# NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

**Advisory Committee Meeting – April 12, 2024**

In-Person and Teleconference Meeting

Please Note: All Committee Members are required to attend in person unless provisions of AB2449 have been satisfied.

Please notify Laurie Kiser immediately if you or your designated alternate(s) are unable to attend the Advisory Committee Meeting at the City of Clovis Public Safety Room on April 12, 2024.

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

**AGENDA**
**NKGSA Advisory Committee - Special Meeting**
**April 12, 2024, 1:30 PM**

**TELECONFERENCE and IN-PERSON MEETING**

The NKGSA is offering its Advisory Committee meeting both via teleconference and in-person. Members of the public are encouraged to participate either in person at the City of Clovis Public Safety Community Room, 1233 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA, or virtually using the information provided below. All committee members participating in the meeting will be in person.

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**
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**Written and Verbal Comments**

- Members of the public participating virtually will have an opportunity to provide public comments during the meeting under Agenda Item No. 2 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.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order

2. Public Presentations

3. Approval of Minutes:
    a. Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2024 Meeting

4. Financial Report
    a. Discussion / Possible action - Recommend Approval of Expense Reports for January 2024 and February 2024 (Koehn)
    b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Financial Statements as of February 29, 2024 (Koehn)
    c. Discussion / Possible Action – Revised Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 Budget (Chauhan/Koehn)
    d. Interested Parties Invoices Update

5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update (Samuelian)
    a. 2023 Annual Report to DWR

6. Administrative
    a. 2024 Well Permitting Update (Chauhan)
    b. Well Registration Tool Update (Chauhan)

7. Workgroup Updates and Actions
    a. Technical Workgroup Update (Claes)
    b. Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee Report (Koehn)

8. Member Agency/Committee Member Reports
    a. Advisory Committee/Member Agency Reports/Updates
        i. Water Supply Update (Claes)
        ii. Others
9. Executive Officer Update (Chauhan)
    a. Kings Basin Special Studies Update
    b. SGMA Implementation Projects Update
    c. Outreach / External Affairs Update
    d. Representative Monitoring Network Update
    e. Miscellaneous

10. Adjourn **Next Meeting: May 10, 2024**

# 3.a. – MEETING MINUTES – February 9, 2024

**MINUTES**
**(Preliminary – Subject to Revision/Approval at Next Meeting)**

**NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting**
**February 9, 2024**

**IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE**

**In attendance:**

**Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)
*Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)
*Jarrod Takemoto (Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Jesus Gonzalez (City of Kerman)
*Roy Jimenez (Fresno County)
*Nick Keller (Garfield Water District)
*Josh Rogers (Y &H / Biola CSD)
Carlos Rodriguez (Biola CSD)
Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)
Kristen Freberg (City of Clovis)
Lisa Koehn (Retired Clovis - Citizen)
Jennifer Marshall (KRCD - Citizen)
Don Wright (Water Wrights Reporter)

** - Acting Committee Chair
* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

*__**Note:__ To promote maximum participation in the NKGSA activities and meetings, this meeting was conducted in-person at the City of Clovis Public Safety Community Room (1233 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA 93612) as well as via web conference for members of the public wishing to participate remotely.*

**Item 1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 1:31 PM.

Instructions:
Instructions for participation by both remote and in-person attendees were given by Executive Officer Kassy Chauhan. Both written and verbal comments are accepted by all attendees and time will be made after each agenda item for comments to be heard.

Members of the Advisory Committee attended in person and were present/absent as follows:

| Agency Name | Present/Absent | Name of Person |
|---|---|---|
| Bakman Water Company | Present | Shay Bakman |
| Biola CSD | Present | Josh Rogers |
| City of Clovis | Absent | --- |
| City of Fresno | Present | Dejan Pavic * |
| City of Kerman | Present | Jesus Gonzalez |
| Fresno County | Present | Roy Jimenez |
| Fresno Irrigation District | Present | Adam Claes |
| Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District | Present | Jarrod Takemoto |
| Garfield Water District | Present | Nick Keller |

* Note: Arrived following action items under Section 4. Votes from Section 4 action items or prior will reflect member as absent; votes from Section 5 or later will reflect member as present.

