

**Minutes of Wednesday, November 29th, 2017**  
**Northern Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency Directors Meeting**  
Walnut Grove Library, 14177 Market St, Walnut Grove, CA 95690.

**Call to Order**

Erik Ringelberg called the board of directors meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Those present:

GSAs

David Robinson, RD 3  
Bruce Pisoni, RD 3, 317, 407, 554, 556, 2067 & 2111  
Dawit Zeleke, RD 3  
Amelia Raquel, RD 38 & 2110  
Ned Hechtman, RD 501  
Craig Nakahara, RD 501  
Brad VanLobensels, RD 551  
Kurt Johnson, RD 551  
Douglas Chan, RD 551  
Jeff Trantum, RD 554  
Gil Labrie, RD 1002  
Manuel Rebero, RD 2067  
Harvey Correia, RD 2067  
Richard Elliott, RD 349, 755 & Franklin Drainage District  
John Gonsalves, Franklin Drainage District  
Osha Meserve, Franklin Drainage District

<p><u>The Freshwater Trust Staff</u> Erik Ringelberg, CA Director Chris Thomas, Staff Attorney &amp; Policy Specialist Anna Swenson, Community Outreach</p>
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**Others Present**

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**Introductions and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Current Status of GSAs in the Northern Delta and Surrounding Areas**

Formation documents were submitted by TFT on behalf of the 19 Reclamation Districts. As such, the Reclamation Districts have officially formed Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs).

**Discussion of Potential Merger of Northern Delta GSAs and the Organizational Structure Options for a Combined Entity**

If the GSAs opt to pursue a single, combined entity, the GSAs have a choice to join together through two processes. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is a less formal formation, the individual agencies retain more independence, which will require more coordination and ongoing local involvement. A Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) is preferred by several of the Reclamation District attorneys as it provides better protections to the individual agencies, and is more formal. The JPA would create a standalone agency with all joint powers shared, creating a more centralized body to make decisions that is separate from the individual agencies. The

organizational structure needs to be considered and voted upon by each of the individual district prior to the next NDGSA meeting. The decision is made by the individual agencies in a formal vote of the board members and a report of the results will be provided by the TFT staff. This decision is to be made by the individual RD/GSA's board votes. Please decide as soon as possible.

Bulletin 118 change of basin boundary is a priority. This work will begin at the request of the agencies once the JPA/MOU is finalized. Agencies recommend that TFT begin collecting necessary data and establish to required justification for DWR submittal.

Agencies present recommended to allow TFT to publish necessary newspaper notice of future meetings- with advanced notice to the agencies.

### **Identification of Next Steps**

GSA's to execute resolutions approving JPA or MOU as soon as possible.

GSA's to select representatives for steering committee.

GSA's to review draft JPA and MOU. (Attached)

TFT to investigate Proposition 218 or other regulatory funding process.

### **Time & Place of Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be announce in the winter of 2018.

### **Adjournment**

Erik Ringelberg adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Swenson, Community Outreach Coordinator.