NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Special Board Meeting – September 3, 2026

In-Person and Teleconference Meeting

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

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
SCHEDULED A SPECIAL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.
TELECONFERENCE and IN-PERSON MEETING
AGENDA

TELECONFERENCE and IN-PERSON MEETING

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NKGSA - Regular Board Meeting
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Passcode: 943651

Written and Verbal Comments

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- Written Comments can also be provided up to one hour prior to the scheduled meeting at northkingsgsa@gmail.com. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be read onto the record during the public comment portion when the item is heard. Any portion of your comment extending past three (3) minutes may not be read aloud due to time restrictions but will be made part of the record of proceedings.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **REVIEW AGENDA**
   Additional Agenda Items – Requires Majority Approval of Board - §54954.2(b)

4. **REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

5. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (for items not on agenda) – 3 Minutes Maximum Per Person, 10 Minutes Maximum Per Subject**

6. **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
   Any Board Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter. [FPPC §18705]

7. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Redelfs)**
   a. Advisory Committee Update from August 14, 2026 Meeting – Recommended Approvals

8. **FINANCIAL MATTERS (Stork)**
   a. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the Expense Report for June 2026
   b. Review Draft Financial Statements as of June 30, 2026
   c. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Audited Financial Statements
   d. LAIF Account Update

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
   a. Discussion / Possible Action on Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2026
   b. Discussion / Possible Action – Consider North Kings GSA Resolution 2026-003 – Honoring De Ann Stork For Her Years Of Service to the North Kings GSA (Chauhan)
   c. Discussion / Possible Action – Consider Adoption of North Kings GSA Policy 2026-001 Enforcement and Penalties Policy (Chauhan)
   d. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update (Samuelian)
   e. Water Conditions Update

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f. Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Progress Update (Chauhan)
g. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update (Chauhan)
h. 2026 Well Permitting Update (Chauhan)

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT (Chauhan)

a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update
b. Outreach / External Affairs Update
c. Representative Monitoring Network Update
d. Miscellaneous

11. DIRECTORS REPORT

12. ADJOURNMENT

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NORTH KINGS GSA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

2026 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS / EVENTS- *Subject to Change with Proper Notice

September 3, 2026	**6:00 p.m.**	**Special Board Meeting**
September 24, 2026	**6:00 p.m.**	**Regular Board Meeting**
October 22, 2026	**6:00 p.m.**	**Regular Board Meeting**
****November 19, 2026**	**6:00 p.m.**	**Regular Board Meeting**
****December 17, 2026**	**6:00 p.m.**	**Regular Board Meeting**

****Rescheduled due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Subject to change.**

8. (a-b) – Expense Reports and Draft Financial Statements

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO:	**8 (a-b)**
Executive Officer:	KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: Chair and Board Members

FROM: De Ann Stork – Fiscal Agent

DATE: August 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Financial Update

ATTACHMENTS: (A) NKGSA Expense Reports – June 2026
(B) Draft Financial Statements as of June 30, 2026

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the Board of Directors to approve the Expense Report for June 2026 as recommended by the North Kings GSA Advisory Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fiscal agent, DeAnn Stork, has prepared the monthly expense report for June 2026 (Attachment A) and the draft financial statements as of June 30, 2026 (Attachment B). The draft financial statements are reflective of the revised FY 2025-2026 budget approved by the North Kings GSA Board of Directors on April 23, 2026.

There are a few budget line items that were slightly over the budget amount including: Well Monitoring (102.16%), public relations – general outreach (109.11%), public relations – well registration (100.66%), executive officer (104.34%), and supporting staff (107.55%). This accounted for $22,637.68 more in expenses in these categories combined compared to what was budgeted. However, there are several categories where

expenses were less than the budgeted amounts. In addition, the interest income of $88,225.18 is more than the budgeted amount of $55,777.81. The total expenses estimated as of June 30, 2026, were $812,924.81 which is well under the total budgeted amount of $1,820,800.67.

For the domestic well mitigation line item, a total of $13,343.35 were expended leaving a balance of $986,656.65 to be rolled into the domestic well mitigation revolving fund to fund future year's domestic well mitigation expenses.

There were no unexpected expenses noted and most budget line items are tracking very close to the budgeted amount for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. The financial statements as of June 30, 2026, will be considered for approval after the FY 2025-2026 audit is completed in case there are adjustments as a result of the audit findings.

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 Revised Budget, approved on April 23, 2026, with the exceptions noted above. Total expenses for the fiscal year were less than the budgeted amount.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The final financial statements as of June 30, 2026, will be considered after the audit is completed.

Prepared by: De Ann Stork

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Transaction List with Splits

June 2026

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Constant Contact, Inc.					
06/25/2026		Constant Contact, Inc.		Five Star Credit Card	104.00
				Public Information:PR - General Outreach	104.00
Falcon Security Services Inc					
06/01/2026	30297	Falcon Security Services Inc		Accounts Payable	104.00
			May 2026 Services	Professional Services:Security Services	104.00
Fresno Irrigation District					
06/09/2026	07823	Fresno Irrigation District		Accounts Payable	6,398.98
			May 2026 Hours	Staff Expense:Executive Officer	4,679.99
			May 2026 Fiscal Agent Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	553.52
			May 2026 Recording Secretary Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	617.60
			May 2026 GIS Specialist Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	185.66
			May 2026 Admin Fee 6%	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	362.21
06/30/2026	07853	Fresno Irrigation District	JUNE 2026 HOURS	Accounts Payable	4,442.31
			June 2026 Hours	Staff Expense:Executive Officer	3,820.40
			June 2026 Fiscal Agent Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	138.38
			June 2026 GIS Specialist Surveyor Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	232.08
			June 2026 Admin Fee 6%	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	251.45
Intuit QuickBooks Online					
06/15/2026	10001502037315	Intuit QuickBooks Online		Accounts Payable	115.00
				Office Supplies	115.00