**Item 2. Public Presentations**

There were no public presentations.

**Item 3. Approval of Minutes**

**Item 3a. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2024 Meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Takemoto; second by member Keller. Motion passed unanimously 7-0 (2 absent).

**Item 4. Financial Report**

**Item 4a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Expense Reports for December 2023**
*(Presented by Lisa Koehn)*

Expenses for the month of December totaled $47,367.52 and included payments to ACWA, Constant Contact, FID, QuickBooks, Provost & Pritchard, and legal fees.

Motion to recommend approval of the expense reports for December 2023 made by member Jimenez; second by member Takemoto. Motion passed unanimously 7-0 (2 absent).

**Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Financial Statements as of December 31, 2023**
*(Presented by Lisa Koehn)*

As of the end of December 2023, assets were at $1,584,508.14, with expenses to date at $149,406.95 (which is approximately 28% of the annual budget).

Motion to recommend approval of the financial statements as of December 31, 2023 made by member Keller; second by member Bakman. Motion passed unanimously 7-0 (2 absent).

**Item 4c. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Update**
*(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)*

The existing budget will continue to be used for the next month, but following that, a revised budget will be taken to the Board for approval. Revisions include upcoming programs and projects.

**Item 5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update**
*(Presented by Ronnie Samuelian)*

Work from the past few months continues. The revised GSP should be coming back for review in June or July. The domestic well mitigation program rules and regulations and guidelines are in draft form and are currently being reviewed by the Kings Basin Coordination Committee. There has been good coordination on

interconnected surface water with the Madera Basin and there have been regular meetings with that group including the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, Bay Institute and Friant Water Authority. Additionally, the fall groundwater contours and all data has finally been submitted. Overall, there was a significant reduction in the amount of pumping in 2023 due to the historic water year in 2023. The groundwater levels showed improvement but the rate of recovery in the wells is much slower than the rate of decline. Lastly, the water allocation framework is becoming more of a priority, but this will probably not be resolved until 2025.

**Item 6. Administrative**

**Item 6a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Improvements to the Groundwater Level Monitoring Network Wells to the NKGSA Board of Directors**
*(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)*

The current focus is on problem wells – identifying wells and needed improvements to those wells to prevent missed readings. Long-term options discussed include adding 48 new dedicated monitoring wells owned by the GSA to replace currently used active agricultural wells. This would require development of a 3- to 5-year plan, most likely starting in FY 2024-2025. A shorter-term option is the purchase of data loggers and telemetry that can be added to up to 10 monitoring wells. There is $25,000 available in the current budget for project costs to be dedicated towards this needed monitoring equipment.

Motion to recommend approval made by member Rogers; second by member Bakman. Motion approved unanimously 8-0 (1 absent).

**Item 6b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of NKGSA Policy 2024-001 – Minimum Well Depth Construction Policy**
*(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)*

The new policy would provide a minimum depth standard for construction of new wells within the GSA. This is being introduced in anticipation of future groundwater elevations. The "glide path" approach was discussed and the way that allows for groundwater levels to decline as indicated in the approved groundwater sustainability plan.

Motion to recommend approval made by member Keller; second by member Rogers. Motion approved unanimously 8-0 (1 absent).

**Item 6c. 2024 Well Permitting Update**
*(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)*

There has been minimal activity as of late. Five permits were approved in January, and two were been approved in February 2024 to date.

**Item 6d. Well Registration Tool Launch Schedule and Update**
*(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)*

The portal will be accessible on the NKGSA website next week and an educational page is in progress. An email blast will go out this month announcing the portal. A full launch is anticipated between April and December 2024. There has also been a need identified to re-engage with Fresno County white area landowners.

**Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions**

**Item 7a. Technical Workgroup Update**
*(Presented by Adam Claes)*

The workgroup met on January 24th and discussed the domestic well mitigation program and other studies. Different cost-share arrangements were discussed and are being considered for the initial implementation funding as well as funding for the long-term program..

