NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Advisory Committee Meeting – April 10, 2026

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 10, 2026.

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA
NKGSA Advisory Committee
April 10, 2026, 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 of February 13, 2026 Regular Meeting

4. Financial Report
    a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Expense Reports for January and February 2026 (Koehn)
    b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of February 28, 2026 (Koehn)
    c. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Revised Budget (Chauhan/Koehn)

5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update (Samuelian)
    a. Update on the Kings Subbasin Annual Report

6. Administrative
    a. Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Update (Chauhan)
    b. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of North Kings GSA Policy No. 2026-001 – Enforcement Policy (Chauhan)
    c. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update (Chauhan)
    d. 2026 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)
        ii. Others

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 8, 2026

3 (a) – MEETING MINUTES – February 13, 2026

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

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting
February 13, 2026

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)
*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)
*Nick Keller (Garfield Water District)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Roy Jimenez (Fresno County)
*Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)
*Jesus Gonzalez (City of Kerman)

Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
Andrew Aller (NKGSA legal counsel)
Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)
Nick Torstensen (City of Clovis)
Kristen Freberg (City of Clovis)
Lisa Koehn (Clovis)

** - 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 1:31 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	Absent	---
City of Clovis	Present	Scott Redelfs
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	Absent	---
Garfield Water District	Present	Nick Keller

Item 2. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Item 3a. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2025 Special Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Claes; second by member Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously 6-0 with 1 abstaining, 2 absent.

Item 4. Financial Report

Item 4a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Expense Reports for November and December 2025
(Koehn)

Expenses for November 2025 totaled $69,724.47 and included fees to attorneys, CPAs, security services, FID, Fresno Reprographics, Intuit QuickBooks, Provost & Pritchard, and a small fee to the postmaster.

Expenses for December 2025 totaled $311,380.41 and included fees to ACWA, attorneys, Bradley & Sons for monitoring wells, Constant Contact, security services, FID, Association of California Water Agencies, Intuit QuickBooks, and Provost & Pritchard.

Motion to recommend approval of the expense reports for November and December 2025 made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Motion approved unanimously 7-0, 2 absent.

Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025
(Koehn)

Total assets were at $2,892,785.53. Expenses through the end of December totaled $518,897.04, which is approximately 29% of the annual budget.

Motion to recommend approval of the financial statements as of December 31, 2025, made by member Bakman; second by member Jimenez. Motion approved unanimously 7-0, 2 absent.

Item 5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update
(Samuelian)

DWR is currently reviewing the Periodic Evaluations and is beginning to consult with some basins on the results of the evaluations. It will likely be several months before we hear back from DWR, possibly close to June.

The annual report is underway. Some data is still being clarified. Project and management action updates are required in a new DWR format.

DWR has released their land subsidence BMP and are holding special meetings where only the single points of contact are invited, and they will eventually follow up with each basin regarding suggestions for the GSPs.

Coordinated work on interconnected surface water continues but is going slowly. DWR will also be releasing BMP documents for public comment at some point.

The domestic well program is ongoing but not a lot of demand for the services.

Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley has reached out to review their summary of basin projects.

Item 5a. Discussion / Possible Action on the Kings Subbasin Groundwater Allocation Framework
(Samuelian and Chauhan)

The groundwater allocation framework was developed by the Kings Subbasin coordination group and was established because allocation methodology must be consistent across the basin. The GSAs are being asked to accept/approve a framework that will be used if/when the GSAs implement it. Each GSA will implement on different timelines. The framework establishes total “buckets” of water (native and surface water stored in ground (SWIG)) for each GSA. GSAs will separately determine how those buckets are divided up within their boundaries. GSAs are being asked to accept/adopt this allocation framework in February or March.

For the North Kings, the total sustainable yield is estimated at 445,800 AF, with the native sustainable yield making up 186,500 AF and the SWIG making up 259,400 AF. Charts were provided illustrating the breakdown of different sources in each category.

Legal counsel has been involved in the development of the framework. The requested approval at this point is not for the implementation of the framework, but for the acceptance of the framework for possible use later. There is a separate implementation guidance document.

Member Pavic requested that the framework document currently up for consideration have further emphasis that it is not an agreement of specific allocation numbers, but of the methodology only.

Motion to recommend approval of the framework made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously 7-0, 2 absent.

Item 6. Administrative

Item 6a. ACWA JPIA President's Special Recognition Award – North Kings GSA
(Chauhan)

The North Kings has received this award every year since being a member of ACWA. A copy of the certificate was included in the meeting packet.

Item 6b. Brown Act Training – Updates Per SB 707, Effective January 1, 2026
(Aller)

There were changes to the Brown Act that took effect in January 2026. This came as a result of the passing of SB 707, and it includes changes to "eligible legislative bodies" (not applicable to the Advisory Committee) and changes to "all agencies" (which is applicable to the Advisory Committee).

Applicable changes include:
1. A requirement to provide a copy of the Brown Act to all members of legislative bodies.
2. A restriction on board members from using social media to "discuss among themselves" when the topic is a matter of official business.
3. Expansion of non-traditional teleconferencing – Allows use during proclaimed states of emergency *and* local emergencies (declared by City or County), under expanded "just cause" or emergency circumstances, and as reasonable accommodation for disability.

SB 707 also added statutory authority to remove or limit individuals who engage in disruptive behavior during a meeting while using teleconferencing.

New general requirements include:

1. Both audio & video is required (in most cases).
2. The public must be provided with a way to remotely hear & visually observe the meeting and to remotely address the Board.
3. The notice of teleconference meeting must provide information for how the public may access the meeting and offer public comment.
4. If disruption occurs, the Board must take no further action until public access is restored.
5. Public comments cannot be required to be submitted before the meeting – real-time comments must be allowed.
6. If required by the service provider, user registration is allowed but cannot be required as a condition of attending the meeting.