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Transaction List with Splits

June 2026

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group					
06/10/2026	131224	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	62.00
			Dom Well Mit Prog Admin 002	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	62.00
06/10/2026	131225	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	22,023.40
			On-going GEN	Professional Services:Engineering Consultant	9,629.70
			On-going MON	Project Costs:Well Monitoring	758.20
			On-going PUB	Public Information:PR - General Outreach	4,754.40
			On-going REG	Public Information:PR - Well Registration Support Staff	816.60
			On-going SUB	Professional Services:Engineering Consultant	5,049.30
			On-going SUP	Public Information:PR - Well Registration Support Staff	1,015.20
06/11/2026	131338	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	2,159.63
			Kings Basin Coord COR	Kings Basin Coordination	912.10
			Kings Basin Coord REP	Kings Basin Coordination	1,247.53
06/11/2026	131343	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	45.55
			Dom Well Mit Prog Admin 001	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	45.55
06/30/2026	132526	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	911.00
			Dom Well Mit Proj Admin 002	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	911.00
06/30/2026	132527	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	31,549.70
			On-going GEN	Professional Services:Engineering Consultant	14,710.30
			On-going PUB	Public Information:PR - General Outreach	6,312.60
			On-going REG	Public Information:PR - Well Registration	188.00
			On-going SUB	Professional Services:Engineering Consultant	9,612.80
			On-going SUP	Public Information:PR - Well Registration Support Staff	726.00
06/30/2026	132529	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	46.55
			Dom Well Mit Prog Admin 001	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	46.55
06/30/2026	132534	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	1,445.93
			Kings Basin Coord COR	Kings Basin Coordination	1,064.04
			Kings Basin Coord REP	Kings Basin Coordination	381.89

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2026

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Five Star Bank Checking		125,000.00
Five Star Bank Money Market		1,556,808.53
LAIF		572,491.18
Total Bank Accounts	**$**	**2,254,299.71**
Other Current Assets		
Interest Receivable		5,588.52
Total Other Current Liabilities	**$**	**5,588.52**
Total Current Assets	**$**	**2,259,888.23**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$**	**2,259,888.23**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable		40,604.54
Total Accounts Payable	**$**	**40,604.54**
Credit Cards		
Five Star Credit Card		104.00
Total Credit Cards	**$**	**104.00**
Other Current Liabilities		
Deferred Revenues Intr[illegible]rties		10,246.40
Total Other Current Liabilities	**$**	**10,246.40**
Total Current Liabilities	**$**	**50,954.94**
Total Liabilities	**$**	**50,954.94**
Net Position		
Member Agency Participation Balances		250,573.58
Reserves - Legal Fund		500,000.00
Reserves - Well Mitigation Program		456,594.74
Net Income		1,001,764.97
Total Net Position	**$**	**2,208,933.29**
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	**$**	**2,259,888.23**

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

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Grant Income		0.00	0.00	
Interested Party Contribution	7,113.20	7,113.20	0.00	100.00%
Member/Contracting Entity				
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	100.00%
Total Member/Contracting Entity	**$ 1,716,396.80**	**$ 1,716,396.80**	**$ .00**	**100.00%**
Well Registration Penalties	3,400.00		,400	
Total Income	**$ 1,726,910.00**	**$ 1,723,510.00**	**$ 3,400.00**	**100.20%**
Expenses				
Audit Expense	5,730.00	6,00	-270.00	95.50%
Bank Charges	22.41		22.41	
Dues and Subscriptions	3,443.17	3,443.17	0.00	100.00%
Insurance	2,057.50	2,057.50	0.00	100.00%
Kings Basin Coordination	46,268.31	00	,731.69	77.11%
Legal	16,213.07	20,00 00	-3,786.93	81.07%
Office Supplies	26	00.00	-196.74	87.70%
Professional Services		0.00	0.00	
Engineering Consultant	160,321	17 00.00	-9,678.52	94.31%
Security Services	.00	1,200.00	-638.00	46.83%
Total Professional Services	**$ 883.48**	**$ 171,200.00**	**-$ 10,316.52**	**93.97%**
Project Costs			0.00	
Well Mitigation	13,34 55	1,000,000.00	-986,656.65	1.33%
Well Monitoring	75,020.99	465,000.00	10,020.99	102.16%
Well Monitoring Reserves	265,000.63	-265,000.00	-0.63	100.00%
Total Project Costs	**223,363.71**	**$ 1,200,000.00**	**-$ 976,636.29**	**18.61%**
Public Information		0.00	0.00	
PR - General Outreach	85,105.17	78,000.00	7,105.17	109.11%
PR - Well Registration	81,027.52	80,500.00	527.52	100.66%
PR - Well Registration Support Staff	82,423.21	98,000.00	-15,576.79	84.11%
Total Public Information	**$ 248,555.90**	**$ 256,500.00**	**-$ 7,944.10**	**96.90%**
Staff Expense			0.00	
Executive Officer	83,473.14	80,000.00	3,473.14	104.34%
Supporting Staff (FID)	21,510.86	20,000.00	1,510.86	107.55%
Total Staff Expense	**$ 104,984.00**	**$ 100,000.00**	**$ 4,984.00**	**104.98%**
Total Expenses	**$ 812,924.81**	**$ 1,820,800.67**	**-$ 1,007,875.86**	**44.65%**
Net Operating Income	**$ 913,985.19**	**-$ 97,290.67**	**$ 1,011,275.86**	**-939.44%**
Other Income				
Interest Income	88,225.18	55,777.81	32,447.37	158.17%
Unrealized Gain/Loss	-445.40	0.00	-445.40	
Total Other Income	**$ 87,779.78**	**$ 55,777.81**	**$ 32,001.97**	**157.37%**
Change in Net Position	**$ 1,001,764.97**	**-$ 41,512.86**	**$ 1,043,277.83**	**-2413.14%**

