

**Minutes of Friday June 1, 2018, Northern Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Special Meeting**

Walnut Grove Fire Department, 14160 Market Street, Walnut Grove, CA 95690.

Call to Order

Dave Robinson, Chair called the special meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. on Friday June 1, 2018

Those present:

Dave Robinson – Chair

Harvey Correia – Vice Chair

Alex Wilson – Secretary

Brad Van Loben Sels

Fred Wheeler

Richard Elliott

Craig Nakahara

Doug Hemly

Daniel Wilson

Osha Meserve – Agency Counsel

<p><u>The Freshwater Trust Staff</u> Erik Ringelberg, CA Director</p>

Introductions and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comment

None

2. Approval of 05/23/2018 Minutes

Corrections to minutes from last meeting. Recommendation to approve minutes with changes
Motion to approve, 2nd, and approved

3. Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer/Secretary Reports

Robinson Chair Discussion of Prop. 218 cost of service. Draft budget needed to determine
ceiling of fees set by Board Vice Chair Correia Discussion of recovery fees spread over the next
5 years (to repay Freshwater Trust) Discussing per acre fee ranges (\$0 vs. \$3 vs. \$6).

4. Staff Report

None

5. JPA/Proposition 218 Election

Notice must go out June 11 to provide sufficient notice and if Proposition 218 and County
submission timelines not met, there may not be a way to move forward. Prop. 26 (requires
vote of board but not public vote) has higher chance of being contested than Prop. 218 given
the legal challenges. Under Prop. 218, 51% of property owners must submit a protest.

Questions and Answers :Going forward with fees, everyone needs a basic level of knowledge
of why the NDSGA is important and why this fee is necessary to meet the law. Question about
price of plan as a whole: Price could differ depending on the area (e.g., San Joaquin could cost
more than others if it gets influence from the east). \$6 cost estimate would have been worst
case scenario for program costs in the case of no grants. The Board previously authorized Trust
to pursue grants, and is pursuing \$500,000 in grants for SGMA. But this will still require out of
pocket contributions for match and not legally reimbursable. Trust plans to pursue \$150k a
year in grants. Question about single GSA being left to repay the Trust if the JPA unravels. No
mechanism for securing payment for past services by a single GSA so not an issue. Question:

Why is San Joaquin included? Because it is hydrologically similar. Question about SGMA compliance: Unlikely to be completely free under any conditions.

Authorization for Osha to negotiate agreement with other counsel to bring in additional GSAs.? Motion, 2nd, and approved. JPA extended to any Delta GSA who wants to join and would result in lowering cost

6. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** Walnut Grove Library July 27th 2018 11 a.m. for Prop 218 public hearing followed by 1p.m. NDGSA Board Meeting. Meeting moved out 2 days (27th instead of 25^t)

Adjournment

Dave Robinson Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Erik Ringelberg.