Item 6c. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update
(Chauhan)

Applications continue to be submitted periodically. One is in progress right now. Of the approximately 12 applications received so far, none have been approved due to not meeting eligibility requirements. Most denied applicants have had success in utilizing support services from Self-Help Enterprises.

Item 6d. Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Progress Update
(Chauhan)

Over 8,000 wells have been registered to date. It is estimated that there are more than 10,000 wells within the NKGSA boundaries. The final deadline for registration without a fee was January 30, 2026. The late fee began on February 1, 2026 and is set at $100 per wellhead.

The development of an enforcement policy has been initiated, with a draft hopefully ready for consideration by March.

Item 6e. 2025 Year End Well Permitting Update
(Chauhan)

So far in 2026, 23 well permits have been issued, a large portion of which are domestic private wells. By comparison, 2024’s registrations totaled 229 and 2025 totaled 242.

Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 7a. Technical Workgroup Update
(Claes)

The workgroup met twice in January to discuss the allocation framework. There was also discussion on groundwater conditions and the possible need to adjust how some of the data is being collected. Lastly, there was discussion on the domestic well mitigation cost-share for Year 3 and beyond, focusing on different funding alternatives to consider moving forward.

Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

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

i. Water Supply Update
(Claes)

Millerton Lake storage has dropped significantly in the last month and is now at about 318,600 AF. Friant Class 1 allocations are at 100%. Friant Class 2 water was made available for a short period of time with a 10% allocation through the end of February, and an additional 5% UCS supply through the end of January. FID's total Class 2 for January and February was 11,250 AF.

Pine Flat storage is slowly rising and is at 529,558 AF (FID Pine Flat storage is about 93,000 AF).

February rainfall is very low so far. The Sierra Nevada snow water content is also low: Northern Sierra has 27% of the April 1 average, Central Sierra has 39%, and Southern Sierra has 51%.

The February 1 snow survey was completed. For the Kings River watershed, it was measured at 80% of the February 1 average and 49% of the April 1 average. The Kings River runoff projections forecasted an approximately 75% April – July runoff.

Another item of note is the golden mussel, which is an invasive species being found across the GSA. The only method to remove them is via heat and physical removal. Mussel testing is being performed along the entire Friant-Kern Canal, Millerton Lake, and rivers being crossed (including the Kings). A plan is being developed to study the movement of the mussels and prevent their spread. This could eventually affect Class 1 diversions into the Kings Ringer wasteway. The primary risk from the mussels is that they reproduce quickly and attach onto surfaces of pipes and other water infrastructure, causing narrowing or clogging of essential waterways.

ii. Others

There were no further reports.

Item 9. Executive Officer Update
(Chauhan)

Item 9a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update

FID completed the Carter-Bybee basin. Fresno State and FID were recipients on NRCS funding to do improvement projects.

Item 9b. Outreach / External Affairs Update

Most outreach has been related to the well registration program. Some budget adjustments may need to be made to accommodate the last of the program's outreach efforts of the fiscal year.

Item 9c. Representative Monitoring Network Update

Construction has been completed on 10 wells and data loggers are being installed.

The easement has been obtained for DWR's TSS well and hopefully drilling for that well will begin soon. That well will be located near Copper and Peach Avenues.

Planning for the next phase of new monitoring wells is underway.

Item 9d. Miscellaneous

The subsidence BMP has been released by DWR, as mentioned during the Basin Coordination Update.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2026

4 (a-b) - FINANCIAL REPORT – Expense Report – January and February 2026; Financial Statements as of February 28, 2026

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: De Ann Stork – Fiscal Agent

DATE: April 3, 2026

SUBJECT: Financial Update

ATTACHMENTS: (A) NKGSA Expense Report – January and February 2026
(B) Financial Statements as of February 28, 2026

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the Advisory Committee to recommend approval of the Expense Reports for January and February 2026, and Financial Statements as of February 28, 2026, to the NKGSA Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fiscal agent, DeAnn Stork, has prepared the monthly expense reports for January and February 2026 (Attachment A) and the financial statements as of February 28, 2026 (Attachment B). All expenses are within the budget amounts and no unexpected expenses were noted. The public information expenses, through February 28, 2026, are at 111.59% of the total original budget amount due to the extensive outreach and education related to the well registration efforts. Since the main effort for the well registration campaign has passed, the expenses are expected to be more typical in nature for the remainder of the fiscal year. Staff has prepared a revised budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, which includes funds being shifted from some of the Kings Subbasin

coordination, legal, and staff expenses line items to public information and professional services.

The Advisory Committee will consider taking action on the revised FY 2025-2026 revised budget on April 10, 2026, under Agenda Item 4c.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is shown on the attached reports. Total expenses are in line with the amounts included in the NKGSA 2025-2026 Budget including a call on reserves to cover expenses for the dedicated monitoring network efforts. However, some line items have exceeded the budget amount and a revised budget has been prepared.

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 next board meeting scheduled for April 24, 2026, or the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Prepared by: De Ann Stork

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Transaction List with Splits

