NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Advisory Committee Meeting – April 11, 2025

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 11, 2025.

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA
NKGSA Advisory Committee – Regular Meeting
April 11, 2025, 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.

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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 of March 14, 2025, Regular Meeting

4. Financial Report
    a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Expense Reports for February 2025 (Koehn)
    b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Financial Statements as of February 28, 2025 (Koehn)
    c. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the FY 2024-2025 Revised Budget (Koehn/Chauhan)

5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update (Samuelian)

6. Administrative
    a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the North Kings GSA Advisory Committee Roster (Chauhan)
    b. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of North Kings GSA Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Policy - NKGSA-2025-001 (Chauhan)
    c. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update (Chauhan)
    d. 2025 Well Permitting Update (Chauhan)

7. Workgroup Updates and Actions
    a. Technical Workgroup Update (Claes)

8. Member Agency/Committee Member Reports
    a. Advisory Committee/Member Agency Reports/Updates
        i. Water Supply Update (Claes)

9. Executive Officer Update (Chauhan)
    a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update
    b. Outreach / External Affairs Update
    c. Representative Monitoring Network Update
    d. Miscellaneous

10. Adjourn

Next Regular Meeting: May 9, 2025

3.a – MEETING MINUTES – March 14, 2025

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

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting
March 14, 2025

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

*Jarrod Takemoto (Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)
*Paul Armendariz (City of Clovis)
*Nick Keller (Garfield Water District)
*Anthony White (City of Fresno)
Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
David Boyer (NKGSA legal counsel) – online
Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)
Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)
Kristen Freberg (City of Clovis)
Lisa Koehn (Clovis)
Erik Rodriguez (UCANR)
Don Wright (Reporter)
Sayre Miller (Ag)
Miguel Serrano (Kings River Drilling)
Tom Krazan (Kings River Drilling)
Randy Witt (Well Owner)
John Hurtado (Well Owner)
Ngodoo Atume (UCANR) – online
Jasmine Ramirez (Self-Help Enterprises) – online

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

*__**Note:__ 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 1:33 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	Absent	---
City of Clovis	Present	Paul Armendariz
City of Fresno	Present	Anthony White
City of Kerman	Absent	---
Fresno County	Absent	---
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	*Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Present	Jarrod Takemoto
Garfield Water District	Present	Nick Keller

**Serving as Committee Chair during this meeting*

Item 2. Public Presentations

Item 2a. University of California Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SAREP) – SGMA Small Farms Technical Assistance Program
(Presented by Ngodoo Atume and Erik Rodriguez)

A presentation was provided on the services and resources provided by UCANR, specifically their Small Farms Technical Assistance Program. One of their primary goals is to educate small-scale farmers about the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) and its potential impacts to the small farmers.

Small-scale farmers are considered to have a range of 0.5 to 60 acres of land (the median for the San Joaquin Valley is 8 to 10 acres). The farmers come from

diverse cultural backgrounds, and many of them are former farm workers transitioning to owning their own farms. They often focus on diversified crop groups and heavily rely on farmers markets and wholesale packing for their businesses. On average, they use less than 2 acre-feet per acre of water each year for mixed-vegetable farms (much lower water usage than the farms with nut tree crops). Because of their unique circumstances, there is a need for resources to educate about SGMA and provide guidance for compliance.

Among the services provided are: translation services (live events or documents), identification of which GSA the small farmers belong to, SGMA compliance assistance, engagement and accessibility of information, outreach, reviewing small farm lease agreements, and facilitating communication between farmers and GSAs. Erik Rodriguez serves the Fresno and Madera Counties.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Item 3a. Approval of Minutes from January 10, 2025 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Armendariz; second by member Takemoto. Motion passed unanimously 5-0, with 1 abstaining (member Bakman) and 3 absent.

Item 4. Financial Report

Item 4a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Expense Reports for December 2024 and January 2025
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Transactions for December 2024 totaled $29,659.11, including payments to ACWA, Constant Contact, FID, Intuit Quickbooks, and Provost & Pritchard.

Transactions for January 2025 totaled $70,845.69, including payments to attorneys, the CPA company for the State Controller's report, Constant Contact, FID, Intuit Quickbooks, KRCD, Onset Computer Corporation (for work related to monitoring wells), and Provost & Pritchard.

Motion to recommend approval of the December 2024 and January 2025 expense reports made by member Keller; second by member Bakman. Motion passed unanimously 6-0, with 3 absent.

Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Financial Statements as of January 31, 2025
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

As of January 31, 2025, assets totaled $1,781,478.77. Expenses through January 31 totaled $275,584.32, which is approximately 23% of the budget.

Motion to recommend approval of the financial statements made by member Armendariz; second by member Keller. Motion passed unanimously 6-0, with 3 absent.

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

Periodic evaluation and revised GSPs were submitted on January 31st. DWR has posted them for public review, which will close on April 20th. It is anticipated that their review will be complete a couple of months following that but could take through the end of the calendar year.

The domestic well mitigation program has been up and running since October. So far, only one inquiry has been received. A webinar for well drillers and pump companies will be held on March 25th.

