

A meeting of the GFWD was opened in person and telephonically on May 19, 2025 at 1:30 PM.

PRESENT: In person: Seth Kirk, Diane Kirk, Michael Naito, Paul Stewart, Don Roberts  
CALL-IN: Nick Davis, Garth Pecchenino & Keasha Blew - QK Consulting,  
ABSENT: Tom Campagne - Legal  
PUBLIC: None  
PUBLIC CALL-IN: Aman Virk

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2025 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None
4. GSA/GSP (SGMA): Garth reviewed his attached report on the GFWD Assessment for 2025-2026.  
Don read a portion of Resolution No. 2024-03 which stated the total Prop "218" Assessment for FY 2024-2025 will be \$41.18 per acre and the subsequent four (4) years will be as shown on the attached Proposed Rate Structure. This established that the rate for 2025-2026 would be \$42.33 per acre. (See attached)  
Don also provided the Board with a page from the Fresno Irrigation District Annual Report that indicates the Landowners Action Item is Well Registration for both domestic and agricultural wells. This is an action item that GFWD needs to review for possible implementation. More actual information is in the benefit of all District Landowners as well as the District.
5. WATER SUPPLY 2024: Water supply is 100% CI 1 and 0% CI 2 as of Friday. The Bureau made an additional 30,000 AF of URF water available to CI 1 contractors to be used prior to May 18<sup>th</sup> at \$25/AF.
6. DWR INSPECTION GRAVELLY FORD CANAL: Don reported the District has not received any of the information requested from DWR regarding Plans, Right-of-Way, or Agreements relating to the GF Canal and the State's Flood Control work. Don advised he will discontinue this Agenda Item until there is something to report.
7. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: Don reported the following actions have been completed regarding the Election of Directors:
  - Sent a Notice to all Landowners and Water Managers
  - Sent a Notice by email to all (50) persons and agencies on the District's email list
  - Posted a Notice on the District's Web Site
  - Legal Notice published twice in Madera Tribune
  - Press Release published in Madera Tribune
  - Posted Notice at 3 locations within the District
  - Delivered a written Notice to both the County Clerk and Board of Supervisors advising the District will conduct the election
  - District has received Declaration of Candidacy from both incumbents - Seth Kirk and Nick Davis
  - There have been no other inquiries regarding the election and the final filing date is May 30, 2025

8. FINANCIAL REPORT: (a) The Board was presented with a summary of the May 19, 2025 bills, the May 19, 2025 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the May 2025 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2023, 2024 and 2025. On a motion by M Naito and a second by P Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the May bills in the amount of \$26,561.03.  
(b) Don advised there has been an unacceptable delay in getting information on a portion of the District's investment through Raymond James Financial. Don advised he directed Raymond James to resolve the issue today or immediately transfer the funds back to the District's bank by close of business on May 19, 2025.
9. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT:
  - June meeting Agenda will have a Resolution for adoption of the Prop "218" FY 2025-2026 Assessment Rate for the District and will provide a written notice of the rate to all landowners.
  - Underground Safety Board Fees - a State agency to collect USA Fees in addition to Underground Service Alert. GFWD currently exempt due to small volume of postings.
  - MRWVG - May meeting was rescheduled from 4<sup>th</sup> Monday to 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday because of Memorial Day Holiday. April meeting highlights: a DWR presentation on Prop 4 funding availability and update on projects. May meeting items are update on projects and financing issues.
10. BOARD COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:03 PM by Pres. S Kirk.  
The next scheduled meeting will be June 16, 2025 at 1:30 PM at O'Neill Farm Management Office. It is anticipated the meeting will be in person attendance with telephone call-in option.

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Diane Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer



## MEMO

**Date:** May 15, 2025 **Project No.:** 180035  
**To:** Gravelly Ford WD  
**From:** Garth Pecchenino  
**Subject:** Board meeting - GSA/GSP SGMA  
**cc:** Name or delete

#### 4. GSA/GSP (SGMA)

**Domestic Well Mitigation Program:** The next meeting is set for May 21 to discuss the structure of the program and a potential structure for funding the program.