January 2026

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo					
01/01/2026	774523	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo		Accounts Payable	1,372.88
			December 2025 Services	Legal	1,372.88
Bradley & Sons Inc					
01/23/2026	000206190000	Bradley & Sons Inc		Accounts Payable	41,295.00
			Well #6	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	41,295.00
01/23/2026	000206200000	Bradley & Sons Inc		Accounts Payable	30,625.00
			Well #9	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	30,625.00
01/23/2026	000206210000	Bradley & Sons Inc		Accounts Payable	31,480.00
			Well #1	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	31,480.00
01/23/2026	000206220000	Bradley & Sons Inc		Accounts Payable	14,750.00
			Well #3	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	14,750.00
Constant Contact, Inc.					
01/25/2026		Constant Contact, Inc.		Accounts Payable	91.00
				Public Information:PR - General Outreach	91.00
Dumont Printing					
01/26/2026	74946011	Dumont Printing		Accounts Payable	1,050.59
			Well Reg Packet - Envelope and Mailing Letter (w/ Insert(s))	Public Information:PR - Well Registration	1,050.59
01/26/2026	74947011	Dumont Printing		Accounts Payable	2,590.65
			Well Reg Packet incl printing, folding, and inserting into #10 envelopes	Public Information:PR - Well Registration	2,590.65
Fresno Irrigation District					
01/16/2026	07745	Fresno Irrigation District		Accounts Payable	10,219.84
			December 2025 Hours	Staff Expense:Executive Officer	8,022.84
			December 2025 Fiscal Agent Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	527.16
			December 2025 Recording Secretary Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	160.40
			December 2025 Engineering Tech III Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	201.66
			Constant Contact	Public Information:PR - General Outreach	729.30
			Admin Fee 6%	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	578.48
Intuit QuickBooks Online					
01/15/2026	10001459446832	Intuit QuickBooks Online		Accounts Payable	115.00
				Office Supplies	115.00
01/16/2026	10001459750508	Intuit QuickBooks Online		Accounts Payable	5.99
			1099 e-filing	Office Supplies	5.99
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group					
01/15/2026	126890	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	118.40

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Transaction List with Splits

January 2026

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
			Dom Well Mit Prog Admin 002	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	118.40
01/15/2026	126892	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	53,565.03
			On-going GEN	Professional Services:Engineering Consultant	17,337.96
			On going MON	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	25,046.74
			On going PUB	Public Information:PR - General Outreach	11,180.33
01/15/2026	126893	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	254.85
			Dom Well Mit Prog Admin 001	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	254.85
01/15/2026	126899	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	4,385.34
			Kings Basin Coord COR	Kings Basin Coordination	1,576.49
			Kings Basin Coord GWP	Kings Basin Coordination	885.60
			Kings Basin Coord REP	Kings Basin Coordination	1,923.25
US Postmaster					
01/20/2026	20260120	US Postmaster		Accounts Payable	1,907.44
			5309 Pieces Postage	Public Information:PR - Well Registration	1,907.44

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February 2026

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo					
02/01/2026	778704	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo		Accounts Payable	243.60
			January 2026 Services	Legal	243.60
C.J. Brown & Company CPAs					
02/09/2026	20260131	C.J. Brown & Company CPAs		Accounts Payable	300.00
			State Controller's Report FYE 6/30/2025	Audit Expense	300.00
Constant Contact, Inc.					
02/25/2026		Constant Contact, Inc.		Accounts Payable	91.00
				Public Information:PR - General Outreach	91.00
Fresno Irrigation District					
02/13/2026	07765	Fresno Irrigation District	JANUARY 2026 HOURS	Accounts Payable	8,567.20
			JANUARY 2026 HOURS	Staff Expense:Executive Officer	7,258.76
			FISCAL AGENT HOURS	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	518.93
			GIS SPECIALIST SURVEYOR HOURS	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	92.83
			ENGINEERING TECH III HOURS	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	211.74
			ADMIN FEE 6%	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	484.94
Groundwater Resources Assn of CA					
02/09/2026		Groundwater Resources Assn of CA		Accounts Payable	30.00
				Dues and Subscriptions	30.00
Intuit QuickBooks Online					
02/15/2026	10001468135656	Intuit QuickBooks Online		Accounts Payable	115.00
				Office Supplies	115.00
Kassy Chauhan					
02/02/2026		Kassy Chauhan		Accounts Payable	233.58
			Expense Reimb - Well Monitoring Mtg - Annesso Pizzeria	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	233.58
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group					
02/20/2026	127895	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	3,573.44
			Dom Well Mit Prog Admin 002	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	3,573.44
02/20/2026	127897	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	18.88
			Dom Well Mit Prog Admin 001	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	18.88
02/20/2026	127902	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	7,633.58
			Kings Basin Coord COR	Kings Basin Coordination	305.57
			Kings Basin Coord GWP	Kings Basin Coordination	2,838.46
			Kings Basin Coord REP	Kings Basin Coordination	4,489.55
02/25/2026	128106	Provost & Pritchard Consulting		Accounts Payable	59,656.80

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Transaction List with Splits

February 2026

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
		Group			
			On-going GEN	Professional Services:Engineering Consultant	16,561.50
			On-going MON	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	17,954.50
			On-going PUB	Public Information:PR - General Outreach	1,186.58
			On-going REG	Public Information:PR - Well Registration	5,647.14
			On-going SUP	Public Information:PR - Well Registration Support Staff	18,307.08

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Balance Sheet
As of February 28, 2026

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Five Star Bank Checking		124,766.42
Five Star Bank Money Market		1,778,513.44
LAIF		566,935.45
Total Bank Accounts	**$**	**2,470,215.31**
Total Current Assets	**$**	**2,470,215.31**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$**	**2,470,215.31**
LIABILITIES & NET POSITION		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable		79,693.50
Total Accounts Payable	**$**	**79,693.50**
Credit Cards		
Five Star Credit Card		121.00
Total Credit Cards	**$**	**121.00**
Total Current Liabilities	**$**	**79,814.50**
Total Liabilities	**$**	**79,814.50**
Net Position		
Member Agency Participation Balances		250,573.58
Reserves - Legal Fund		500,000.00
Reserves - Well Mitigation Program		456,594.74
Reserves - Well Monitoring Program		31,006.06
Net Income		1,152,226.43
Total Net Position	**$**	**2,390,400.81**
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	**$**	**2,470,215.31**

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North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Budget vs. Actuals
July 2025 - February 2026

