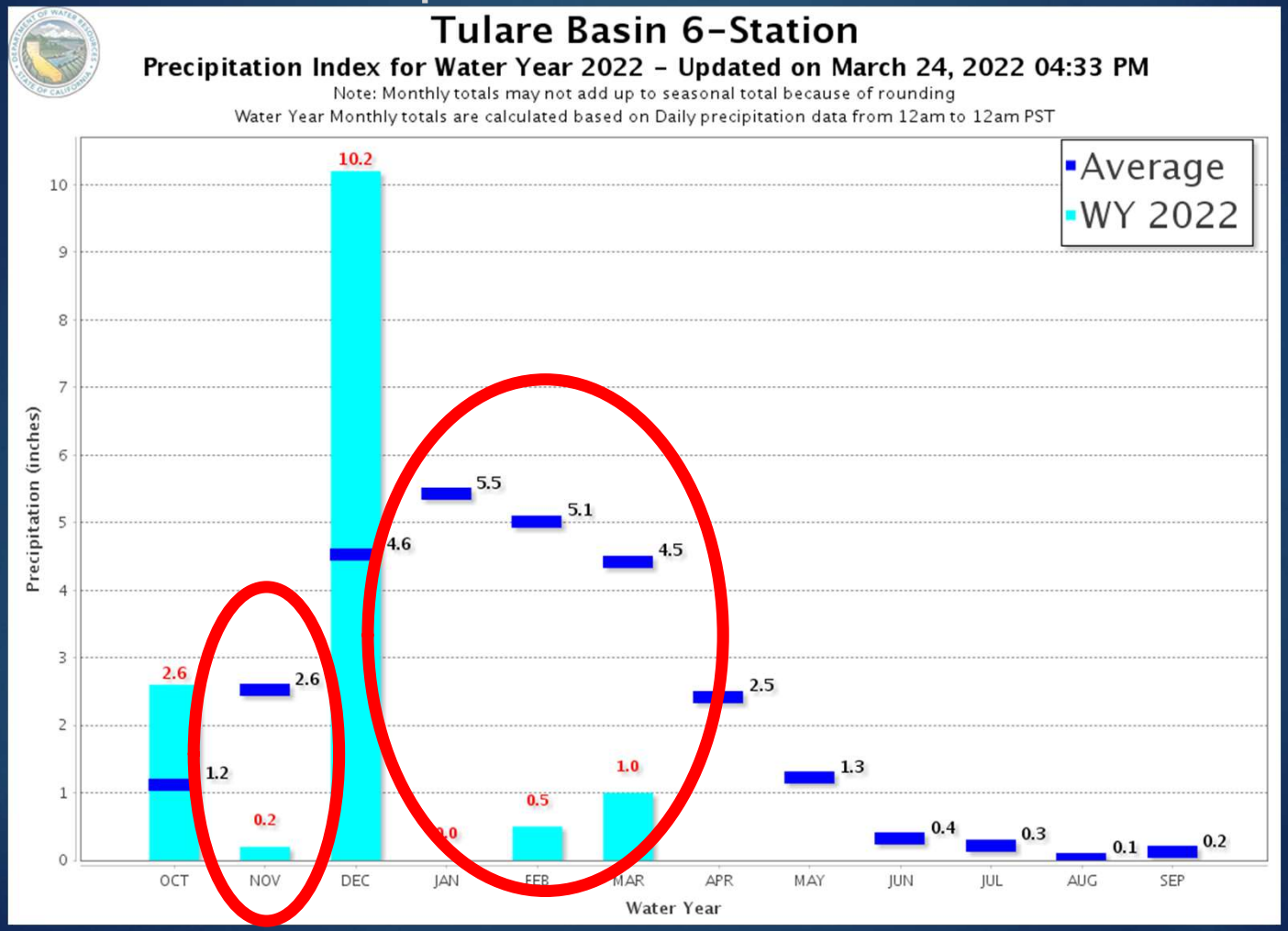