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9. (a) – Regular Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2026

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR
JULY 23, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.
2907 SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE – FRESNO, CA

TELECONFERENCE / IN-PERSON MEETING

AGENCIES – DIRECTORS / ALTERNATE DIRECTORS PRESENT

Chairman Jerry Prieto, Jr., Fresno Irrigation District
Alternate Director Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company
Alternate Director Nicholas Mascia, City of Fresno
Director Matthew Basgall, City of Clovis
Director Karl Kienow, Garfield Water District
Director Kyle Moeller, Fowler Packing
Alternate Director Ernest Mendes, County of Fresno

BOARD SEATS ABSENT

None

MEMBER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Executive Officer Kassy Chauhan, North Kings GSA
Fiscal Agent De Ann Stork, North Kings GSA
Fiscal Agent in training Andrea Ball, Fresno Irrigation District
Advisory Committee Vice-Chair Adam Claes, North Kings GSA
Advisory Committee Chairman Scott Redelfs, City of Clovis
Fresno Irrigation District Representative – General Manager Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Legal Counsel Dave Boyer, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, & Romo (via teleconference)
Executive Assistant Laurie Kiser, North Kings GSA

OTHERS PRESENT (who wanted to be identified for the record)

None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Prieto at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Prieto led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Chauhan noted that the August 27, 2026, Regular Board meeting will be cancelled due to conflicts; however, a Special Board meeting is being scheduled for September 3, 2026.

Ms. Chauhan noted that there are members of the public joining online; however, no advance requests for public comments or written comments were received. Public comments will be taken under the appropriate action item and following each agenda item.

3. REVIEW AGENDA
(Additional Agenda Items – Requires Majority Approval of Board - §54954.2(b)

No changes to the agenda.

4. REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Chairman Prieto noted the changes previously reported by Ms. Chauhan regarding the cancellation of the August Regular Board Meeting and the scheduling of a Special Board Meeting in September.

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (for items not on agenda) – 3 Minutes Maximum Per Person, 10 Minutes Maximum Per Subject

No public presentations.

6. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
Any Board Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter. [FPPC §18705]

None stated.

7. BOARD ELECTIONS (Chauhan)

a. Discussion / Possible Action – Appointment of Board Chair and Vice-Chair (Chauhan)

Ms. Chauhan stated that, in accordance with the NKGSA Bylaws, the Board annually elects a Chair and Vice Chair at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Ms. Chauhan noted that Director Prieto has served as Chair and Supervisor Pacheco has served as Vice Chair since the formation of the NKGSA. Ms. Chauhan reported Supervisor Pacheco expressed his willingness and desire to continue to serve as Vice Chair, subject to the Board's direction, while recognizing that a transition may be necessary following departure from the Fresno County Board of Supervisors at the end

of 2026.

Ms. Chauhan opened nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. Director Kienow nominated Director Prieto and Director Pacheco to continue serving as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. There were no other nominations.

M/S/C (Mendes/Kienow) That the Board of Directors approved Director Prieto to continue as Board Chairman and Director Pacheco to continue as Board Vice-Chairman by the following vote. (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Moeller, Prieto, Jr., Mascia, Basgall, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

8. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

a. Advisory Committee Update from July 10, 2026, Meeting – Recommended Approvals

- Approve Expense Reports
- Approve Financial Statement
- Pass Resolution NKGSA 2026-001
- Pass Resolution NKGSA 2026-002 and Conflict of Interest Code Amendments
- Continued Discussion on the Draft Enforcement Policy – NKGSA 2026-001

Mr. Redelfs reported that the Advisory Committee met a couple of weeks earlier and recommends approval of the Expense Reports, Financial Statement, and Resolutions 2026-001 and 2026-002 regarding amendments to the NKGSA Conflict of Interest Code and the ACWA Vision for Our Water Future. Mr. Redelfs noted that the Advisory Committee continues to discuss the Draft Enforcement Policy and anticipates bringing the policy before the Board for approval at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Chauhan noted that Mr. Redelfs has agreed to continue serving as Chair of the Advisory Committee for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS (Stork)

a. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the Expense Reports for April and May 2026

Ms. Stork reported that the expenses for April and May were ordinary and customary.

M/S/C (Mendes/Basgall) That the Board of Directors approved the Expense Reports for April and May 2026, as presented by staff, by the following vote: (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Moeller, Prieto, Jr., Mascia, Basgall, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the Financial Statements as of May 31, 2026

Ms. Stork reported on total expenses as of May 31, 2026, noting that the GSA remains under budget and that May represents the eleventh month of the fiscal year.

M/S/C (Kienow/Moeller) That the Board of Directors approved the Financial Statements as of May 31, 2026, as presented by staff, by the following vote: (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Moeller, Prieto, Jr., Mascia, Basgall, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Discussion / Possible Action on Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2026

There were no corrections to the May 28, 2026, meeting minutes.