	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	7,421.02	7,421.02	0.00	100.00%
Biola Community Services Distr	427.63	427.63	0.00	100.00%
City of Clovis	65,519.06	65,519.06	0.00	100.00%
City of Fresno	331,491.51	331,491.51	0.00	100.00%
City of Kerman	7,768.87	7,768.87	0.00	100.00%
County of Fresno	330,389.79	330,389.79	0.00	100.00%
Fresno Irrigation District	963,870.74	963,870.74	0.00	100.00%
Garfield Water District	6,725.31	6,725.31	0.00	100.00%
International Water District	2,782.87	2,782.87	0.00	100.00%
Total Member/Contracting Entity	**$ 1,716,396.80**	**$ 1,716,396.80**	**$ 0.00**	**100.00%**
Well Registration Penalties	2,115.35		2,115.35	
Total Income	**$ 1,725,625.35**	**$ 1,723,510.00**	**$ 2,115.35**	**100.12%**
Expenses				
Audit Expense	5,370.00	6,000.00	-630.00	89.50%
Dues and Subscriptions	3,443.17	3,315.00	128.17	103.87%
Insurance	2,057.50	2,085.00	-27.50	98.68%
Kings Basin Coordination	30,324.01	100,000.00	-69,675.99	30.32%
Legal	8,235.17	50,000.00	-41,764.83	16.47%
Office Supplies	925.99	1,500.00	-574.01	61.73%
Professional Services		0.00	0.00	
Engineering Consultant	99,045.38	100,000.00	-954.62	99.05%
Security Services	250.00	1,200.00	-950.00	20.83%
Total Professional Services	**$ 99,295.38**	**$ 101,200.00**	**-$ 1,904.62**	**98.12%**
Project Costs			0.00	
Well Mitigation	9,368.42	1,000,000.00	-990,631.58	0.94%
Well Monitoring	433,994.57	200,000.00	233,994.57	217.00%
Well Monitoring Reserves	-233,994.57		-233,994.57	
Well Registration		30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.00%
Total Project Costs	**$ 209,368.42**	**$ 1,230,000.00**	**-$ 1,020,631.58**	**17.02%**
Public Information		0.00	0.00	
PR - General Outreach	50,419.97	90,000.00	-39,580.03	56.02%
PR - Well Registration	77,447.87	40,000.00	37,447.87	193.62%
PR - Well Registration Support Staff	72,988.00	50,000.00	22,988.00	145.98%
Total Public Information	**$ 200,855.84**	**$ 180,000.00**	**$ 20,855.84**	**111.59%**
Staff Expense			0.00	
Executive Officer	58,067.48	100,000.00	-41,932.52	58.07%
Supporting Staff (FID)	10,788.37	30,000.00	-19,211.63	35.96%
Total Staff Expense	**$ 68,855.85**	**$ 130,000.00**	**-$ 61,144.15**	**52.97%**
Total Expenses	**$ 628,731.33**	**$ 1,804,100.00**	**-$ 1,175,368.67**	**34.85%**
Net Operating Income	**$ 1,096,894.02**	**-$ 80,590.00**	**$ 1,177,484.02**	**-1361.08%**
Other Income				
Interest Income	55,777.81	10,000.00	45,777.81	557.78%
Unrealized Gain/Loss	-445.40	0.00	-445.40	
Total Other Income	**$ 55,332.41**	**$ 10,000.00**	**$ 45,332.41**	**553.32%**
Change in Net Position	**$ 1,152,226.43**	**-$ 70,590.00**	**$ 1,222,816.43**	**-1632.28%**

4 (c) - FINANCIAL REPORT – Fiscal Year 2025-2026 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 Stork – Fiscal Agent

DATE: April 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Revision

ATTACHMENTS: (A) FY 2025-2026 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 2025-2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NKGSA) Board of Directors approved the FY 2025-2026 budget at a regular meeting on May 22, 2025. Expenses through February 28, 2026, 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 Kings Basin Coordination (from $100,000 to $60,000), legal fees (from $50,000 budgeted to $20,000 revised), a slight increase in professional services by others (from $100,000 budgeted to $170,000 revised), an increase to public information (from $180,000 to $256,500 revised), and an overall reduction in staffing costs (Executive Officer reduced from $100,000 budgeted to $80,000 revised and other support staff reduced from $30,000 to $20,000). Some line items were adjusted to reflect actual expenses incurred.

The total income was not adjusted in the revised FY 2025-2026 budget.

Project Costs Planned Expenses

The FY 2025-2026 approved budget included $200,000 for project costs specifically for the representative monitoring network improvements. These funds were combined with funds from the monitoring well network reserve fund to cover the FY 2025-2026 expenses for the well monitoring network improvements. The ten wells that were planned to be constructed for this phase of the network improvements have been completed. The total cost of the well monitoring network was $433,994.57. The revised budget reflects actual expenses through February 28, 2026, and the draw from reserves to cover the additional $233,994.57. As of February 28, 2026, the well monitoring reserve had a balance of $$31,006.06.

The project costs associated with the domestic well mitigation program were budgeted for $1,00000,000. Total project costs through February 28, 2026, for the domestic well mitigation program are $9,368.42, well below the total budgeted amount for FY 2025-2026. 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. Additionally, staff will consider actual expenses to date when preparing the FY 2026-2027 proposed budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

The revised budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 results in an slight increase in total expenses from $1,804,100 to $1,820,800.67 and is reflective of actual expenses through February 28, 2026, and projected expenses through the remainder of the fiscal year. To date, there is $55,777.81 from interest income which is much greater than the $10,000 anticipated revenue generated from interest. The change in net position is -$41,512.86.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The revised budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 reflects total expenses remaining through the end of the fiscal year. The proposed budget for FY 2026-2027 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 2026-2027.

ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The revised budget will be submitted to the Board for approval at its April 24, 2026, regular board meeting.