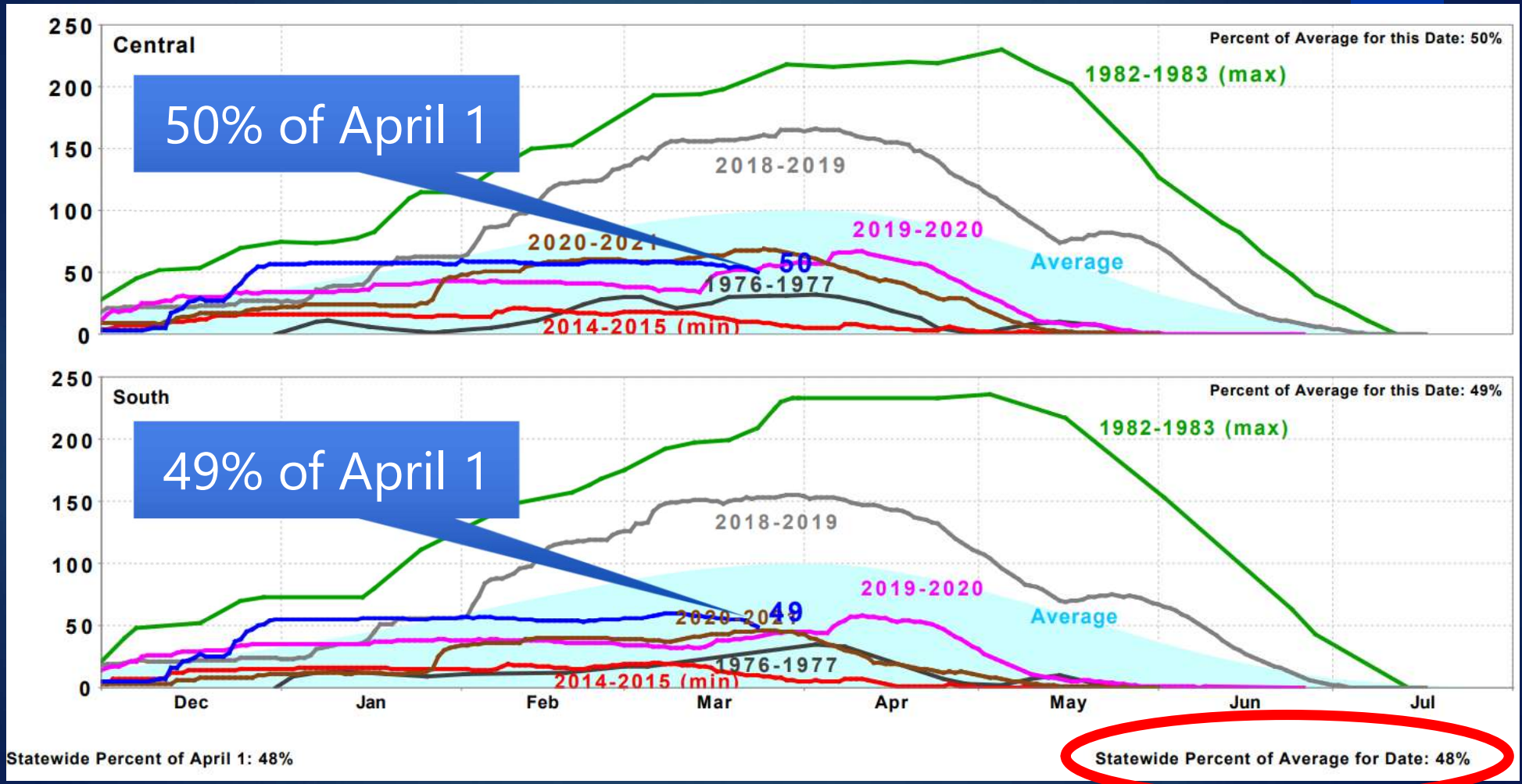
Water Conditions Update