**Item 7b. Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee Report**
*(Presented by Lisa Koehn)*

The committee met on January 18th; meetings will be quarterly. They went over a recap of 2023 events. "Back to school" events have received a good response in particular. Focus areas moving forward are ambient nitrate concentrations, DAC areas, and domestic well density and population density.

**Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports**

**Item 8a. Advisory Committee/Member Agency Reports/Updates**

**i. Water Supply Update**
*(Presented by Member Claes)*

Millerton Lake storage is at 300,000 AF; Pine Flat is at 663,000 AF. Initial allocations will be released by the end of February. FID is currently only bringing in CVP water. Data on snowpack is now outdated since the first snow study of the year happened before the February 4th – 7th storms.

**ii. Others**
There were no further reports.

**Item 9. Executive Officer Update**
*(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)*

**Item 9a. 2023 Year in Review and 2024 Priorities Discussion**

Multiple highlights from the past year were recapped. The revised GSP was approved. More than 200,000 AF of water was recharged. The well intake portal was developed. The representative monitoring network was improved. New financial policies were adopted. There was a high amount of stakeholder engagement. The well permit application process continued and all permits were reviewed and improved. The project list was updated and several implementation programs were either completed or began, including the Biola CSD recharge project, the Kenneson/Sanchez Basin (FID), and the Kerman Lions Park metered recharge project.

**Item 9b. Kings Basin Special Studies Update**

This was covered under the Kings Basin Update provided by Mr. Samuelian in Agenda Item 5.

**Item 9c. SGMA Implementation Projects Update**

There is a meeting scheduled with the new farm manager at Fresno State University to discuss farm operations and mitigation policies.

**Item 9d. Outreach / External Affairs Update**
Usual work continues on keeping the website current, engaging on social media, and providing newsletter updates.

**Item 9e. Representative Monitoring Network Update**

This item was discussed as part of the revised budget discussion in Agenda Item 4c.

**Item 9f. Miscellaneous**

FID has secured funding for equipment for FID growers. There is $1.3 M in funding designated for FID members from USDA/NRCS as a priority area.

**Item 10. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM.

**Next Meeting:** March 8, 2024

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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| AGENDA ITEM NO: | **4 (a-b)** |
| Executive Officer: | KDC |

# NKGSA-
# REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Advisory Committee Members

FROM: DeAnn Stork – Fiscal Agent

DATE: April 8, 2024

SUBJECT: Financial Update

ATTACHMENTS:
(A) NKGSA – Expense Reports – January and February 2024
(B) Financial Statements as of February 29, 2024
(C) Unpaid Invoices – February 2024

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

## RECOMMENDATION

For the Advisory Committee to recommend approval of the Expense Reports for January and February 2024 and Financial Statements as of February 29, 2024, to the NKGSA Board of Directors.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fiscal agent, DeAnn Hailey, has prepared the monthly expense reports for January and February 2024 (Attachment A) and the financial statements as of February 29, 2024 (Attachment B). All expenses are within the budget amounts with the exception of the audit expense which was slightly higher than the budgeted amount. This will addressed in a budget revision in the next few months as previously reported. There were no unexpected expenses noted.

The project costs line item for $25,000.00 has not been utilized thus far in FY 2023-2024 but the Advisory Committee and Board of Directors have approved use of these funds to

purchase telemetry equipment for up to 10 sustainable management criteria (SMC) wells in the NKGSA monitoring network.

There are unpaid invoices (Attachment C) associated with the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Proposition 68 SGMA implementation grant.

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. Expenses are in line with the amounts included in the NKGSA 2023-2024 Budget with the one exception being the audit services which were slightly more than the budgeted amount as noted above, as previously reported.

## REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

## ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The expense reports and financial statements will be provided to the NKGSA Board of Directors for approval at its board meeting on April 25, 2024.