Prepared by: Kassy D. Chauhan

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Revised Budget

	Jul '25 - Feb '26 Actual	5/22/2025 Approved 2025-2026 Budget	% of Budget	4/24/2026 Proposed 2025-2026 Budget	% of Budget
Income					
Interested Party Contribution	$ 7,113.20	$ 7,113.20	100.00%	$ 7,113.20	100.00%
Member/Contracting Entity					
Bakman Water Company	$ 7,421.02	$ 7,421.02	100.00%	$ 7,421.02	100.00%
Biola Community Services Distr	$ 427.63	$ 427.63	100.00%	$ 427.63	100.00%
City of Clovis	$ 65,519.06	$ 65,519.06	100.00%	$ 65,519.06	100.00%
City of Fresno	$ 331,491.51	$ 331,491.51	100.00%	$ 331,491.51	100.00%
City of Kerman	$ 7,768.87	$ 7,768.87	100.00%	$ 7,768.87	100.00%
County of Fresno	$ 330,389.79	$ 330,389.79	100.00%	$ 330,389.79	100.00%
Fresno Irrigation District	$ 963,870.74	$ 963,870.74	100.00%	$ 963,870.74	100.00%
Garfield Water District	$ 6,725.31	$ 6,725.31	100.00%	$ 6,725.31	100.00%
International Water District	$ 2,782.87	$ 2,782.87	100.00%	$ 2,782.87	100.00%
Total Member/Contracting Entity	**$ 1,716,396.80**	**$ 1,716,396.80**	**100.00%**	**$ 1,716,396.80**	**100.00%**
Well Registration Penalties	$ 2,115.35	$ -	100.00%	$ -	100.00%
Total Income	**$ 1,725,625.35**	**$ 1,723,510.00**	**100.12%**	**$ 1,723,510.00**	**100.12%**
Expenses					
Audit Expense	$ 5,370.00	$ 6,000.00	89.50%	$ 6,000.00	89.50%
Dues and Subscriptions	$ 3,443.17	$ 3,315.00	103.87%	$ 3,443.17	100.00%
Insurance	$ 2,057.50	$ 2,085.00	98.68%	$ 2,057.50	100.00%
Kings Basin Coordination	$ 30,324.01	$ 100,000.00	30.32%	$ 60,000.00	50.54%
Legal	$ 8,235.17	$ 50,000.00	16.47%	$ 20,000.00	41.18%
Office Supplies	$ 925.99	$ 1,500.00	61.73%	$ 1,600.00	57.87%
Professional Services					
Engineering Consultant	$ 99,045.38	$ 100,000.00	99.05%	$ 170,000.00	58.26%
Security Services	$ 250.00	$ 1,200.00	20.83%	$ 1,200.00	20.83%
Total Professional Services	**$ 99,295.38**	**$ 101,200.00**	**98.12%**	**$ 171,200.00**	**58.00%**
Project Costs					
Well Mitigation	$ 9,368.42	$ 1,000,000.00	0.94%	$ 1,000,000.00	0.94%
Well Monitoring	$ 433,994.57	$ 200,000.00	217.00%	$ 465,000.00	93.33%
Well Monitoring Reserves	$ (233,994.57)			$ (265,000.00)	
Well Registration	$ -	$ 30,000.00	0.00%	$ -	0.00%
Total Project Costs	**$ 209,368.42**	**$ 1,230,000.00**	**17.02%**	**$ 1,200,000.00**	**17.45%**
Public Information			0%		0%
General Outreach/PR	$ 50,419.97	$ 90,000.00	56.02%	$ 78,000.00	64.64%
Well Registration	$ 77,447.87	$ 40,000.00	193.62%	$ 80,500.00	96.21%
Well Registration Support Staff	$ 72,988.00	$ 50,000.00	145.98%	$ 98,000.00	74.48%
Total Public Information	**$ 200,855.84**	**$ 180,000.00**	**111.59%**	**$ 256,500.00**	**78.31%**
Staff Expense					
Executive Officer	$ 58,067.48	$ 100,000.00	58.07%	$ 80,000.00	72.58%
Supporting Staff (FID)	$ 10,788.37	$ 30,000.00	35.96%	$ 20,000.00	53.94%
Total Staff Expense	**$ 68,855.85**	**$ 130,000.00**	**52.97%**	**$ 100,000.00**	**68.86%**
Total Expenses	**$ 628,731.33**	**$ 1,804,100.00**	**34.85%**	**$ 1,820,800.67**	**34.53%**
Net Operating Income	**$ 1,096,894.02**	**$ (80,590.00)**	**-1361.08%**	**$ (97,290.67)**	**-1127.44%**
Other Income					
Interest Income	$ 55,777.81	$ 10,000.00	557.78%	$ 55,777.81	100.00%
Unrealized Gain/Loss	$ (445.40)	$ -	100.00%	$ -	100.00%
Total Other Income	**$ 55,332.41**	**$ 10,000.00**	**553.32%**	**$ 55,777.81**	**99.20%**
Change in Net Position	**$ 1,152,226.43**	**$ (70,590.00)**	**-1632.28%**	**$ (41,512.86)**	**-2775.59%**

6 (b) – North Kings GSA Policy No. 2026-001 - Enforcement 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 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Discuss NKGSA Policy NKGSA-2026-001 Enforcement and Penalty Policy

ATTACHMENTS: (A) NKGSA-2026-001 – Draft Enforcement and Penalty Policy

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the Advisory Committee to recommend approval of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NKGSA) Policy NKGSA-2026-001: Enforcement and Penalty Policy (Attachment A) to the NKGSA Board of Directors for adoption at the April 23, 2026, board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The North Kings GSA Board of Directors has authority to pass resolutions, policies and adopt rules and regulations while implementing the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) and to reach sustainability. The goal of the Enforcement Policy (Policy) is to promote compliance with the policies, orders, ordinances, resolutions, decisions, rules and/or regulations adopted by the North Kings GSA Board of Directors and applicable to landowners and facilities within the North Kings GSA boundary through the adoption and application of consistent enforcement practices. Staff have developed a policy which is intended to cover future enforcement actions including Notices of Violation and Enforcement Orders rather than having to address enforcement in each new policy that is developed. As such, the draft Policy is robust and designed to serve the North Kings

GSA for all future enforcement efforts for landowners or entities failing to comply with the North Kings GSA resolutions, policies, rules and regulations.