Coordinated work on interconnected surface water continues with the Madera Basin.

The annual report is due April 1st and is in final stages of completion.

Allocation framework discussions were initiated in February 2025 and will continue through much of 2025.

The Kings Basin is considering hiring a lobbyist to focus on SGMA-related issues due to the large number of groundwater-specific items needing attention.

Item 6. Administrative

Item 6a. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Since October, there have been extensive discussions regarding the funding mechanism for this program. The proposed budget is $1 million, with $250k coming from reserves from year 1. A proposed breakdown by member agency was included in the meeting packet. Staff are recommending the Advisory Committee recommend support of the proposed funding strategy, including total budget amount and member agency contributions, to the Board of Directors, which will then be approved through the FY 2025-2026 budget approval process. The Advisory Committee members did not have any additional discussion related to what was recommended by the Technical Workgroup which included the following contributions:

Agency	Acreage Served	GSA Admin Cost Share	GSA Admin Portion	Remaining Portion	Total
FID	170058	55.67%	$139,175	$285,300	$424,475
Fresno	75659	24.72%	$61,800	$38,200	$100,000
Clovis	15294	4.92%	$12,300	$7,700	$20,000
Bakman	1994	0.64%	$1,600		$1,600
Kerman	2089	0.67%	$1,675		$1,675
Fresno County	38807	12.48%	$31,200	$168,800	$200,000
Garfield	1809	0.58%	$1,450		$1,450
Biola	237	0.08%	$200		$200
International	736	0.24%	$600		$600
		Total Funding =	$250,000	$500,000	$750,000

Item 6b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of North Kings GSA Domestic Well Mitigation Program Revolving Fund Policy – NKGSA-ACCT-511

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Per the policy, funding for the domestic well mitigation program would be earmarked and held in a special reserve and dedicated for use to pay for domestic well mitigation costs. The draft policy includes a program fund balance of $3 million or three years of average expenses, whichever is less. Use of the funds would be delegated to the Executive Officer but would require reporting when funds are used. In the event that the program fund is to be dissolved, contributions paid by individual agencies would be refunded. The policy has been reviewed by North Kings legal counsel, the fiscal agent, the Technical Workgroup, and the Admin/Fiscal Workgroup.

Motion to recommend approval of NKGSA-ACCT-511 made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously 6-0, with 3 absent.

Item 6c. 2025 Goals and Priorities for North Kings GSA
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Goals for 2025 include: submittal of the updated GSP and periodic evaluation; implementation and continued funding for the domestic well mitigation program; monitoring network improvements; submittal of the 2024 annual report to DWR; well registration; continuation of the interconnected surface water study; review of member agency mitigation targets and efforts/progress to address overdraft; continued outreach and stakeholder engagement; engagement with elected officials and policymakers; and routine engagement with the NKGSA Board of Directors.

Item 6d. 2025 Well Permitting Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

There was a total of 229 applications submitted in 2024. As of right now, the current number of well permit applications is trending lower than this time in 2024.

Item 6e. Well Registration Program Update and Next Steps
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

To date, 107 wells have been registered through the well registration portal through a voluntary program started in March 2024. There are more than 8,000 wells within the NKGSA boundary and the NKGSA needs to have a better accounting of the wells within its boundary. To improve participation in the well registration efforts,

there is a need to move towards requiring well registration in the future, rather than the current voluntary registration program.

Well registration is important to maintain local control (as opposed to state control) and to provide better data for groundwater management decisions. It is also necessary to implement management actions listed in the GSP. Staff will be bringing back a well registration policy for consideration by the Advisory Committee during its April 2025 meeting. The NKGSA Technical Workgroup is working on developing the draft policy for consideration.

Erik Rodriguez raised a concern regarding data confidentiality and the importance of ensuring that well owners' private information isn't unnecessarily accessible. Work is being done to ensure that information is kept secure.

Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

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

The well registration program will be a focus in upcoming months.

Funding for year 3 and beyond of the domestic well mitigation program is still uncertain and needs further discussion/work. This will be a major priority for the workgroup.

Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

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

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

Friant Class 1 allocations are currently at 45%.

FID is trying to determine when to start the water delivery system for the year. The winter was very dry but recent storms could change the data regarding FID supply.

The snow water content is just below this time last year. On March 1st, the on-the-ground snow survey indicated 60% of the April 1 average water content. This does not take mid-March storms into account.

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

Item 9a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update
Prop 4 funds were approved and the first round of that funding should be available for project applications later this year. The EO urged the agencies to be prepared with their projects with the funds are announced.

Item 9b. Outreach / External Affairs Update
2024 analytics show growth in new followers and engagement on social media, as well as an increase in email subscribers. Several improvements have been made to the NKGSA website in the past year. There will be speaking engagements in March and May 2025.

Item 9c. Representative Monitoring Network Update
We are currently in the process of obtaining easements for 12 new wells. Spring 2025 water level measurements have been taken. Data loggers have been purchased and are ready to install.