Prepared by: DeAnn Stork

# 4 (a-b) - FINANCIAL REPORT –

## Expense Report – February and March 2024; and Financial Statements Through

## February 29, 2024

# North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Attachment A

## Transaction List with Splits

January 2024

| DATE | NUM | NAME | MEMO/DESCRIPTION | ACCOUNT | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo | | | | | |
| 01/01/2024 | 702642 | Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo | | Accounts Payable | 258.83 |
| | | | December 2023 Legal Services | Legal | 258.83 |
| Constant Contact, Inc. | | | | | |
| 01/29/2024 | | Constant Contact, Inc. | | BMO - Checking Account | (52.00) |
| | | | | Public Information | 52.00 |
| Cramer Marketing | | | | | |
| 01/03/2024 | | Cramer Marketing | | Accounts Payable | 113.49 |
| | | | Double Window Envelopes | Office Supplies | 113.49 |
| Fresno Irrigation District | | | | | |
| 01/03/2024 | 7336 | Fresno Irrigation District | | Accounts Payable | 7,041.57 |
| | | | December 2023 Hours | Staff Expense:Executive Officer | 6,309.03 |
| | | | December 2023 Fiscal Agent Hours | Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID) | 231.36 |
| | | | December 2023 Recording Secretary Hours | Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID) | 102.60 |
| | | | December 2023 Admin Fee 6% | Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID) | 398.58 |
| Intuit QuickBooks Online | | | | | |
| 01/16/2024 | | Intuit QuickBooks Online | | BMO - Checking Account | (42.50) |
| | | | | Office Supplies | 42.50 |
| Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group | | | | | |
| 01/29/2024 | 107068 | Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group | | Accounts Payable | 6,201.10 |
| | | | Project 02643-23-101 GEN | Professional Services:Engineering Consultant | 1,873.60 |
| | | | Project 02643-23-101 PUB | Public Information | 4,327.50 |
| 01/29/2024 | 107072 | Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group | | Accounts Payable | 3,130.00 |
| | | | Project 02643-23-100 COR | Kings Basin Coordination | 1,604.00 |
| | | | Project 02643-23-100 GWP | Kings Basin Coordination | 1,067.00 |
| | | | Project 02643-23-100 REP | Kings Basin Coordination | 459.00 |
| 01/29/2024 | 107088 | Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group | | Accounts Payable | 18,067.83 |
| | | | Kings Basin DGS KIN | Professional Services | 1,360.29 |
| | | | Kings Basin DGS SJR | Professional Services | 11,295.47 |
| | | | Kings Basin DGS SUB | Professional Services | 192.60 |
| | | | Kings Basin DGS WMP | Professional Services | 5,219.47 |