NKGSA-2026-001

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure compliance with policies and rules adopted by the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (North Kings GSA) Board of Directors and to provide deterrence to violations through enforcement actions. This Enforcement Policy (Policy) will: 1) establish guiding principles for the North Kings GSA approach to enforcement and setting penalties; 2) establish a standardized enforcement framework; 3) authorize the North Kings GSA Executive Officer to propose enforcement recommendations, subject to Board approval; 4) address other actions to advance the North Kings GSA's goal of consistent, fair, firm, meaningful, and timely enforcement that is transparent to regulated persons and entities ("landowners"), while conforming to due process and other legal obligations; and 5) establish civil penalty guidelines for violations which are authorized by Section 10732 (a)(1) and (2).

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 Policy being adopted, staff is anticipating utilizing the notices of violations authority to follow up with landowners who have wells that are not registered with the North Kings GSA per the requirement established by the Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Requirements per Policy No. 2025-001. Since May 2025, landowners have been noticed of the requirement and there are several wells that have not been registered. Parcels greater than 5 acres in size with active agricultural activity will be identified and be candidates for the first round of notices of violations. Landowners will have 30 days from the receipt of the notice of violation to register their wells with the North Kings GSA or face civil penalties as described in the Policy.

PROGRESSIVE ENFORCEMENT:

Per the draft Policy, there will be multiple types of enforcement available for use in the event landowners do not comply following the initial written notice or email. The first would be the Notice of Violation which if complied with on the first violation would only include the late registration fee of $100 per wellhead for not complying with the well registration requirements. A second notice of violation will be sent with a $500 penalty in addition to the late fees and a requirement to comply within 30 days. The third violation and enforcement order could result in fees up to $1,000.00 per day plus $100 for every day on which the violation continues. All enforcement actions will be documented per the Policy and will be subject to approval by the Board of Directors. Additionally, all landowners in receipt of an enforcement action from the North Kings GSA will be afforded

an appeal option to appeal directly to the North Kings GSA Board of Directors for further consideration. The penalties are consistent with what is allowed in Water Code Section 10732 (a) (1) and (2) and described in Section 5 of the draft Policy.

FISCAL IMPACT

Implementation of NKGSA-2026-001 Enforcement and Penalty Policy provides the necessary tools to staff to be able to ensure compliance with its groundwater sustainability plan (GSP), orders, ordinances, resolutions, policies, decisions, rules and/or regulations in a fair and equitable manner and provide a deterrent to violations. While the goal is to ensure compliance, all fees collected from enforcement actions will be implemented to offset expenses associated with implementation of the groundwater sustainability plan and related expenses. Staff hope that landowners will comply without having to issue enforcement orders with heavy civil penalties associated with them. When civil action is needed, there will be legal and administrative expenses associated with the process and staff will seek to have those expenses covered by the named landowner.

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 approves the GSP, and policies/rules/regulations needed to achieve groundwater sustainability. Cooperation by all affected landowners and entities is needed to be successful and to ensure the best data is available to make good, local groundwater management decisions. As such, staff need enforcement tools to address landowner who are not complying with the requirements and seeks to ensure all enforcement actions are done in a fair and equitable manner per the Policy, and allow the landowner an opportunity to appeal to the Board given their specific situations.

If approved, staff will use information in the Policy when notifying landowners of their potential failure to register their wells and what additional enforcement and penalties could result from continued non-compliance. The Board will have discretion on amending the Policy in the future, if needed.

ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The NKGSA Board of Directors will consider adoption of NKGSA Policy NKGSA-2026-001 at the April 23, 2026, board meeting.

Prepared by: Kassy D. Chauhan

Policy No: NKGSA – 2026-001
Policy Title: Enforcement and Penalty Policy
Board Approval Date:
Policy Effective Date:

1.0 Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with policies and rules adopted by the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (North Kings GSA) Board of Directors and to provide deterrence to violations through enforcement actions. This Enforcement Policy (Policy) will: 1) establish guiding principles for the North Kings GSA approach to enforcement and setting penalties; 2) establish a standardized enforcement framework; 3) authorize the North Kings GSA Executive Officer to propose enforcement recommendations, subject to Board approval; 4) address other actions to advance the North Kings GSA's goal of consistent, fair, firm, meaningful, and timely enforcement that is transparent to regulated persons and entities ("landowners"), while conforming to due process and other legal obligations; and 5) establish civil penalty guidelines for violations.

The goals of this Policy are to promote compliance with the policies, orders, ordinances, resolutions, decisions, rules and/or regulations adopted by the North Kings GSA Board of Directors and applicable to landowners and facilities within the North Kings GSA boundary through the adoption and application of consistent enforcement practices and to develop a sufficient record that ensures landowners subject to enforcement receive due process per SGMA (e.g., notice and an opportunity to be heard). The North Kings GSA intends for this Policy to promote a consistent approach to enforcement actions, to make enforcement a high priority, and to promote a culture of compliance within the North Kings GSA.

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 Board of Directors has adopted policies establishing requirements for landowners and facilities within the North Kings GSA boundary.

SGMA grants authority to groundwater sustainability agencies to *adopt rules, regulations, ordinances, and resolutions for the purpose* of reaching sustainability within the groundwater sustainability agency boundary (Section 10725.2, Water Code). Additionally, SGMA provides authority for groundwater sustainability agencies enforcement powers for any person who violates any rule, regulation, or resolution adopted pursuant to Section 10725.2 (Section 10732 (a) (2), Water Code). The civil penalties shall not exceed one

thousand dollars ($1,000) plus one hundred dollars ($100) for each additional day on which the violation continues if the person fails to comply within 30 days after the groundwater sustainability agency notifies the person of the violation. SGMA also allows for the action to be taken up in the superior court to determine whether a violation occurred and to impose civil penalties

This Policy applies to the North Kings GSA's groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) and all North Kings GSA policies, rules, ordinances, regulations and resolutions, existing now and in the future, as they may be amended from time to time, as further set forth herein. Nothing in this Policy in any way restricts or reduces existing enforcement tools and procedures available to North Kings GSA or its Executive Officer or legal counsel. Rather, this Policy builds on North Kings GSA's existing enforcement and regulatory tools and processes, as well as incorporates best practices and legal responsibilities, with the goal of better serving North Kings GSA landowners through nimble, meaningful and transparent enforcement of its GSP and operating rules, regulations, ordinances, and policies.