Item 9d. Miscellaneous
We continue to follow other basins who are currently going through the State Water Board probationary process. The Kern Basin has been given more time to work on implementing items from their GSP before it is revisited in September.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 PM.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2025

4 (a-b) - FINANCIAL REPORT –

Expense Reports – February 2025;

Financial Statements Through

February 28, 2025

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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, 2025

SUBJECT: Financial Update

ATTACHMENTS:
(A) NKGSA – Expense Report – February 2025
(B) Financial Statements as of February 28, 2025

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the Advisory Committee to recommend approval of the Expense Reports for February 2025, and Financial Statements as of February 28, 2025, to the NKGSA Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fiscal agent, DeAnn Hailey, has prepared the monthly expense reports through February 2025 (Attachments A) and the financial statements as of February 28, 2025 (Attachment B). All expenses are within the budget amounts and no unexpected expenses were noted. The subscription for the bookkeeping software, Quick Books, has increased in price and an adjustment to the budget for the Office Supplies budget line item will be needed to account for the increased cost.

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 2024-2025 Budget.

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 24, 2025.

Prepared by: DeAnn Stork

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Attachment A

Transaction List with Splits

February 2025

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Association of California Water Agencies					
02/12/2025	20250112	Association of California Water Agencies		Accounts Payable	3,313.17
			2025 Affiliate Support	Dues and Subscriptions	3,313.17
Constant Contact, Inc.					
02/27/2025		Constant Contact, Inc.		Accounts Payable	56.00
				Public Information	56.00
Fresno Irrigation District					
02/21/2025	07558	Fresno Irrigation District		Accounts Payable	10,301.37
			January 2025 Hours	Staff Expense:Executive Officer	7,930.60
			January 2025 Fiscal Agent Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	560.11
			January 2025 Recording Secretary Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	891.13
			January 2025 Engineering Tech III Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	168.05
			January 2025 GIS Specialist Surveyor Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	168.38
			January 2025 Admin Fee 6%	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	583.10
Intuit QuickBooks Online					
02/15/2025	10001372972060	Intuit QuickBooks Online		Accounts Payable	99.00
			QuickBooks Online Plus subscription	Office Supplies	99.00
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group					
02/26/2025	117577	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	17,659.00
			On-going GEN January 2025 Services	Professional Services:Engineering Consultant	8,909.30
			On-going PUB January 2025 Services	Public Information	8,749.70
02/27/2025	117582	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	858.80
			North Kings GSA DWM 001 January 2025 Services	Project Costs	858.80
02/27/2025	117587	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	10,048.86
			Kings Basin Coord COR January 2025 Services	Kings Basin Coordination	5,674.96
			Kings Basin Coord GWP January 2025 Services	Kings Basin Coordination	2,204.10
			Kings Basin Coord REP January 2025 Services	Kings Basin Coordination	2,169.80

Attachment B

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Balance Sheet
As of February 28, 2025

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
BMO - Checking Account		283,157.56
BMO - Money Market Account		916,043.71
LAIF		542,944.26
Total Bank Accounts	**$**	**1,742,145.53**
Total Current Assets	**$**	**1,742,145.53**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$**	**1,742,145.53**
LIABILITIES & NET POSITION		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable		31,879.83
Total Accounts Payable	**$**	**31,879.83**
Total Current Liabilities	**$**	**31,879.83**
Total Liabilities	**$**	**31,879.83**
Net Position		
Net Investment		705,555.41
Reserves - Legal Fund		500,000.00
Reserves - Well Mitigation Program		25,000.00
Net Income		479,710.29
Total Net Position	**$**	**1,710,265.70**
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	**$**	**1,742,145.53**

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Budget vs. Actuals
July 2024 - February 2025

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Interested Party Contribution	7,113.20	7,113.20	0.00	100.00%
Member/Contracting Entity			0.00	
Bakman Water Company	5,145.29	5,145.29	0.00	100.00%
Biola Community Services Distr	1,393.16	1,393.16	0.00	100.00%
City of Clovis	39,554.47	39,554.47	0.00	100.00%
City of Fresno	186,897.93	186,897.93	0.00	100.00%
City of Kerman	5,386.49	5,386.49	0.00	100.00%
County of Fresno	100,333.31	100,333.31	0.00	100.00%
Fresno Irrigation District	430,696.93	430,696.93	0.00	100.00%
Garfield Water District	4,662.92	4,662.92	0.00	100.00%
International Water District	1,929.49	1,929.49	0.00	100.00%
Total Member/Contracting Entity	**$ 775,999.99**	**$ 775,999.99**	**$ 0.00**	**100.00%**
Total Income	**$ 783,113.19**	**$ 783,113.19**	**$ 0.00**	**100.00%**
Expenses				
Audit Expense	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Dues and Subscriptions	3,313.17	3,315.00	-1.83	99.94%
Insurance	2,069.00	2,085.00	-16.00	99.23%
Kings Basin Coordination	63,588.26	90,000.00	-26,411.74	70.65%
Legal	15,323.26	40,000.00	-24,676.74	38.31%
Office Supplies	734.99	600.00	134.99	122.50%
Professional Services	4,051.40	0.00	4,051.40	
Engineering Consultant	52,892.79	100,000.00	-47,107.21	52.89%
Security Services		1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
Total Professional Services	**$ 56,944.19**	**$ 101,000.00**	**-$ 44,055.81**	**56.38%**
Project Costs			0.00	
Well Mitigation	25,229.35	500,000.00	-474,770.65	5.05%
Well Monitoring	25,824.37	200,000.00	-174,175.63	12.91%
Total Project Costs	**$ 51,053.72**	**$ 700,000.00**	**-$ 648,946.28**	**7.29%**
Public Information	70,915.72	110,000.00	-39,084.28	64.47%
Staff Expense			0.00	
Executive Officer	38,668.80	100,000.00	-61,331.20	38.67%
Supporting Staff (FID)	9,309.41	30,000.00	-20,690.59	31.03%
Total Staff Expense	**$ 47,978.21**	**$ 130,000.00**	**-$ 82,021.79**	**36.91%**
Total Expenses	**$ 317,920.52**	**$ 1,183,000.00**	**-$ 865,079.48**	**26.87%**
Net Operating Income	**$ 465,192.67**	**-$ 399,886.81**	**$ 865,079.48**	**-116.33%**
Other Income				
Interest Income	12,585.41	25,000.00	-12,414.59	50.34%
Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,932.21		1,932.21	
Total Other Income	**$ 14,517.62**	**$ 25,000.00**	**-$ 10,482.38**	**58.07%**
Change in Net Position	**$ 479,710.29**	**-$ 374,886.81**	**$ 854,597.10**	**-127.96%**