# North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Transaction List with Splits

February 2024

| DATE | NUM | NAME | MEMO/DESCRIPTION | ACCOUNT | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo | | | | | |
| 02/01/2024 | 006275 | Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo | | Accounts Payable | 3,290.71 |
| | | | January 2024 Services | Legal | 3,290.71 |
| C.J. Brown & Company CPAs | | | | | |
| 02/01/2024 | 20240131 | C.J. Brown & Company CPAs | | Accounts Payable | 300.00 |
| | | | SCO Report FYE 6/30/2023 | Audit Expense | 300.00 |
| Constant Contact, Inc. | | | | | |
| 02/27/2024 | | Constant Contact, Inc. | | BMO - Checking Account | (52.00) |
| | | | | Public Information | 52.00 |
| Fresno Irrigation District | | | | | |
| 02/08/2024 | 7358 | Fresno Irrigation District | | Accounts Payable | 10,951.98 |
| | | | Executive Officer Hours | Staff Expense:Executive Officer | 9,464.13 |
| | | | Fiscal Agent Hours | Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID) | 439.29 |
| | | | Recording Secretary Hours | Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID) | 32.33 |
| | | | Engineering Tech Hours | Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID) | 396.31 |
| | | | Admin Fee 6% | Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID) | 619.92 |
| Intuit QuickBooks Online | | | | | |
| 02/16/2024 | | Intuit QuickBooks Online | | BMO - Checking Account | (42.50) |
| | | | | Office Supplies | 42.50 |
| Kings River Conservation District | | | | | |
| 02/20/2024 | 5002 | Kings River Conservation District | | Accounts Payable | 1,648.72 |
| | | | | Public Information | 1,648.72 |
| Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group | | | | | |
| 02/23/2024 | 107696 | Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group | | Accounts Payable | 17,631.90 |
| | | | Project #02643-23-101 GEN | Professional Services:Engineering Consultant | 12,670.00 |
| | | | Project #02643-23-101 PUB | Public Information | 4,961.90 |
| 02/23/2024 | 107715 | Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group | | Accounts Payable | 5,344.00 |
| | | | Project #02643-23-100 COR | Kings Basin Coordination | 1,814.00 |
| | | | Project #02643-23-100 GWP | Kings Basin Coordination | 2,073.00 |
| | | | Project #02643-23-100 REP | Kings Basin Coordination | 1,457.00 |
| 02/23/2024 | 107722 | Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group | | Accounts Payable | 11,405.33 |
| | | | Kings Basin DGS KIN | Professional Services | 1,135.77 |
| | | | Kings Basin DGS SJR | Professional Services | 5,698.15 |
| | | | Kings Basin DGS SUB | Professional Services | 195.27 |
| | | | Kings Basin DGS WMP | Professional Services | 4,376.14 |

# North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
## Balance Sheet
As of February 29, 2024

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Bank Accounts | | |
| BMO - Checking Account | | 378,916.55 |
| BMO - Money Market Account | | 555,971.88 |
| LAIF | | 517,754.61 |
| Total Bank Accounts | $ | 1,452,643.04 |
| Accounts Receivable | | |
| Accounts Receivable | | 27,867.94 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | $ | 27,867.94 |
| Other Current Assets | | |
| Grants Receivable | | 26,180.91 |
| Total Other Current Assets | $ | 26,180.91 |
| Total Current Assets | $ | 1,506,691.89 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | $ | 1,506,691.89 |
| LIABILITIES & NET POSITION | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | | |
| Accounts Payable | | 39,620.66 |
| Total Accounts Payable | $ | 39,620.66 |
| Total Current Liabilities | $ | 39,620.66 |
| Total Liabilities | $ | 39,620.66 |
| Net Position | | |
| Legal Reserves Fund | | 500,000.00 |
| Net Investment | | 924,728.71 |
| Net Income | | 42,342.52 |
| Total Net Position | $ | 1,467,071.23 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION | $ | 1,506,691.89 |

# North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
## Budget vs. Actuals: FY 2023-2024 - FY24 P&L
July 2023 - February 2024