3.0 Guiding Principles

Ensuring Compliance: North Kings GSA will strive to ensure compliance with its GSP, orders, ordinances, resolutions, policies, decisions, rules and/or regulations to ensure adherence in a fair and equitable manner and provide a deterrent to violations through its enforcement efforts.

Consistent Enforcement: North Kings GSA enforcement actions will be consistent, reliable, non-discriminatory, just and reasonable. North Kings GSA's enforcement actions shall be appropriate for each type of violation and shall provide consistent treatment for violations that are similar in nature and that have similar impacts to North Kings GSA. Enforcement actions shall require timely compliance.

Timely Enforcement: North Kings GSA shall pursue timely enforcement, consistent with the needs of each case.

Progressive Enforcement: North Kings GSA may implement progressive enforcement, providing an escalating series of actions beginning with notice of a violation and/or warning letter followed by actions to compel adherence to the North Kings GSA's rules, regulations, and policies and may result in the imposition of penalties or fines. However, progressive enforcement may not be an appropriate enforcement response for violations resulting from intentional or grossly negligent misconduct, where impacts to the North Kings GSA are significant or widespread, or where impacts to health or human safety are present or imminent. In such cases, North Kings GSA reserves the right to seek immediate court or legal action.

Transparency: North Kings GSA will provide clear and consistent information about its enforcement actions. North Kings GSA will monitor and report on its enforcement

actions in a publicly accessible manner, including the extent to which regulated persons or entities return to compliance.

Priority of Enforcement: It is the policy of North Kings GSA that every violation should result in an appropriate enforcement response consistent with the priority of the violation.

4.0 Policy

The North Kings GSA adopts a policy to allow through action of the Board of Directors or the Executive Officer, pursuit of the following enforcement actions:

A. Notice of Violation:

1. In Person or Telephone Communication:

   The North Kings GSA may inform regulated entities in person or by telephone of violations that must be corrected. The North Kings GSA will keep a written record of such oral communications and
   the North Kings GSA will memorialize all oral communications in a written warning via email or letter, Notice of Violation, or other written communication. Oral communications are not required or necessary in every case. The North Kings GSA shall not be required to provide communication in advance of issuing a written warning letter or email or Notice of Violation, or before referring an issue to the North Kings GSA Board of Directors for other enforcement.

2. Warning Letter or Email:

   The North Kings GSA may send a landowner a letter or email that identifies potential violations. The North Kings GSA will document the warning letter or email, including recording the following information: 1) date the letter or email was sent; 2) date North Kings GSA identified the situation or condition at issue; 3) circumstances under which North Kings GSA identified the situation or condition at issue (e.g. during inspection, in response to complaint, etc.); and 4) recommended actions to address the situation or condition at issue, including any recommended timeframes to complete such actions.

3. Request for Information or Investigation:

   The North Kings GSA may request relevant information from a landowner to determine compliance and enforcement. Failure to comply or otherwise make such information available may result in other enforcement actions.

   To monitor compliance and enforcement, the North Kings GSA may inspect the property or facilities of a person or entity to ascertain whether compliance is being achieved. The North Kings GSA may conduct an inspection consistent

with Section 10725.4, of Part 2.74 of Water Code, upon obtaining any necessary consent from the landowner or operator, or obtaining an inspection warrant pursuant to the procedure set forth in Title 13 (commencing with Section 1822.50) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

4. Formal Notice of Violation:

When a violation is identified, the North Kings GSA may issue a notice of violation to a landowner. A written notice of violation will be sent certified mail and will include the following:

i. The policy, rule, regulation, ordinance, resolution, or other order violated by the landowner;
ii. The facts that form the basis of each violation;
iii. Information related to the potential for additional enforcement action;
iv. A date by which the landowner must come into compliance or correct each violation;
v. A date by which the landowner must certify each violation has been corrected;
vi. A penalty amount if the notice of violation includes a penalty and how the penalty can be paid;
vii. North Kings GSA staff contact information; and
viii. Information related to the required response to the notice of violation.
ix. Information related to a request for voluntary hearing before the North Kings GSA's Board of Directors.

Opportunity to Respond in Writing:

A regulated entity or person who receives a Notice of Violation will have an opportunity to provide a written response. Any written response must be provided to the North Kings GSA within the time identified in the Notice of Violation. A written response to a Notice of Violation must include the following:

i. Statement of facts if the property owner is disputing the existence of a violation;
ii. A plan to correct any undisputed violations;
iii. Confirmation that the landowner will correct any undisputed violation(s) by the date(s) specified in the Notice of Violation or a proposal for a later date if more time is needed, along with an explanation of the need for additional time;

Confirmation that a penalty assessed, if any, will be paid within 30 days of the issuance of the Notice of Violation or a proposal for lower penalty amount with an explanation of why the lower amount is appropriate, All proposals will be considered by staff and a determination regarding the proposal will be provided in writing to the landowner.

North Kings GSA's Review of Written Response(s):

The North Kings GSA Executive Officer or staff will review any written response(s) to a notice of violation and consider any explanation(s) provided. The North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, will thereafter make a recommendation to the North Kings GSA Board of Directors regarding whether to accept the response or whether to proceed with additional enforcement. The North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, will provide a rationale for any recommendations for additional enforcement, including why the person or entity's explanation(s) or defense(s) lack merit. After reviewing the response(s), the North Kings GSA Executive Officer may also take any of the following actions, when appropriate:

i. Negotiate a proposed settlement for North Kings GSA legal counsel review and Board review and approval;
ii. Request that the person or entity provide additional information;
iii. Recommend appropriate enforcement action to the North Kings GSA Board of Directors for approval;
iv. Provide written notification to the landowner whether the response resolved one or more of the violations identified in the notice of violation, within thirty (30) days of the date the written response was received.