4 (c) – FY 2024-2025 Revised Budget

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO: **4 (c)**
Executive Officer: KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Advisory Committee Members

FROM: DeAnn Hailey – Fiscal Agent

DATE: April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Revision

ATTACHMENTS: (A) FY 2024-2025 Budget Revision

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the Advisory Committee to recommend to the NKGSA Board of Directors to approve the revised budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NKGSA) Board of Directors approved the FY 2024-2025 budget at a regular meeting on June 27, 2024. Expenses through February 28, 2025, showed total expenses are less than what has been budgeted and there are some line items that need adjusting to account for increased or reduced expenses. The primary line items being adjusted are a decrease in legal fees (from $40,000 budgeted to $30,000 revised), a slight increase in professional services by others (from $60,000 budgeted to $61,000 revised), and an overall reduction in staffing costs (Executive Officer reduced from $100,000 budgeted to $70,000 revised and other support staff reduced from $30,000 to $20,000). Some line items (office supplies, and public information) were increased.

The total income was not adjusted in the revised FY 2024-2025 budget.

Project Costs Planned Expenses

The FY 2024-2025 approved budget included $700,000 for project costs specifically for the domestic well mitigation program ($500,000) and improvements to the representative monitoring network ($200,000). The planned expenses for the improvements to the monitoring network will be encumbered before the end of the fiscal year as final details are being addressed so the project can go out to bid. This work includes the drilling of dedicated monitoring wells for both the interconnected surface water monitoring network and the groundwater level monitoring network. Any unused budgeted funds for the representative monitoring network improvements will be earmarked for use in the following fiscal year.

The project costs associated with the domestic well mitigation program were budgeted for $500,000, with a portion coming from member agency contributions in FY 2024-2025, and a portion coming from reserves. Total project costs through February 28, 2025, for the domestic well mitigation program are $25,229.35 and the total costs for FY 2024-2025 are expected to be far below the total budgeted amount. Any unused funds for the domestic well mitigation program will be set aside in the revolving fund account to be used towards future year expenses in accordance with the NKGSA Domestic Well Mitigation Program Revolving Fund Policy (NKGSA-ACCT-511) approved by the Board of Directors on March 27, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

The revised budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 results in an overall reduction in total expenses from $1,183,000 to $1,153,570. The net position change of $29,430.00 will be held in reserve in the member agency participation balances.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The revised budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 reflects total expenses remaining through the end of the fiscal year. The proposed budget for FY 2025-2026 will be prepared based on expected expenses during the next fiscal year. Member agency contributions will be determined based on the percentages adopted by the Board for member agency assessments and total anticipated expenses for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The revised budget will be submitted to the Board for approval at its April 24, 2025, regular board meeting.

Prepared by: Kassy D. Chauhan

Attachment A.