M/S/C (Mascia/Basgall) That the Board of Directors approved the minutes of the May 28, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, as presented by Staff, by the following vote: (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Moeller, Prieto, Jr., Mascia, Basgall, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

b. Review of NKGSA Board of Directors Official Roster

- Seat 3 – In January 2027 – Bakman will be in seat
- Seat 6 – Will change in 2027

Ms. Chauhan stated that Seat No. 3 is a shared seat representing the communities of Biola, the City of Kerman, and Bakman. Ms. Chauhan reported that Director Pickens has been serving in the position, with the current term expiring in December 2026. It was noted that the seat is scheduled to rotate back to Bakman in accordance with the established arrangement among the three agencies. It was also noted that it is anticipated that Bakman will appoint Director Pickens to remain in the seat.

Director Mendes noted that Director Jimenez was not listed as an alternate for the County, Seat No. 6. Ms. Chauhan stated that the list would be updated to add Director Jimenez as the second alternate.

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Attachment A

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OFFICAL ROSTER
July 23, 2026

Background:

Directors are elected officials who have been appointed to serve on the NKGSA Board of Directors by their respective boards, councils or commissions, or are the authorized representative of a member, contracting entity or interested party, per the bylaws for the NKGSA Joint Power Authority (JPA). Each Director can appoint up to two alternatives to serve in their place in case of absence. Annually in July, nominations for chair and vice-chair positions are to be accepted and acted on by the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors Seat No.	Agency	Name	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Date Appointed	Comment
1	Fresno Irrigation District	Mr. Jerry Prieto	Mr. Ryan Jacobsen		2016	Chair*
2	Garfield Water District	Mr. Karl Kienow	Mr. Ryan Jacobsen		2016	
3	Bakman Water Company*	Mr. Steve Pickens	Mr. Shay Bakman		2020	*Shared seat and City of Kerman elected to have Steve Pickens continue to serve in their place from January 2025 – December 2026.
4	City of Clovis	Mr. Matt Basgall	Mr. Drew Bessinger		2023	
5	City of Fresno	Mayor Jerry Dyer	Mr. Nicholas Macias	Mrs. Georgeanne White	2021	
6	Fresno County	Mr. Brian Pacheco	Mr. Buddy Mendes		2016	Vice-Chair*
7	At-Large	Mr. Kyle Moeller	Mr. Chuck Rodriguez		2022	

*Chairman Prieto and Vice-Chair Pacheco were re-nominated and re-elected in July 2026.

c. Discussion / Possible Action – Consider Recommending Approval of NKGSA Resolution 2026-001 Vision for Our Water Future

Ms. Chauhan reported that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) developed a vision for California's water future in anticipation of the upcoming gubernatorial election. The initiative is intended to educate gubernatorial candidates on the importance of water, the challenges facing California's water sector, and key policy considerations to support informed decision-making.

Vision for Our Water Future

- Four Pillars
  - Lead on Water
  - Protect Affordability
  - Deliver Critical Infrastructure
  - Modernize Water Management

- Purpose
  - Educate Gubernatorial Candidates and Next Administration on Water
  - Advance Unified Policy Agenda for Safe, Reliable, Affordable Water
- Advisory Committee Reviewed and Recommended Approval
- Next Steps:
  - Notify ACWA and submit resolution and logo
  - Messaging on Social Media

M/S/C (Mendes/Moeller) That the Board of Directors approved the NKGSA Resolution 2026-001 Vision for Our Water Future, as presented by Staff, by the following roll call vote: (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Moeller, Prieto, Jr., Mascia, Basgall, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

d. Discussion / Possible Action on Adoption of the 2026 Conflict of Interest Code and Resolution NKGSA – 2026-002

Ms. Chauhan reported that, as part of the biennial review of the Conflict of Interest Code, staff worked with legal counsel, Dave Boyer, to update the code and ensure compliance with current requirements. Recommended amendments primarily reflected changes under SB 852 regarding Form 700 filing requirements for public officials who manage public investments. Ms. Chauhan noted that the proposed amendments were also reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

- SB852: Changed filing office for public officials who manage public investments.
  - COI Code Adopted in 2018 – Biennial Reviews
  - Amendments: Fiscal Agent/Controller – File Electronically Each Year – All Disclosures
  - Final Draft Amended COI Code – Reviewed and Accepted by Fresno County Legal Counsel
  - Recommendation: For the Board of Directors to approve the amended COI Code and adopt Resolution 2026-002.
  - Next Steps: Provide documentation and biennial notice to Fresno County.

M/S/C (Bakman/Kienow) That the Board of Directors approved the 2026 Conflict of Interest Code and Resolution NKGSA – 2026-002, as presented by Staff, by the following roll call vote: (Ayes – Bakman, Kienow, Moeller, Prieto, Jr., Mascia,

Basgall, Mendes; Nays – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0)

e. Kings Subbasin Coordination Update

Ms. Chauhan reviewed the following:

- Had a meeting with Delta Mendota Subbasin representatives in June to talk about subsidence and Interbasin coordination
- Met with DWR about their water level monitoring program
    - Follow up meeting scheduled in August
- DWR subsidence special meetings occurring with basins
    - Kings not contacted yet
    - Anticipate a meeting with DWR to happen later this summer or the beginning of fall
- Coordinated work on Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) - DWR BMP not out, Environmental Defense Fund interest
- Allocation Framework – Approved/Accepted
- DWR reviewing Periodic Evaluations, consulting with some basins, we should hear back by December 2026
- Annual Report submitted. DWR reviewing
- Domestic Well Mitigation Program ongoing
- Prop 4 Funding update – SGMA ($350M) and Water Resilience ($200M formerly IRWM)

Ms. Chauhan stated that Proposition 4 funding is expected to become available in late 2026 or early 2027 and noted that agencies are encouraged to prepare eligible projects in anticipation of the upcoming application process.

f. Water Conditions Update

Mr. Claes presented the following:

- San Joaquin River
    - Millerton Lake – ~320,000 AF (dropping ~4k AF/day)
    - San Joaquin River Release - ~350 cfs
    - Friant-Kern Canal - ~2,700 cfs
        - Friant-Kern Canal will be shutting down for its three month maintenance period, November through January, which is done

every three years

  - Friant Class 1 – 100%
  - Friant Class 2 – 0% (FID acquired ~4k AF or URFs)
- Kings River
  - Pine Flat Storage - ~355,000 AF (dropping ~9k AF/day)
  - Pine Flat Release - ~6,200 cfs
  - Pre-Project - ~615 cfs
  - FID Storage - ~93,000 AF (141k AF max)

Mr. Claes presented a water-year precipitation chart prepared by the California Department of Water Resources showing historical strong El Niño years for the Tulare Basin 6-Station Index region. This chart illustrates that approximately half of the strong El Niño years result in above average precipitation while half result in below average precipitation.

- 2026 Water Year and Season
  - Kings River Runoff:
    - Water Year (October 2025 – September 2026): 75% of average
    - April – July 52% of average
- FID Water Season:
  - March 16 – August 15 (5 months)
  - 2025 was 4 months (70% Water Year)

g. Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Progress Update

Ms. Chauhan reviewed the following:

Well Registration Progress Update:

- To Date: 8,229 wells registered
  - Domestic: 4,512
  - Agricultural: 2,847
- Required Effective May 1, 2025
- Estimated More than 10,000 wells within NKGSA
- Deadline:
  - Final Deadline was January 30, 2026
  - Late Fee Started – February 1, 2026

Well Types Distribution Table

Well Type	Count	Percentage	Distribution
Domestic	4512	54.8%	
Agricultural Irrigation	2847	34.5%	
Municipal	351	4.3%	
Dual Use (Ag and Domestic)	210	2.5%	
No Type Selected	152	1.8%	
Other	101	1.2%	
Stockwatering	28	0.3%	
Industrial	24	0.3%	
Fire Protection	6	0.1%	
Monitoring	6	0.1%	
Dewatering	4	0%	
Total	**8241**	**100%**	

- Next Steps:
  - Late Registration Fee Implemented - $100 per wellhead
    - Started February 1, 2026
    - 144 waivers issued; 35 late payments collected
  - Development of Enforcement Policy for Failing to Comply with GSA Policies/Requirements
    - Consider at Special Meeting on September 3
  - Identify Landowners With Wells Not Registered
    - Ongoing – Most of 2026
    - 4,100 Parcels (2+ Acres) – No Registration Activity
    - 2,161 Parcels (5+ Acres) – No Registration Activity
      - 1,352 Addresses – 941 With Crops

Ms. Chauhan stated that, if the Board approves the Enforcement Policy at the September Special Board meeting, the first notices will be sent to landowners who have not registered their wells as soon as possible thereafter.

Further discussion took place regarding the number of wells within the GSA that still need to be registered. Ms. Chauhan stated that efforts are underway to identify wells that have not yet been registered and that the anticipation is that there are 10,000 to 11,000 wells within the GSA.

h. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update

Ms. Chauhan reported that the Domestic Well Mitigation Program remains active, although demand continues to be limited. Since the last update, two additional applications were received and subsequently denied, one due to the age of the well and the other due to exceeding the program's income threshold. Ms. Chauhan noted that applications are reviewed promptly so applicants can seek assistance from other organizations when necessary. It was also reported that 19 applications have been received throughout the Kings Subbasin, with none resulting in mitigation or well replacement through the NKGSA program.

	Central Kings	Kings River East	North Fork Kings	North Kings	Total Applications Completed
Prior to start of program	0	0	2	0	2
Well not dry	0	0	0	3	3
Age of well over 50	3	0	1	7	11
Over income limit	1	0	0	2	3
Total per GSA	4	0	3	12	19

i. Well Permitting Update

2026 Year to Date

Well Type – 2026	Count
Agricultural	21
Domestic Private	87
Domestic Public	2
Monitoring	2
Soil Boring	1
Grand Total	113

Well Type – 2026	Count
January	11 (Agricultural 1; Domestic Private 10)
February	21 (Agricultural 4; Domestic Private 15; Domestic Public 1; Soil Boring 1)
March	21 (Agricultural 7; Domestic Private 13; Monitoring 1)
April	15 (Agricultural 2; Domestic Private 12; Monitoring 1)
May	21 (Agricultural 4; Domestic Private 17)
June	20 (Agricultural 3; Domestic Private 16; Monitoring 1)
July	4 (Domestic Private 4)
Total	113

- 2024: 229 Total
- 2025: 242 Total
- 2026: 113 Total YTD

Ms. Chauhan reported on well permitting activity within the North Kings GSA, noting that 113 well permits had been reviewed as of the prior week. It was noted that permit activity is below 2025 levels and continues to show a downward trend compared to prior years. Ms. Chauhan stated that most permitted wells are replacement wells for agricultural and domestic use, with few, if any, associated with new water demand.