| | Actual | Budget | Remaining | % Remaining |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Income | | | | |
| Interested Party Contribution | 7,113.20 | 7,363.20 | 250.00 | 3.40% |
| Member/Contracting Entity | | | 0.00 | |
| Bakman Water Company | 1,449.85 | 1,449.85 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| Biola Community Services Distr | 56.23 | 56.23 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| City of Clovis | 12,083.24 | 12,083.24 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| City of Fresno | 62,371.19 | 62,371.19 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| City of Kerman | 1,627.19 | 1,627.19 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| County of Fresno | 31,772.14 | 31,772.14 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| Fresno Irrigation District | 142,576.29 | 142,576.29 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| Garfield Water District | 1,395.18 | 1,395.18 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| International Water District | 618.70 | 618.70 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| Total Member/Contracting Entity | $ 253,950.01 | $ 253,950.01 | $ 0.00 | 0.00% |
| Total Income | $ 261,063.21 | $ 261,313.21 | $ 250.00 | 0.10% |
| Gross Revenues | $ 261,063.21 | $ 261,313.21 | $ 250.00 | 0.10% |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Audit Expense | 6,025.00 | 5,000.00 | -1,025.00 | -20.50% |
| Bank Charges | 35.00 | 200.00 | 165.00 | 82.50% |
| Dues and Subscriptions | 3,313.17 | 3,315.00 | 1.83 | 0.06% |
| Insurance | 2,069.00 | 2,085.00 | 16.00 | 0.77% |
| Kings Basin Coordination | 26,049.07 | 70,000.00 | 43,950.93 | 62.79% |
| Legal | 12,985.90 | 60,000.00 | 47,014.10 | 78.36% |
| Office Supplies | 495.99 | 550.00 | 54.01 | 9.82% |
| Professional Services | 46,912.01 | 60,000.00 | 13,087.99 | 21.81% |
| Engineering Consultant | 31,296.38 | 100,000.00 | 68,703.62 | 68.70% |
| Security Services | 140.00 | 1,800.00 | 1,660.00 | 92.22% |
| Total Professional Services | $ 78,348.39 | $ 161,800.00 | $ 83,451.61 | 51.58% |
| Project Costs | | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 100.00% |
| Public Information | 44,981.84 | 75,000.00 | 30,018.16 | 40.02% |
| Staff Expense | | | 0.00 | |
| Executive Officer | 51,620.35 | 100,000.00 | 48,379.65 | 48.38% |
| Supporting Staff (FID) | 9,057.70 | 30,000.00 | 20,942.30 | 69.81% |
| Total Staff Expense | $ 60,678.05 | $ 130,000.00 | $ 69,321.95 | 53.32% |
| Total Expenses | $ 234,981.41 | $ 532,950.00 | $ 297,968.59 | 55.91% |
| Net Operating Income | $ 26,081.80 | -$ 271,636.79 | -$ 297,718.59 | 109.60% |
| Other Income | | | | |
| Interest Income | 8,595.63 | 8,000.00 | -595.63 | -7.45% |
| Unrealized Gain/Loss | 7,665.09 | | -7,665.09 | |
| Total Other Income | $ 16,260.72 | $ 8,000.00 | -$ 8,260.72 | -103.26% |
| Net Other Income | $ 16,260.72 | $ 8,000.00 | -$ 8,260.72 | -103.26% |
| Net Income | $ 42,342.52 | -$ 263,636.79 | -$ 305,979.31 | 116.06% |

Attachment C

# North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Unpaid Invoices

As of February 29, 2024

| DATE | TRANSACTION TYPE | NUM | OPEN BALANCE |
|---|---|---|---|
| NFKGSA - North Fork Kings GSA | | | |
| Prop 1 | | | |
| 04/15/2019 | Invoice | 1032 | 21,428.50 |
| **Total for Prop 1** | | | **$21,428.50** |
| Prop 68 | | | |
| 01/24/2022 | Invoice | 1102 | 775.62 |
| 02/04/2022 | Invoice | 1103 | 411.85 |
| 06/30/2022 | Invoice | 1117 | 45.25 |
| 10/14/2022 | Invoice | 1118 | 1,299.62 |
| 11/22/2022 | Invoice | 1119 | 190.25 |
| 02/27/2023 | Invoice | 1120 | 926.50 |
| 03/01/2023 | Invoice | 1123 | 279.55 |
| 03/01/2023 | Invoice | 1124 | 418.95 |
| 03/01/2023 | Invoice | 1122 | 2,006.60 |
| 03/31/2023 | Invoice | 1125 | 85.25 |
| **Total for Prop 68** | | | **$6,439.44** |
| **Total for NFKGSA - North Fork Kings GSA** | | | **$27,867.94** |
| **TOTAL** | | | **$27,867.94** |

# 9 (a - e) – Executive Officer Report

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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| AGENDA ITEM NO: | 9 (a) - (f) |
| Executive Officer: | KDC |

# NKGSA-
# REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TO: Chair and Committee Members

FROM: Executive Officer – Kassy Chauhan

DATE: April 8, 2024

SUBJECT: NKGSA Executive Officer Report

ATTACHMENTS: A: None

## Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Studies and Revisions

The Kings Basin continues to work on three studies committed to by the GSAs to address corrective actions identified by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in its adequacy determination letter to the Kings Basin. All three studies are being done by Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group.