- Pine Flat (Kings River): 350k AF storage
  - 68% of today's historic avg
- Millerton Lake (San Joaquin River): 299k AF
  - 83% of today's historic avg
- CVP: Class 1 initial allocation: 15%
    - May be reduced for Exchange Contractor deliveries
- CVP North and South of Delta: 0%
- State Water Project: 5%

Current Precipitation Conditions



Current Snow Conditions



Water Conditions Update

- Summary
  - Peak snowpack occurred late December 2021
    - Typically occurs late March/early April
  - 2022 Kings runoff will be between 2020 (53%) and 2021 (23%)
  - FID anticipates a 2 to 3 month irrigation season

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9. Administrative Matters

d. Advisory Committee Update

Decisions/Discussions:

- Possible In-Person Meetings – Starting April 2021

Recommended Actions:

- Approval of the Expenses (January 2022)
- Approval of the Financial Statements as of January 31, 2022
- Apply Member Agency Participation Balances to FY 2022-2023 Invoices
- Approved Updated Committee Roster – Fresno County

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 – Next Meeting – April 1
  - Review Proposed Edits to GSP to Address DWR Comments

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9.g.ii Policy Workgroup

- Agency Reports Submitted
- Evaluating Projects and Timelines

- Revised Mitigation Policy
  - Memorialize Commitment to Mitigate for GW Pumping – No Specific Water Budgets
    - Presentation to Policy Workgroup
    - Advisory Committee
    - Board of Directors

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10. Financial Matters (Hailey)

a. Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of Expense Report for January 2022 (Hailey)
b. Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of the Financial Statements as of January 31, 2022 (Hailey)
c. Discussion/Possible Action – Member Agency Participation Balances (Hailey)

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11. Executive Officer Report

11. EO Update

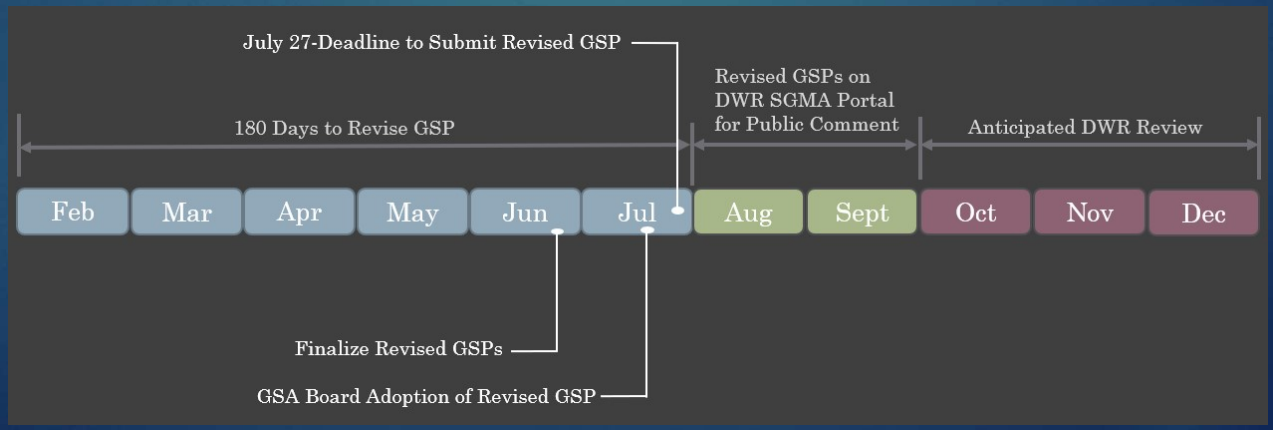
a. DWR Prop 68 Grant Project Update

- Savory Pond Project
  - Construction Nearing Completion
  - 900 Acre-feet Additional Recharge

Savory Recharge Basin
N/W Lincoln & Chestnut

11.b. DWR GSP Comment Letter

- 4 Deficiencies
  - Coordinated 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 - Update

- Fresno County – White Areas – Engagement Post Card

Fresno County Farm Bureau – FAACT Class – March 7th

World Water Day Symposium – FSU – March 22nd

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

- Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program – Application Due April 1, 2022
  - KRCD, UCCE, Fresno State
  - GSA Support Letter
  - Recharge
  - Research – Pilot Study
- Upper Aquifer Study – Underway
- 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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