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT (Chauhan)

a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update

Ms. Chauhan reported that Proposition 4 funding is expected to become available and encouraged all agencies to continue refining and prioritizing their SGMA implementation projects in preparation for the upcoming grant opportunities. It was also noted that competition for this funding is anticipated to be significant.

b. Outreach / External Affairs Update

Ms. Chauhan reported that outreach and engagement efforts remain active through social media and the NKGSA website, with a continued focus on Biola Community Services District. A ribbon-cutting event, in coordination with the Biola Community Services District, is scheduled for next Wednesday to celebrate the completion of its groundwater recharge basin. Ms. Chauhan invited the Board to attend the event. It was also noted that the

project represents a significant milestone for the community and is expected to support long-term groundwater sustainability efforts within the critically over drafted basin.

c. Representative Monitoring Network Update

Ms. Chauhan reported that staff continues to work on Phase II of the Dedicated Representative Monitoring Network and anticipates installing eight to ten additional monitoring wells. It was noted that the Board has previously approved $750,000 for the installation of these new dedicated wells.

d. Miscellaneous

Legislative Update:
Ms. Chauhan noted that the Legislature is currently in recess but is expected to consider any remaining bills before adjournment at the end of August. Staff will continue to monitor legislation related to groundwater recharge and potential improvements to support recharge efforts during high-water years. Ms. Chauhan also noted that, following the Board's approval to join the California Groundwater Association, the NKGSA has begun receiving updates from the organization and that its first board meeting is scheduled for August.

Interested Party Update:
Ms. Chauhan reported that funds have been received from Fresno State, Malaga County Water District, and Pinedale County Water District. It is anticipated that E.J. Gallo will also make a contribution.

FY 2025-2026 Audit Update:
Ms. Chauhan noted that the fiscal year is currently in its eleventh month and will soon be coming to a close. It was further noted that CJ Brown will conduct the annual audit following the end of the fiscal year.

Fiscal Agent – Training and Transitioning:

Ms. Chauhan announced the upcoming retirement of Fiscal Agent DeAnn Stork and reported that Andrea Ball has been working closely with Ms. Stork to ensure a smooth

transition of fiscal responsibilities. Ms. Chauhan noted that Ms. Ball joined FID in October 2025 and has been training on both FID and NKGSA fiscal operations. Appreciation was expressed for Ms. Stork's contributions and service to the organization.

12. DIRECTORS REPORT

Alternate Director Bakman – nothing to report

Director Kienow – expressed appreciation for Chairman Prieto and Vice Chair Pacheco for their service and willingness to continue serving, and thanked both for their commitment to the Board

Director Moeller – nothing to report

Director Prieto – mentioned medical issues he is working through

Alternate Director Mascia – nothing to report

Director Basgall – nothing to report

Alternate Director Mendes – noted that the East Kings GSA is going to have a Proposition 218 Election

13. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Chairman Prieto adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Submitted by,

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Kassy Chauhan, Executive Officer-Secretary/Treasurer

9. (b) – Resolution 2026-003

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03
A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY HONORING DE ANN STORK FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, De Ann Stork has served the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency as its Fiscal Agent with dedication for over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, De Ann Sork has served the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency member agency, Fresno Irrigation District, with dedication for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, De Ann Stork has exemplified a strong work ethic and commitment to the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, its representatives and member agencies, and is well known by those around her for her exemplary customer service; and

WHEREAS, the Directors and Executive Officer of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency wish to recognize the loyal and dedicated service of De Ann Stork; and

WHEREAS, De Ann Stork will be retiring from Fresno Irrigation District including her role as the Fiscal Agent of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency in 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency extend their grateful appreciation and congratulations to De Ann Stork on her many years of exceptional service to the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency as its Fiscal Agent

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors congratulates De Ann Stork on her upcoming retirement from the Fresno Irrigation District and wishes her good health and happiness.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency on September 3, 2026.

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Jerry Prieto, Jr., Chairman

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Kassy Chauhan, Executive Officer

I, KASSY CHAUHAN, Executive Officer of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby certify that the Board of Directors adopted the foregoing Resolution 2026-03 on September 3, 2026, at a special meeting by a roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Chairman Prieto, Jr.	____	____	____	____
Vice-Chairman Pacheco	____	____	____	____
Director Pickens	____	____	____	____
Director Kienow	____	____	____	____
Director Moeller	____	____	____	____
Director Basgall	____	____	____	____
Director Mascia	____	____	____	____

9. (c) – Enforcement and Penalty Policy

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO: **9 (c)**
Executive Officer: KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE BOARD of DIRECTORS

TO: Chair and Board Members

FROM: Kassy Chauhan, P.E.

DATE: August 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Discussion / Possible Action - NKGSA Policy 2026-001 Enforcement and Penalty Policy

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NKGSA) Board of Directors to adopt Policy NKGSA-2026-001: Enforcement and Penalty Policy (Attachment A) to the NKGSA Board of Directors for adoption at the September 3, 2026, special 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) to reach sustainability. The goal of the Enforcement and Penalty 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 and adopted by the North Kings GSA Board of Directors. As such, the 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 the Policy is to ensure compliance with policies and rules adopted by the North Kings GSA Board of Directors and to provide deterrence to violations through enforcement actions. This Policy: 1) established guiding principles for the North Kings GSA's approach to enforcement and setting penalties; 2) establishes a standardized enforcement framework; 3) authorizes the North Kings GSA Executive Officer to propose enforcement recommendations, subject to Board approval; 4) addresses 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) establishes civil penalty guidelines for violations which are authorized by Section 10732 (a)(1) and (2) of the California Water Code.

The Policy was developed with input from the North Kings GSA 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 Policy and has found the Policy to be compliant with applicable legal requirements. Input from all the member agencies represented on the North Kings GSA Technical Workgroup has been considered and changes are reflected in the Policy included in Attachment A.

IMPLEMENTATION:

In anticipation of the Policy being adopted, staff are 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 in accordance with the Policy. Landowners will have 90 (ninety) days from the receipt of the notice of violation to register their wells with the North Kings GSA or be subject to progressive enforcement as described in the Policy and below.

All enforcement activities will be tracked in SubCurrent.