### Domestic Well Mitigation Program:

The Kings Basin Coordination Committee worked over the last several months to provide input to allow for the drafting of the domestic well mitigation program including rules and regulations and guidelines. The draft documents were provided to the GSA managers in the Kings Basin to review and approve. Since that time, several meetings have been held with the NKGSA Technical Workgroup and the Technical Sub-group and the documents have been reviewed. The domestic well mitigation program documents include eligibility requirements for the program and a discussion on the administrative tasks needed for providing interim water supplies as well as permanent solutions for those domestic well owners with dry wells. The Technical Workgroup has had a significant amount of discussion around some of the eligibility requirements including considering the age of the well as an eligibility requirement as well as only allowing those who satisfy the disadvantaged income requirements (80 percent or less of the statewide median household income) to be eligible for mitigation funds from the NKGSA. It is estimated that there will be about 489 domestic (or state small water systems) wells that will go dry between now and 2040. The NKGSA has more wells that can be impacted than any of the other GSAs in the Kings Basin.

There are two phases being considered for establishing the funds needed to mitigate for domestic wells that may go dry prior to the groundwater levels stabilizing and the NKGSA reaching its sustainability goals. The first is the initial implementation funding which will allow the NKGSA to meet its regulatory obligation to have an adopted domestic well mitigation program and be

mitigating for domestic wells prior to the revised GSP being submitted to DWR in January 2025. The initial implementation funding is proposed to be $500,000 and will cover interim water supplies and replacement wells for those domestic well owners that qualify for the mitigation program. It is proposed that those funds be included in the FY 2024-2025 budget and be generated by using some reserves and from revenues collected from the participating agencies. The current proposal is to apply any excesses from the FY 2023-2024 budget to the domestic well mitigation program, request to borrow from legal reserves (legal or operating) to cover $300,000 and then include a $100,000 line item in the FY 2024-2025 budget. The funding for the initial implementation program will be limited but will allow the NKGSA to begin the implementation of the program including the administrative tasks, establishing the needed contracts and learn from the initial program to help inform the longer-term program.

The funding for the long term domestic well mitigation program is also being considered by the Technical Workgroup and Technical Sub-group and a recommendation will be provided to the Advisory Committee at a future meeting.

**Interconnected Surface Water Data Gap Analysis and Study**

The Kings Basin, primarily the McMullin Area GSA and the NKGSA, along with the technical staff at Provost & Pritchard, have been coordinating with the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and Friant Water Authority (FWA) to identify data gaps and coordination on how to establish sustainable management criteria for interconnected surface water. FWA has identified a loss of approximately 40,000 acre-feet of surface water as the water is released from Friant Dam and diverted to the San Joaquin River through Reaches 1 and 2, as provided via a comment letter from FWA on the revised GSPs for the NKGSA and MAGSA in 2022. Coordination on the San Joaquin River also involves the Madera GSA representatives. The Kings Basin will be reporting on the level of coordination amongst all of the parties on the San Joaquin River as it works to establish SMCs for interconnected surface water. Given the needed studies and evaluations as well as work needing to be completed by Reclamation and FWA, the SMCs will not be set prior to the submittal of the revised GSP in January 2025 but additional progress will have been made.

Coordination between the Kings GSA and Kings River Water Association is taking place to evaluate interconnected surface water data gaps and studies for the Kings River. Progress on those efforts will also be reported in the updated GSP in January 2025.

**Confined Aquifer Study:**

Provost & Pritchard is working with MAGSA, James ID and North Fork Kings GSA on the confined aquifer study and waiting for data to be submitted by the individual agencies. The study is evaluating pumping above and below the Corcoran clay layers. The GSAs are prohibiting the drilling of wells below the Corcoran clay layers since adoption of their initial GSPs in 2020 but there are legacy wells that need to be identified and quantified to ensure the pumping of these wells is not causing undesirable results related to land subsidence.