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Budget vs. Actuals

	Jul '24 - Feb '25 Actual	6/27/2024 Approved 2024-2025 Budget	% of Budget	3/28/2025 Proposed 2024-2025 Budget	% of Budget
Income					
Interested Party Contribution	7,113.20	7,113.20	100%	7,113.20	100%
Member/Contracting Entity					
Bakman Water Company	5,145.29	5,145.29	100%	5,145.29	100%
Biola Community Services Distr	1,393.16	1,393.16	100%	1,393.16	100%
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Garfield Water District	4,662.92	4,662.92	100%	4,662.92	100%
International Water District	1,929.49	1,929.49	100%	1,929.49	100%
Total Member/Contracting Entity	775,999.99	776,000.00	100%	776,000.00	100%
Total Income	783,113.19	783,113.20	100%	783,113.20	100%
Expenses					
Audit Expense	6,000.00	6,000.00	100%	6,000.00	100%
Dues and Subscriptions	3,313.17	3,315.00	100%	3,315.00	100%
Insurance	2,069.00	2,085.00	99%	2,085.00	99%
Kings Basin Coordination	63,588.26	90,000.00	71%	90,000.00	71%
Legal	15,323.26	40,000.00	38%	30,000.00	51%
Office Supplies	734.99	600.00	122%	1,170.00	63%
Professional Services	4,051.40			10,000.00	
Engineering Consultant	52,892.79	100,000.00	53%	90,000.00	59%
Security Services	0.00	1,000.00	0%	1,000.00	0%
Total Professional Services	$ 56,944.19	$ 101,000.00	56%	101,000.00	56%
Project Costs					
Well Mitigation	25,229.35	500,000.00	5%	500,000.00	5%
Well Monitoring	25,824.37	200,000.00	13%	200,000.00	13%
Total Project Costs	$ 51,053.72	$ 700,000.00	7%	700,000.00	7%
Public Information	70,915.72	110,000.00	64%	130,000.00	55%
Staff Expense					
Executive Officer	38,668.80	100,000.00	39%	70,000.00	55%
Supporting Staff (FID)	9,309.41	30,000.00	31%	20,000.00	47%
Total Staff Expense	$ 47,978.21	$ 130,000.00	37%	90,000.00	53%
Total Expenses	$ 317,920.52	$ 1,183,000.00	27%	$ 1,153,570.00	28%
Net Operating Income	$ 465,192.67	$ (399,886.80)	-116%	$ (370,456.80)	-126%
Other Income					
Interest Income	12,585.41	25,000.00	50%	25,000.00	50%
Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,932.21	0.00	100%	0.00	100%
Total Other Income	$ 14,517.62	$ 25,000.00	58%	$ 25,000.00	58%
Change in Net Position	**$ 479,710.29**	**$ (374,886.80)**	**-128%**	**$ (345,456.80)**	**-139%**

6 (a) – NKGSA Advisory Committee – Official Roster, April 8, 2025

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO: **6 (a)**
Executive Officer: KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Committee Members

FROM: Kassy D. Chauhan – Executive Officer

DATE: April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: NKGSA Official Advisory Committee Roster

ATTACHMENTS: A: NKGSA Advisory Committee Roster – April 8, 2025

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the Advisory Committee to approve the Advisory Committee Official Roster including designated representatives and alternates specifically noting the change in representation for the Biola Community Services District (Biola CSD).

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 NKGSA Board of Directors approved NKGSA Resolution 2023-04 to amend the composition of the members represented on the Advisory Committee. This action eliminated the International Water District from the agencies represented on the Advisory Committee. The change was welcomed by the International Water District, who has not participated since the original formation of the committee. The change was effective at the June 9, 2023, advisory committee meeting.

The roster has been updated to reflect changes in agency representatives and alternates for Biola Community Services District and is presented for possible action. The updated roster, dated April 8, 2025, is attached (Attachment A).

Prepared by: Kassy D. Chauhan

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Attachment A

Revision Date: 4/8/2025

Approval Date: _____

Prior Approval Date: 8/12/2024

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OFFICAL ROSTER

April 8, 2025

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. The Board of Directors passed NKGSA Resolution 2023-04 establishing the agencies composing the NKGSA Advisory Committee which included eliminating International Water District from the represented agency list. 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 1/2	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. Chuck Rodriguez	Mr. Eugenio Gutierrez Mr. Alfonso Manrique	
City of Kerman	Mr. John Jansons	Mr. Jesus Gonzalez Mr. Josh Rogers	
City of Fresno	Mr. Brock Buche	Mr. Dejan Pavic Mr. Anthony White	
County of Fresno	Mr. Bernard Jimenez	Mr. Augustine Ramirez Mr. Roy Jimenez	
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Mr. Peter Sanchez	Mr. Jarrod Takemoto Mr. Brent Sunamoto	

Official Roster Changes:

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

6 (b) – NKGSA Draft Policy (NKGSA-2025-001) Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Policy

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO: **6 (b)**
Executive Officer: KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Kassy Chauhan, P.E.

DATE: April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Discuss NKGSA Policy NKGSA-2025-0001 Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Policy

ATTACHMENTS: (A) NKGSA-2025-001 – Draft Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Policy

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the Advisory Committee to recommend approval of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NKGSA) Policy NKGSA-2025-001: Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Policy to the NKGSA Board of Directors for adoption at the April 24, 2025, board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The North Kings GSA submitted a revised groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) on January 31,2025, to address corrective actions required by Department of Water Resources (DWR) in its GSP determination letter. The revised GSP includes triggers for when management actions would be implemented based on local conditions. One specific trigger is related to groundwater level decline and specifically, if more than 15 percent of the representative monitoring wells exceed the minimum threshold levels, management actions will be implemented including possible pumping restrictions. It is important for the NKGSA to have measures in place to effectively implement management actions when needed and to demonstrate to the DWR local control is being exercised to manage groundwater sustainably within the NKGSA boundary.