PROGRESSIVE ENFORCEMENT:

Per the 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 to landowners failing to comply with the first notice of violation and will include a $500 penalty in addition to the late

registration fees and a requirement to comply within 90 (ninety) days. The third violation and enforcement order could result in a civil penalty of up to $1,000.00 plus $100 per day 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 North Kings GSA is charged with managing the groundwater locally to prevent the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) from taking over the management of the groundwater in its boundary. The North Kings GSA Board of Directors approved 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 landowners 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 policy will be posted on the North Kings GSA website and staff will begin to send notifications in accordance with the policy to landowners who may own wells that have not been registerd with the NKGSA.

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 owners and/or operators of any groundwater extraction facility (hereinafter collectively referred to as "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 groundwater extraction 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 and groundwater extraction facilities subject to enforcement receive due process per the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (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 (Water Code Section 10725.2). Additionally, SGMA provides authority for groundwater sustainability agency enforcement powers for

any person who violates any rule, regulation, or resolution adopted pursuant to Water Code Section 10725.2 (Water Code Section 10732 (a)(2)). 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 under direction of the North Kings GSA Board. 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 reasonable 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 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 landowners 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 actions of the Board of Directors while providing direction to the Executive Officer, pursuit of the following enforcement actions:

A. Notice of Violation:

1. In Person or Telephone Communication:

   As the North Kings GSA pursues violations against landowners of policies it has approved for action through direction to the Executive Officer and Legal Counsel, the North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, will inform landowners in person or by telephone of the violations that must be corrected. The North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, will prepare and maintain a written record of such oral communications and;

   The North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, 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 Executive Officer, or designee, will provide either oral or written communication, including email, as a warning action in advance of issuing a Notice of Violation, or before referring an issue to the North Kings GSA Board of Directors for other enforcement in accordance with the Policy.

2. Warning Letter or Email:

   The North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, will send a landowner a letter or email that identifies potential violations. The North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, 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 Executive Officer, or designee, identified the situation or condition at issue; 3) circumstances under which North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, 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 Executive Officer, or designee, may request relevant information from a landowner to determine compliance and enforcement. Failure to comply or otherwise make such information available may result in additional enforcement actions in accordance with the Policy.

   To monitor compliance and enforcement, the North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, may inspect the property or facilities of a person or entity to ascertain whether compliance is being achieved. The North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, may conduct an inspection consistent with Water Code Section 10725.4 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 Executive Officer, or designee, will issue a notice of violation to a landowner. A written notice of violation will be sent by certified mail and will include the following:

   i. The policy, rule, regulation, ordinance, resolution, or other order violated by the landowner including copies of the document establishing the requirement and a copy of the Policy for enforcement;
   ii. The facts that form the basis of each violation;
   iii. Information related to the potential for additional enforcement action per the Enforcement Policy;
   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 landowner or operator 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 Executive Officer, or designee, 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 landowner or operator is disputing the existence of a violation;
ii. A plan to correct any undisputed violations;
iii. Confirmation that the landowner or operator 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;
iv. Confirmation that a penalty assessed, if any, will be paid within ninety (90) 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 North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, 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 designee, 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, or designee, may also take any of the following actions, when appropriate:

i. Negotiate a proposed settlement for North Kings GSA with legal counsel and Board review, and as an action for Board 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 or operator 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:

In the event the landowner or operator continues to fail to comply with North Kings GSA policies, orders, ordinances, resolutions, decisions, rules and/or regulations, the North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, may proceed with issuance of an enforcement order as described below:

1. Enforcement Order: Following Board approval, the North Kings GSA, its Executive Officer, legal counsel, or designee may issue a proposed enforcement order to a landowner or operator. The North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, will verify delivery of the proposed enforcement order via certified mail. Proposed enforcement orders will be maintained by the North Kings GSA Executive Officer, or designee, 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 or operator including copies of the applicable document establishing the requirement and a copy of the Enforcement Policy;
   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 or operator must certify compliance;
   vii. If applicable, a directive to pay a fee, assessment or penalty by a date specified and how to pay to 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.

2. 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 or operator.

3. Requests for Hearing

   A landowner or operator 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 submitted timely. 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.

   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:

Maximum Penalties as Defined by CA Water Code Section 10732 (a)(1) and (2)

Violation	Penalty (Water Code section 10732)
1st Violation	Written Notice of Violation with 90 days to comply, plus payment of late fees.
2nd Violation	Up to $500 civil penalty, plus any late fees, and 90 days to comply.
3rd Violation or More	Up to $1,000 civil penalty, plus $100 for every day on which the violation continues; plus, any late fees.
Excess Groundwater Extractions (If/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. Additional details will be determined if/when any groundwater extraction policy is adopted and implemented.

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.

6.0 Effective Date and Modification

a. This Policy shall become effective on September 4, 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, following review and recommendation to modify from the North Kings GSA Advisory Committee.

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:

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

ATTEST:

_____
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

10 (a - d) – Executive Officer Report

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO:	**10 (a) - (d)**
Executive Officer:	KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO: Chair and Board Members

FROM: Executive Officer – Kassy Chauhan

DATE: August 24, 2026

SUBJECT: NKGSA Executive Officer Report

ATTACHMENTS: (A) Annual Report Letter to Kings Subbasin from DWR

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. Funding for SGMA implementation projects will be available through Proposition 4 so agencies should be prepared to submit applications for funding once released.