## SGMA Implementation Project Updates

Progress continues on the projects being constructed under the Round 1 SGMA implementation grant funds. These projects include Fresno Irrigation District's (FID's) Carter-Bybee Basin, along with projects for Consolidated Irrigation District, James Irrigation District and Riverdale Irrigation District. The total grant award was $7.6 million.

Construction on a second FID recharge basin, the Kenneson-Sanchez Basin, has been substantially completed and the basin will be receiving surface water in the upcoming irrigation season for FID. The project was funded by FID, IRWMP grant, and an NRCS Recharge Pilot Program grant.

Work on the City of Kerman's Lion's Park meter project to measure water diverted for groundwater recharge purposes at the Lion's Park Recharge Basin is almost complete but has been delayed due to the delivery of the meter. This project will be the first groundwater sustainability project completed by the City of Kerman.

Malaga County Water District is working with the FMFCD on a Prop 1 grant to interconnect Basin CK to FID's canal to allow water to be diverted for groundwater recharge credited to the Malaga County Water District. Construction has started and will continue through the Spring 2024.

Pinedale County Water District has secured an agreement with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District to use their water supply available through an agreement with FID in Basin DH. Pinedale is working with FID to be able to take deliveries this irrigation season which started on April 1, 2024. Since Basin DH is a Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Basin (FMFCD), the Basin will have to be decommissioned prior to being available for recharge. In recent years, the basin has not been used for routing urban storm water.

**Outreach and External Affairs**

The NKGSA remains active on social media including recent posts related to the groundwater sustainability projects being completed by its member agencies. Additionally, the NKGSA actively engages with stakeholders via e-blogs and by providing information on the website. Participation in the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, the Collaborative Action Plan and the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley continues.

At the upcoming ACWA Spring Conference, I will be participating in two panel discussions related to long-term financial sustainability for GSAs and other challenges related to SGMA implementation in uncertain times. The ACWA Spring Conference will be held in Sacramento on May 6-9, 2024, and is attended by many water professionals.

**Miscellaneous**

*Well Intake Portal Launch*

The well registration tool is live and can be accessed on the NKGSA website. The NKGSA has begun to distribute materials and advertise the availability of the tool on its website. It is expected that well owners will be able to provide information on their wells throughout most of 2024.

For those farmers with multiple wells, there is an option for a batch upload of well information especially if it's been summarized in a table to eliminate the need for inputting the information individually.

*MAGSA IS/MND for the Aquaterra Water Bank Project*

MAGA released the environmental documents for their Aquaterra Water Bank Project on March 18, 2024, and the documents are available for public comment through April 18, 2024. The documents are being reviewed and a comment letter is being drafted to address concerns with the project. The comment letter is being jointly provided by others in the Kings Basin. A copy of the letter will be provided once it is finalized. The Aquaterra Water Bank project is proposed to offer 800,000 acre-feet of storage through a series of basins located throughout the MAGSA service area and relies on water from the State Water Contractors or the Central Valley Project.

*Proposed Legislation*

The new legislative session is in full swing and there are several bills being tracked related to SGMA and/or SGMA implementation. Specifically, the NKGSA is paying close attention to AB2079 (D-Bennett) who is working with DWR on legislation that limits permitting for wells greater than 8-inches in diameter in areas of known subsidence and that will influence neighboring wells in critically overdrafted basins. Secondly, AB828 (Connolly – D) which would exempt disadvantaged communities and managed wetlands from fees imposed by groundwater sustainability agencies and would omit them from compliance with pumping restrictions imposed on other well owners in the basin. These bills, along with about 2000 other proposed pieces of legislation are making their way through the legislative process and are being watched to determine potential impacts to SGMA implementation or specifically the NKGSA or its participating agencies.

*Well Permit Review:*

The NKGSA continues to review 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. The locations of the proposed new wells (including replacement wells) are being mapped to enable the NKGSA to identify any areas of concerns. In addition, the NKGSA is notified by the State of California any time there is a report of a well going dry through the My Well Went Dry portal housed on DWR's website.

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