**Interconnected Surface Water Policy Group:** First meeting of group, setup guidelines for group. Talked about future placement of Monitoring wells along the River, maybe to align with current monitoring wells on the southside of the River.

**Smart Water Grant for Radial Gates –** We had a meeting on 04/24 to refine the scope and budget due to changes new award date is likely August.

**Smart Water Grant for Meter installation –** Still in the running and potential award not known, we have set them back a revised scope and budget. Will need to add wells not identified in GSP if awarded.

**GFWD Assessment –** Board needs to give direction on per acre assessment. Should the assessment assess at the \$41.18/acre or inflation adjusted number of \$42.33/acre or other amount? Attached is the table from the Assessment Report with the two (2) dollar amounts \$40 and \$90 per acre. Prior approval by the Board was to use the \$40 table for the first five years and then re-assess for the next have years and adjust the number between the \$40 and \$90 tables. What inflation rate does the Board want to use to set the upcoming rate for the 25/26 tax year?

**GSA Boundary Modification –** Need to formally update the GSA Boundary with the State. Contacted State to determine process.

**Other:**  
**GSP Info:**

#### For SGMA/Annual Reports

- Domestic Well Canvas - **Done**
- Permission to sample Domestic Wells – **Don to talk to landowners, need to summarize sampling concerns and address**
- Get 2010 water level data from previous pump company – **In progress, need permissions from landowners or District authority.**
- Cropping patterns, age, acreage, irrigation type, etc. – **In progress**



**MEMO**

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- Private ponds and recharge basins.
- Project priority list – **Board to provide direction**

**Well Metering Program**

- Canvas Ag wells – **Need to know ones without meters and review meter installation.**
- List of meter specifications/standards
- Qualifications for assistance
- Max match funding per meter installation - **\$5,000**
- Resolution requiring meter installation by 2030 **See Resolution 2019-04. May need additional resolution to set timeline.**

**Additional projects not listed**

- Transmissivity test – **Ken S. – Test of wells on east side to west side for time frame of flow between wells**

**End of Report**

GAP

\$40 per acre - GFWD Preferred Reduced Assessment													
Annual Bud	FY '25	FY '26	FY '27	FY '28	FY '29	5-Year Total	FY '30	FY '31	FY '32	FY '33	FY '34	5-Year Total	
District Req	\$ 150,000	\$ 154,200	\$ 158,518	\$ 162,956	\$ 167,519	\$ 793,192.56	\$ 172,209	\$ 177,031	\$ 181,988	\$ 187,084	\$ 192,322	\$ 910,635	
Operations	\$ 150,000	\$ 154,200	\$ 158,518	\$ 162,956	\$ 167,519	\$ 793,192.56	\$ 172,209	\$ 177,031	\$ 181,988	\$ 187,084	\$ 192,322	\$ 910,635	
Capital Proj	\$ 48,000	\$ 49,344	\$ 50,726	\$ 52,146	\$ 53,606	\$ 253,821.62	\$ 55,107	\$ 56,650	\$ 58,236	\$ 59,867	\$ 61,543	\$ 291,403	
Contingend	\$ 10,440	\$ 10,732	\$ 11,033	\$ 11,342	\$ 11,659	\$ 55,206.20	\$ 11,986	\$ 12,321	\$ 12,666	\$ 13,021	\$ 13,386	\$ 63,380	
Grand Total	\$ 358,440	\$ 368,476	\$ 378,794	\$ 389,400	\$ 400,303	\$ 1,895,412.93	\$ 411,512	\$ 423,034	\$ 434,879	\$ 447,055	\$ 459,573	\$ 2,176,053	
Per Acre Cd	\$ 41.18	\$ 42.33	\$ 43.51	\$ 44.73	\$ 45.99		\$ 47.27	\$ 48.60	\$ 49.96	\$ 51.36	\$ 52.79		
\$90 per acre - Engineer's Report Recommended													
Annual Bud	FY '25	FY '26	FY '27	FY '28	FY '29	5-Year Total	FY '30	FY '31	FY '32	FY '33	FY '34	5-Year Total	
District Req	\$ 250,000	\$ 257,000	\$ 264,196	\$ 271,593	\$ 279,198	\$ 1,321,987.59	\$ 287,016	\$ 295,052	\$ 303,314	\$ 311,806	\$ 320,537	\$ 1,517,725	
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Contingend	\$ 22,500	\$ 23,130	\$ 23,778	\$ 24,443	\$ 25,128	\$ 118,978.88	\$ 25,831	\$ 26,555	\$ 27,298	\$ 28,063	\$ 28,848	\$ 136,595	
Grand Total	\$ 772,500	\$ 794,130	\$ 816,366	\$ 839,224	\$ 862,722	\$ 4,084,941.66	\$ 886,878	\$ 911,711	\$ 937,239	\$ 963,482	\$ 990,459	\$ 4,689,769	
Per Acre Cd	\$ 88.74	\$ 91.23	\$ 93.78	\$ 96.41	\$ 99.11		\$ 101.88	\$ 104.73	\$ 107.67	\$ 110.68	\$ 113.78		