The NKGSA launched its current well registration portal in March 2024, and landowners were encouraged to register their groundwater extraction facilities on a voluntary basis with the NKGSA. To date, only about 110 wells have been registered and additional measures are needed to have a better accounting of the wells within the NKGSA boundary, estimated to be at more than 8,000 wells total. As such, the NKGSA is seeking to transition from a voluntary well registration program to a mandatory program starting in 2025. The registration requirements for all groundwater extraction facilities are described in the draft policy, Attachment A.

NKGSA-2025-001

The purpose of the policy is to ensure groundwater extraction facilities within the North Kings GSA boundary are appropriately registered with the North Kings GSA to provide critical data necessary to manage the groundwater per the requirements in SGMA. SGMA grants authority to the GSA to require groundwater extraction facilities to be registered. Requiring registration of groundwater extraction facilities within the NKGSA boundary will provide the information needed to manage the groundwater and ensure the GSP can be implemented. SGMA was founded based on local control and changes such as the requirement to register wells is needed to demonstrate the locals have programs in place to manage the groundwater locally rather than to have it managed at the state level. The policy describes the types of groundwater extraction facilities to be registered including all active, inactive, and abandoned groundwater extraction facilities regardless of size. It calls for all groundwater extraction facilities to be registered by November 30, 2025, to avoid a possible late registration fee being imposed as determined by the North Kings GSA board of directors. The policy also addresses registration of new groundwater extraction facilities and handling of changes in ownership for existing groundwater extraction facilities.

The draft policy was developed with input from the NKGSA Technical Workgroup with representation from each of the member agencies and stakeholders to ensure appropriate considerations were given when the policy was being developed. Legal counsel has reviewed the draft policy and has found the draft policy to be compliant with applicable legal requirements.

IMPLEMENTATION:

In anticipation of the registration policy being adopted, staff have developed an outreach program as well as updated the well registration portal to ensure it can handle the intake of information as well as be managed effectively given the total number of facilities expected to be registered. Outreach includes a series of meetings with landowners, workshops and support services to be offered throughout the implementation period to ensure landowners have access to resources needed for successful implementation of the policy. If the policy is approved in April 2025, the effective date will be May 1, 2025, and outreach and engagement with landowners will start immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT

Implementation of NKGSA-2025-001 Groundwater Extraction Facility Policy will provide information needed for effective groundwater management and to retain local control of groundwater management. To ensure successful implementation of the policy and registration program, the assistance from a technical consultant will be needed. Tasks include updating the intake portal and assistance with the outreach and technical support. A scope of work was approved for $18,000.00 was approved specifically to update the well application to improve functionality and to ensure the data submitted by individual landowners could be managed effectively. This expense is included in FY 2024-2025

under the professional services budget line item previously approved by the Board of Directors.

Additionally, there are fiscal impacts associated with the outreach and technical support. For FY 2024-2025, these costs would be funded under the public information line item and would not exceed the proposed revised budget amount for all public information expenses of $130,000. This budget line was increased given the anticipated expense associated with the launch of the registration program. In addition to the outreach, P&P staff will assist with providing technical support to landowners trying to comply with the registration requirements. For FY 2025-2026, the total public information budget line item will include additional expenses for the registration program support.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The NKGSA is charged with managing the groundwater locally to prevent the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) from taking over the management of the groundwater. The NKGSA Board of Directors approved a revised GSP which indicates management actions would be implemented with certain triggers are met. As such, a good accounting of the groundwater extraction facilities within the boundary are needed to ensure the NKGSA can continue to manage the groundwater locally. This registration program allows landowners to be part of the effort to retain local control and avoid the alternative state control. While it is uncertain whether the management actions will ever need to be implemented, being positioned to implement helps ensure the management of the groundwater can be retained locally. Many other GSAs including several in the Kings Subbasin have moved to requiring registration of wells for similar reasons.

ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The NKGSA Board of Directors will consider adoption of NKGSA Policy NKGSA-2025-001 at the April 24, 2025, board meeting.

Prepared by: Kassy D. Chauhan

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Policy No: NKGSA – 2025-001
Policy Title: Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Policy
Board Approval Date:
Policy Effective Date:

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure groundwater extraction facilities within the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (North Kings GSA) boundary are appropriately registered with the North Kings GSA to provide critical data necessary for North Kings GSA to manage the groundwater per the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA).

2.0 Background

The North Kings GSA is responsible for managing the groundwater within its boundary and mitigating for the overdraft conditions per the approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). To best manage the groundwater within the boundary, the North Kings GSA needs an accounting of all the groundwater extraction facilities. The information needed includes extraction facility location, construction details, surface elevation and water elevation data for all extraction facilities in its boundary.

SGMA grants authority to groundwater sustainability agencies to require groundwater extraction facilities to be registered. Since April 2024, the North Kings GSA has had a voluntary registration program and a small percentage of landowners have registered the groundwater extraction facilities on their properties. An accounting of all groundwater extraction facilities is needed to continue to manage the groundwater supply locally. The North Kings GSA includes about 355,000 acres and it is estimated there are more than 8,000 groundwater extraction facilities within its boundaries. Requiring registration of groundwater extraction facilities within its boundaries will provide the information needed to manage the groundwater and ensure the GSP can be implemented. Additionally, it allows for management decisions to be made per the GSP based on the conditions experienced in regions of the North Kings GSA rather than across its entire boundary.