Biola Community Services District (Biola CSD) was able to take surface water through the turnout constructed on FID's Herndon Canal and route it to their recharge basin located at their wastewater plant for the first time starting July 6, 2026. A ribbon cutting event was held on July 29, 2026, at the Biola Recharge Basin to celebrate the completion of this project which would not have been possible without collaboration amongst several agency partners. A short video documenting the importance of this project for the Biola CSD was prepared and is available at the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y33mkxM-kU4

The ribbon cutting event included agency partners from the Fresno Irrigation District, Fresno County, the California Department of Water Resources and a special acknowledgment for project concept proponent, former Biola CSD general manager, Dwight Miller. The Biola CSD was recognized by several elected officials' offices and commended for the great work towards reaching sustainability. The Biola CSD may be the first underrepresented groundwater dependent community to reach sustainability in a critically overdrafted groundwater basin. That is an accomplishment that is worth celebration. The news release was shared by several news outlets including CBS 47, ABC30, KMPH Fox 26, ACWA News, The Business Journal and SJV Water.

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 continues. The well registration activity resulted in an increase in the number of followers and email subscribers. NKGSA continues to see growth in its social media following across all platforms.

Dedicated Representative Monitoring Well Improvements:

The North Kings GSA Board of Directors approved continued investments for the development of a dedicated representative monitoring network. Phase 2 of the dedicated representative monitoring network planning is underway and the Board of Directors approved $750,000 for construction of an additional 8 to 10 dedicated wells. The bid documents are being prepared and should be ready for release in the next month. It is expected that this item will be taken to the Board for possible action at the September 24th regular board meeting, or in October 2026.

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. Construction on Phase 2 of the dedicated monitoring network should start in October or November 2026.

Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) Coordination:

The Kings Subbasin was approached by Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) regarding some interconnected surface water investigations on the Kings River through a program with UC Merced. During the initial discussion with EDF, staff mentioned the work already being coordinated on the San Joaquin River and encouraged the team from UC Merced and EDF to transition their efforts to the San Joaquin River. Coordination with Madera Subbasin, USBR and Friant Water Authority (FWA) is necessary, and additional coordination is in progress.

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.

2025 Annual Report:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) provided a comment letter to the Kings Subbasin GSAs regarding their review of the Water Year 2025 annual report. The annual report was submitted on April 1, 2026 for Water Year 2025. A copy of the letter is attached, Attachment A. DWR continues to emphasize the importance of data collection from the sustainable management criteria wells and identified some wells in the Kings Subbasin with missing readings. The North Kings GSA is in the process of converting to dedicated monitoring wells to avoid future missed monitoring results.

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August 5, 2026

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RE: Review of Annual Report for the Kings Subbasin, Water Year 2025

Dear Ronnie Samuelian,

As the basin point of contact for the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) in the Kings Subbasin (Subbasin), this letter is to inform you that the Department of Water Resources (Department) has completed the review of the annual report for the Subbasin for Water Year 2025.

Following the adoption of a GSP and annually thereafter, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires that an annual report be submitted to the Department by April 1 (Wat. Code § 10728). Once an annual report has been submitted, the Department is required to notify the submitting groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) of receipt within 20 days, review the information to determine whether the basin's GSP is being implemented in a manner likely to achieve its established sustainability goal, and notify the GSA in writing if additional information is required (23 CCR § 355.8).

This annual report review letter does not address plan implementation because the Department is currently reviewing your GSP implementation as part of its periodic review of the GSP, which, in contrast to annual report reviews that consider information about only one year, will look at the periodic evaluation and the collective annual reports that provide the Department with numerous years of reporting data to better assess trends, issues or conditions of concern in the Subbasin, and whether GSP implementation remains on track to achieve sustainability.

The Department noted that the annual report provided an update on all the applicable sustainable management criteria for the basin, as required by GSP Regulations (23 CCR § 356.2). SGMA requires that the GSA continue to include this information in the next annual report, including a description of progress towards implementing the GSP for each of the applicable sustainability indicators.

The Department requires that the submitting agency provide implementation updates on the SGMA Portal Projects and Management Actions (PMA) Module during each water year. The Department noted that implementation updates on all the PMAs were not provided on the SGMA Portal PMA Module, as required by GSP Regulations (23

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CCR § 356.2). The Department will require that the submitting agency provide implementation updates on the SGMA Portal PMA Module during each water year. Implementation updates provide a way to report and track progress such as status, accrued benefits, and funding updates on the implementation of the basin's PMAs. Reporting accurate, detailed, and measurable information in the SGMA Portal PMA Module (such as current status, a time-table for the accrual of benefits, and funding updates on implementation) clearly demonstrates any progress in implementing projects and management actions to the Department since the previous annual report.

The Department's Monitoring Network Module indicates that the GSA did not perform monitoring on seven (7) of the representative monitoring site (RMS) locations for the seasonal high period in Water Year 2025, which represents 6% of the total monitoring network. Additionally, three (3) RMS locations have not reported any groundwater level measurements for either Water Year 2024 or 2025 (Site Codes: 365143N1198529W001, 365525N1198633W001, and 368106N1196143W001). To ensure reliable evaluation of basin conditions, the GSA should maintain consistent data collection across its monitoring network by collecting groundwater elevation measurements twice per year, as required by the GSP Regulations (23 CCR 354.34 (c)(1)(B)). Absence of monitoring data from RMS locations may affect a GSA's ability to evaluate whether undesirable results are occurring and could affect a GSA's ability to assess or demonstrate whether implementation is meeting the sustainability goal. Repeated failure to collect monitoring data from RMS locations may warrant the Department to formally request additional information from future annual reports (23 CCR § 355.8).

Please contact the assigned Department basin point-of-contact or sgmps@water.ca.gov if you have questions about this notice or the annual reporting process. The Department looks forward to receiving your Water Year 2026 Annual Report by April 1, 2027.

Thank You,

Keith Wallace

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