Resolution No 2024-03

EXHIBIT A

Proposed Per Acre Rate for GFWD

Assessment Rate Table	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29
Total Annual Charge per Acre	\$41.18	\$42.33	\$43.51	\$44.73	\$45.99
Total Revenue	\$358,440	\$368,467	\$378,794	\$389,400	\$400,303

- 1- Assumed inflation rate of 2.8% annually starting from FY '25
- 2- Total revenue subject to parcel acreage as determined by the Madera County Assessor's Office
- 3- GFWD reserves the right to increase annual assessment rate to the maximum (Tables 3-3 & 3-4).
- 4- The Assessment rate for each year following FY 28/29 will be established as part of a Noticed Agenda Item at a Board meeting open to the public in June to meet the Madera County Controller's Office Requirements.

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## 10 YEARS OF SGMA: A Decade of Progress

September 2024 marked the 10-year anniversary of SGMA. Since its inception in 2016, the North Kings GSA has been diligently working to keep groundwater management in local leaders' hands, committing significant time and effort to develop, adopt, and begin implementing its GSP. In 2023, North Kings GSA's GSP was recommended for State approval, keeping local control and avoiding a costly probationary process.

This milestone highlights North Kings GSA's progress made from the beginning. Moving from a strong foundation, the agency and its leadership will continue forward momentum on the trail to achieve groundwater sustainability by 2040, required under SGMA. North Kings GSA is committed to local groundwater management every step of the way in partnership with FID and its other member agencies, Kings Subbasin GSA partners, and stakeholders.

### North Kings GSA Member Agencies:



## Landowner Action Item: Well Registration

The North Kings GSA launched the Well Registration Program in March 2024 along with a call for landowners to register their agricultural and domestic wells. Significant data gaps remain for the number, types, and locations of wells within the North Kings GSA. Landowners are encouraged to register their wells on the North Kings GSA's online portal.

Registering wells is more than a compliance step — it's an investment in securing long-term water sustainability and keeping groundwater management decisions local.

Scan the QR code or visit [northkingsgsa.org/wellregistration](https://northkingsgsa.org/wellregistration) for more information and portal access.



## FID Drives SGMA Projects Across the Region

As all 10 of the member agencies of the North Kings GSA push forward on groundwater sustainability under SGMA, FID has served as a cornerstone for the completion of recharge projects throughout the region. In addition to moving forward on the construction of new FID-owned basins, the District has supported recharge efforts more broadly by partnering with other member agencies to interconnect District canals with their recharge projects. **Through FID's partnership, surplus water supplies can now travel through canals and pipelines to an expanded network of recharge basins.**

Learn more about the projects leading growers and communities within North Kings GSA to a reliable groundwater future.

## Kenneson & Sanchez Recharge Basins

Lead Agency: Fresno Irrigation District  
Completed March 2024

The FID project consists of two basins spanning consists of two basins spanning 47 acres used to recharge the groundwater aquifer for long-term sustainability and to develop dry-year water supplies. Recharge at the site will support nearby growers, rural residents, and the adjacent Sun Empire Elementary School who rely on groundwater to help meet water supply needs.