3.0 Definitions

The following terms are used in this policy and are defined as shown below:

Groundwater Extraction Facility: Groundwater Extraction Facility or Extraction Facilities shall mean all groundwater wells constructed within the North Kings GSA boundary including active wells, inactive wells, and abandoned wells, regardless of size

and use. Extraction facilities include domestic, agricultural, commercial, and industrial wells and includes wells that are part of a public water system.

Late Registration Fee: Late Registration Fee shall mean the fee as set by the North Kings Board of Directors, to be charged for extraction facility owners failing to either register their existing extraction facilities within an initial registration implementation period (ending November 30, 2025), register their new extraction facilities within 30 days of the filing of the Well Completion Report with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), or provide information to the NKGSA on changes of extraction facility ownership within 60 days. The initial late registration fee shall be set at $100.00 per extraction facility.

Operator(s): Operator(s) of extraction facility or extraction facilities shall mean anyone responsible for the operation of the extraction facility or facilities for that particular parcel or entity. Examples include farm managers, operations managers or others who are responsible for and control the operations of said extraction facility or facilities.

Penalties: Penalties shall mean the charges incurred by the extraction facility owner for failing to register their extraction facility in the specified time frame and will be assessed in addition to any late registration fees charged. The penalties will be set by the North Kings GSA Board of Directors.

4.0 Policy

The NKGSA adopts a policy requiring all groundwater extraction facilities to be registered with the North Kings GSA as outlined below:

A. Well Registration:

All existing and new groundwater extraction facilities located within the North Kings GSA boundary shall be registered with the North Kings GSA.

B. Required Information:

Registration of groundwater extraction facilities shall include (to the extent known to landowner at the time of registration) extraction facility owner's (landowner) name and contact information, assessor's parcel number, extraction facility geo-location, date of construction (or reasonable estimate), extraction facility construction detail, a copy of the extraction facility/Well Completion Report (if available), overall depth of the extraction facility, and other such relevant information, as may, from time to time by appropriate regulation or ordinance, be determined to be necessary by North Kings GSA for implementation of its GSP and compliance with SGMA.

C. New Groundwater Extraction Facilities:

For groundwater extraction facilities constructed after the effective date of this Policy, the groundwater extraction facility shall be registered within 30 days of the filing of the Well Completion Report with the DWR, as described in B above. Failure to register new groundwater extraction facilities within 30 days will result in a late registration fee being assessed. The landowner may be subject to additional penalties as determined by the North Kings GSA Board of Directors.

D. Existing Well Registration Deadline:

All existing groundwater extraction facilities shall be registered by November 30, 2025, to avoid payment of the late registration fee and penalties.

E. Late Registration Fee:

A late registration fee shall be paid to the North Kings GSA for each existing groundwater extraction facility registered with the North Kings GSA after the initial implementation period ending on November 30, or more than 30 days after submitting the Well Completion Report to the DWR for new groundwater extraction facilities. The landowner may also be subject to additional penalties as determined by the North Kings GSA Board of Directors.

F. Change in Owner:

Within sixty (60) days of any change in ownership or operation of a registered groundwater extraction facility within the North Kings GSA, the landowner shall report the name of the owner of each registered groundwater extraction facility, the parcel number on which the extraction facility is located, along with the names of all operators for each extraction facility together with any additional information available on the groundwater extraction facility. Failure to provide change of ownership or operation information will result in a late registration fee being assessed. The landowner may be subject to additional penalties as determined by the North Kings GSA Board of Directors.

G. Change in Extraction Facility Status:

Within thirty (30) days of any change in extraction facility status or operating condition of registered groundwater extraction facility within the North Kings GSA, the landowner shall report the status of the extraction facility to the North Kings GSA. Examples include a groundwater extraction facility that is inactivated or abandoned due to lack of production or has been properly destroyed. For properly destroyed extraction facilities, a copy of the Well Destruction Log filed with the California Department of Water Resources shall be submitted along with the change in extraction facility status to the North Kings GSA.

5.0 Effective Date and Modification

a. This Policy shall become effective on May 1, 2025.

b. NKGSA Board of Directors may modify this Policy at any time, at its sole discretion, pursuant to the applicable procedures described in the NKGSA's bylaws.

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The foregoing Groundwater Well Registration Policy was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____ 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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Chairman, Board of Directors
Mr. Jerry Prieto
North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

ATTEST:

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Kassy D. Chauhan, P.E.
North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form and effect:

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David Boyer, Esq, AALRR
Legal Counsel – North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

9 (a - d) – Executive Officer Report

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO:	**9 (a) - (d)**
Executive Officer:	KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TO: Chair and Committee Members

FROM: Executive Officer – Kassy Chauhan

DATE: April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: NKGSA Executive Officer Report

ATTACHMENTS: None

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. The Carter-Bybee Basin project also has federal grant dollars and FID plans to proceed to construction this fall.