B. Enforcement Actions

1. Enforcement Order: Following Board approval, the North Kings GSA, its Executive Officer, or legal counsel may issue a proposed enforcement order to a landowner. The North Kings GSA will verify delivery of the proposed enforcement order. Proposed enforcement orders will be maintained by the North Kings GSA and will include the following:

i. The law or North Kings GSA order, resolution, ordinance, policy, decision, rule and/or regulation violated by the landowner;
ii. The facts forming the basis for each violation;
iii. The number of violations incurred, including the dates on which the violations occurred;
iv. Information relating to the potential for additional or ongoing violations;
v. A directive to correct each violation;
vi. A date by which the landowner must certify compliance;
vii. If applicable, a directive to pay a fee, assessment or penalty by a date specified and how to pay the fee, assessment or penalty;
viii. North Kings GSA's contact information; and
ix. Information regarding requesting a voluntary hearing before the North Kings GSA Board of Directors on the proposed enforcement order.

The North Kings GSA Board may designate its Executive Officer and/or legal counsel the responsibility of preparing and/or transmitting a proposed enforcement order to a landowner.

Requests for Hearing. A landowner may request a hearing before the North Kings GSA Board on a proposed enforcement order by submitting a written request for a hearing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed enforcement order. The right to a hearing is forfeited if the request is not timely submitted. If a timely hearing request is not received, the proposed enforcement order will become final upon adoption by the North Kings GSA Board of Directors. Absent a stay of enforcement by the North Kings GSA Board of Directors, corrective actions designated in a proposed enforcement order will remain in effect while a request for a hearing is pending. Neither payment of any associated assessment, fee, or penalty nor the submission of a timely hearing request shall excuse the landowner from resolving a violation. The hearing will allow oral or written presentations as part of the meeting.

2. Referral to Legal Counsel – Civil Action: The North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, may request that the North Kings GSA Board of Directors refer the matter to legal counsel for the filing of a civil action, including for injunctive relief. Any authorization for North Kings GSA's participation in litigation or other legal proceeding(s) requires a unanimous vote of all North Kings GSA's Directors of the Board.

5.0 Penalties

Any person or entity whether acting as principal, agent, employer, or otherwise, who violates any North Kings GSA rule, regulation, ordinance, policy or resolution adopted pursuant to SGMA or the terms and/or conditions of any permit issued to any person or entity, may be punishable by a fine per violation as presented below:

Violation	Fine
1st Violation	Written Notice of Violation with 30 days to comply.
2nd Violation	$500 penalty, plus any late fees, and 30 days to comply.
3rd Violation or More	Up to $1,000 plus $100 for every day on which the violation continues.
Excess Groundwater Extractions (When Adopted and Implemented)	Up to $500 per acre-foot extracted in excess of the amount that the person or entity is authorized to extract.

All persons and entities in receipt of a civil penalty may appeal to the North Kings GSA Board of Directors by contacting the Executive Officer, or designee. The maximum penalties are consistent with Section 10732 (a)(1) and (2), Water Code.

6.0 Effective Date and Modification

a. This Policy shall become effective on May 1, 2026.

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

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The foregoing Enforcement and Penalty 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 _____ 2026, 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

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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 6, 2026

SUBJECT: NKGSA Executive Officer Report

ATTACHMENTS: (A) NONE

SGMA Implementation Project Updates

Member agencies continue to make progress on their SGMA implementation projects. Status updates will be provided annually on the project and management actions (PMA) spreadsheet required to be submitted to Department of Water Resources with the annual report. The next solicitation for updates on the PMA spreadsheet will be in October 2026, following the end of the water year. Agencies are encouraged to provide updates at least annually and as projects are completed. Funding for SGMA implementation projects will be available through Proposition 4 so agencies should be prepared to submit applications for funding once released.

2025 Annual Report

The Kings Subbasin Annual Report for water year 2025 was submitted on March 31, 2026, ahead of the deadline of April 1. The annual report is available on the North Kings GSA website. The annual report for the Kings Subbasin showed there are some sustainable management criteria (SMC) wells with groundwater levels that are below the interim milestones and measurable objectives. In the coming months, staff will be working with Provost & Pritchard and the Technical Workgroup to review data and to make changes to the minimum thresholds and measurable objectives to reflect the change in how surface water is used in the North Kings GSA boundary. As an entire GSA, there is not a notable difference but more of the surface water is being used in the City limits with less water going to the west side farmers. The conditions have significantly changed and needs to be reflected in the minimum thresholds and measurable objectives.

A news release is being prepared to publicize the availability of the Kings Subbasin annual report as well as showcase some of the projects completed since SGMA was passed in 2014. The report can be found on the North Kings GSA website.

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 and the Collaborative Action Plan. The well registration activity resulted in an increase in the number of followers and email subscribers.

Dedicated Representative Monitoring Well Improvements:

The North Kings GSA Board of Directors approved investments for the development of a dedicated representative monitoring network. The first phase of dedicated monitoring wells includes ten monitoring wells and the construction on those wells is nearing completion. FID's Engineering Technician, Chris Lundeen, is working on installation of the data loggers to allow for real time monitoring of groundwater levels. DWR continues to emphasize the importance of the bi-annual groundwater level measurements from the representative monitoring wells and continuing to use private agricultural wells and private domestic wells could be costly to the North Kings GSA. The contract was awarded to the low bidder, Bradley & Sons Well Drilling. All funds from the FY 2025-2026 budget have been expended and remaining expenses will be paid from the well monitoring network reserve fund approved by the Board of Directors.

Plans are underway to identify the next phase of monitoring wells to be drilled including physical locations and working to secure easements for those wells. Funds for the next phase of monitoring wells will be presented in the FY 2026-2027 budget in May 2026.

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.

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