

MINUTES

NRGSA Advisory Committee Meeting February 10, 2017 Clovis Public Safety Building

In attendance:

*Luke Serpa – Clovis	Sarge Green – Fresno State
*Bill Stretch – FID	Jim Anderson – Malaga CWD
*Dejan Pavic - Fresno	Phil Larson – Ag representative
*Nick Keller – Garfield WD	Sayre Miller – Ag representative
*Dwight Miller – Biola CSD (via phone)	David Cehrs – Hydrogeologist
*Augustine Ramirez – Fresno County	Ron Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard
*Ken Moore – Kerman	Craig Moyle – MWH/Stantec (via phone)
*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water	Sue Ruiz – Self Help Enterprises
*Alan Hoffman - FMFCD	Mike Prandini – BIA
Gary Serrato - FID	Matt Leu – Cargill
Adam Claes – FID	Linda Mendez – UC Davis
Lisa Koehn – Clovis	Don A. Wright – Reporter
Kevin Dale – Legal Counsel	Mike Carbajal - Fresno
Steve White – Fresno County	

* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

Item 1 - Called to order at 1:35 PM

Luke Serpa discussed that, while public participation is welcome, the group needs to ensure that only Advisory Group members make motions and vote on items, and that name cards for each voting entity were in place to identify those members.

Item 2 – Public Comments

No public comments.

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes from 1/20/2017 Meeting

Motion by Augustine Ramirez to approve, second by Ken Moore. Approved unanimously.

Item 4 – Establish Rosters for Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Discussion and confirmation from Kevin Dale that Ad Hoc Subcommittees were not subject to the Brown Act as long as they did not comprise a quorum of Advisory Committee or Board members and were temporary to achieve a specific task.

Item 4a – Technical Subcommittee

Roster proposed as:

- Bill Stretch – Chair
- Gary Serrato
- Adam Claes
- Dwight Miller
- Shay Bakman
- Sarge Green
- Augustine Ramirez
- Peter Sanchez (FMFCD)
- Lisa Koehn
- Nick Keller
- David Cehrs
- Sayre Miller
- Phil Larson
- Brandi Swisher (FMFCD)
- Mike Prandini (Building Industry Association)

Discussion that Ronnie Samuelian would be participating with this subcommittee as the consultant. Gary Serrato discussed the importance of the work this committee will be doing. Sue Ruiz indicated that Self-Help Enterprises may want to add someone to this roster at a later date. Motion by Nick Keller to approve roster, second by Augustine Ramirez; approved unanimously.

Item 4b – Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee

Roster proposed as:

- Lisa Koehn – Chair
- Adam Claes
- Greg Lewis (Bakman Water Company)
- Mike Prandini (Building Industry Association)
- Bill Stretch
- Sue Ruiz

Craig Moyle inquired if this subcommittee would be pursuing grant opportunities. Lisa Koehn confirmed that would be large part of their efforts. Motion by Alan Hoffman to approve roster, second by Shay Bakman; approved unanimously.

Item 4c – Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee

Roster proposed as:

- Dwight Miller – Chair
- Sarge Green
- Sue Ruiz
- Sayre Miller
- Phil Larson
- Augustine Ramirez
- Steven Sopp (Fresno County)
- Brandi Swisher (FMFCD)
- Bill Stretch
- Adam Claes

Discussion that Craig Moyle would be participating as consultant. Gary Serrato discussed the need to put together public forums to get the word out to growers, cities and their residents, and to small systems. Motion by Bill Stretch to approve roster, second by Nick Keller; approved unanimously.

Item 5 – Subcommittee Updates and Goals

Technical:

Bill Stretch indicated that Technical Subcommittee would meet the following Wednesday for a presentation/discussion regarding the plan and approach for preparing the GSP, and discussed value of having members of the other subcommittees on each subcommittee to ensure communication and coordination.

Admin/Fiscal:

Lisa Koehn indicated the Admin/Fiscal subcommittee would schedule a meeting sometime after the Technical Subcommittee meeting when needs, including grant opportunities, will be better defined.

Membership/Outreach/Communications:

Discussion by Dwight Miller that the first order of business would be to develop an overall outreach plan. Craig Moyle indicated that he has a model outreach plan that could be modified to fit this GSA's specific needs and strategies.

Item 6 – Consider Recommendation for Approval - Sub-Basin Coordination Proposal

Gary Serrato discussed the need for coordination between the 6 GSAs in the Kings Sub-Basin as stipulated by the SGMA, and that some GSAs in the sub-basin were not in favor of KRCD assuming the coordinating role. The need to have an entity in the coordinating role that was supported by all GSAs led to the solicitation from Provost and Pritchard of a proposal for sub-basin coordination. Gary Serrato stated that from the GSAs and member agencies of the GSAs have reviewed the proposal and are in support. David Cehrs pointed out that the efforts would have to include coordination with adjoining sub-basins in addition to coordination among the GSAs within the Kings Sub-Basin. Ronnie Samuelian gave a presentation regarding the proposal including a breakdown of the tasks that would be involved and the schedule for completing the tasks. Provost and Pritchard has identified a total of 18 tasks that need to be completed for sub-basin coordination, but the proposal includes just the initial four tasks. The estimated time to complete these four tasks is six to nine months. Gary Serrato indicated that staff from the GSAs and member agencies had agreed to split the cost of these first four tasks equally and would revisit cost-sharing for the rest of the coordination effort once these tasks were complete. General discussion by the group took place regarding assumptions of future weather patterns, cyclic depletion of groundwater, long-term implications of SGMA and the ensuing GSP. Further discussion regarding the cost of the proposal and confirmation that it was included in the current budget of the NKGSA. Motion by Bill Stretch to recommend that the NKGSA approve the proposal and enter into an agreement with P&P, second by Nick Keller; approved unanimously.

Item 7 – DWR Notification Requirements Regarding GSP

Adam Claes stated that DWR staff had recently reminded him that the SGMA requires GSAs to formally notify DWR before work began on GSP. Adam Claes and Craig Moyle developed the appropriate notice and will be submitting to DWR.

Item 8 – Member Comments

Bill Stretch reported that FID staff had recently attended a Farm Bureau function and received numerous inquiries as to how parties could stay informed regarding SGMA and the GSAs activities. They were directed to the link on FID's website that includes agendas and minutes of all meetings. Ensuing discussion by group of need to get the word out to all groups within the GSA.

Item 9 – Adjourn

Motion by Bill Stretch and second by Augustine Ramirez to adjourn; approved unanimously. Adjourned at 3:10 PM.