Fresno State and Fresno Irrigation District submitted applications to the NRCS for a list of projects they hope will qualify for EQIP funding from NRCS. The projects are aimed at helping both Fresno State and FID reach their sustainability goals.

The Biola Community Services District reported the pipeline between the turnout connection and the basin has been completed and excavation at the basin site is scheduled to take place to allow for additional volumes of water to be recharged at this basin site.

Efforts continue with Fresno State to identify mitigation projects on their campus including identifying recharge locations, installation of groundwater meters and conservation measures like new sprinkler systems resulting in water savings. Fresno State hopes to secure NRCS funds to complete these projects.

Outreach and External Affairs

The NKGSA remains active on social media. 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.

In March and April 2025, EO, Kassy Chauhan, participated in speaking engagements at Fresno State including a World Water Day celebration event and speaking to classes related to water resources management.

2024 Kings Subbasin Annual Report

The 2024 Kings Subbasin Annual Report was submitted on March 31, ahead of the April 1, 2025 regulatory deadline for annual report submittal. The Annual Report was posted to the NKGSA website and additional outreach will be completed in coordination with the other Kings Subbasin GSA managers. Water Year 2024 (October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024), was an average hydrologic year. Overall, the groundwater levels were impacted given the pumping occurring within the basin but are still within acceptable levels and not exceeding the minimum thresholds. Total groundwater pumping in water year 2024 was 1,257,000 acre-feet with urban users pumping 150,000 acre-feet and agricultural accounting for 1,106,000 acre-feet. In the NKGSA boundary, the agricultural verses urban pumping was more evenly split with urban accounting for 93,000 acre-feet and agriculture accounting for 98,500 acre-feet. Total surface water deliveries in the Kings Subbasin were 1,382,000 acre-feet. The total estimated storage change was negative 270,000 acre-feet.

There are no wells within the basin that have declined below water level minimum thresholds, however, the basin continues to monitor water levels closely in relation to interim milestones. There were water quality minimum thresholds exceeded in seven wells within the basin. Four of the seven exceedances in water quality thresholds appear to be intermittent at this time and additional information is needed to determine if the exceedances are trending upward.

The full annual report can be found on the NKGSA website at:
https://northkingsgsa.org/documents/kings-subbasin-annual-report-water-year-2024/

Miscellaneous

State Water Resources Control Board Hearings and Workshops

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has continued its probationary process for those basins recommended for probation by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) including the Tulare Lake, Tule, Kaweah, and Kern Subbasins. As of October 2024, the Tulare Lake and Tule Subbasins have been placed in probation. The Kaweah Subbasin was set to have its probationary hearing on January 7, 2025, but the State Board cancelled the hearing, and no new date has been established. The probationary hearing with the SWRCB for the Kern Groundwater Basin scheduled was held on February 20, 2025, and after a full day of hearings, the SWRCB unanimously approved allowing the Kern Groundwater Basin additional time to implement and develop

their GSP. The new hearing is set to occur in September 2025. No additional hearings have been scheduled to date.

The Kings County Farm Bureau sued the SWRCB over its decision to put the Tulare Lake subbasin on probation following the probationary hearing. The lawsuit was scheduled for a case management trial in January 2025 but no additional hearings have been held in this matter.

Water Allocation Framework:

The Kings Subbasin is working towards development of the water allocation framework, an effort being driven by the North Fork Kings GSA. One of the key components of the framework will be river seepage and how it is accounted for. While the framework will be adopted at the Kings Subbasin level to stay coordinated, each GSA will have discretion on if and when to implement pumping restrictions in accordance with the water allocation framework. The native sustainable yield represents the amount of groundwater that can be pumped and considers precipitation, natural seepage of local supplies from rivers and streams and mountain front runoff. Each component needs to be considered and methodology for calculating amounts of precipitation and how river seepage is distributed is needed to develop the native sustainable yield. Additional information will be provided as the discussions at the Kings Subbasin coordination meetings continue. The information will be filtered through the NKGSA Technical Workgroup chaired by FID's Adam Claes. North Fork Kings GSA is leading this effort and transmitted a letter to Kings River Water Authority seeking input on how the KRWA handles seepage losses, which will be one of the categories needed for the allocation framework.

Well Registration Portal

In April 2024, the NKGSA launched a well registration portal to allow voluntary registration of domestic and agricultural wells located within its boundaries. The voluntary well registration program has resulted in about 109 wells being registered since the launch of the portal. The NKGSA needs to ensure it has a good accounting of wells located within its boundary. The NKGSA is planning to convert the program from voluntary to mandatory for well owners within the NKGSA boundary. Staff are asking the Advisory Committee to consider a draft registration policy as described in Agenda Item No. 6b, at the meeting on April 11, 2025. If approved by the Board of Directors, the groundwater extraction facility registration policy would become effective on May 1, 2025. Efforts are underway to modify the intake portal to ensure the information is captured and can be managed given there are more than 8,000 wells within the NKGSA boundary.

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 concern. 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.

Prepared by: Kassy D. Chauhan