

## MINUTES

**NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting  
August 9, 2019  
Clovis Public Safety Building**

**In attendance:**

\*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis

\*Adam Claes – FID

\*Ken Moore – City of Kerman

\*Glenn Allen – Fresno County

\*Nick Keller – Garfield WD

\*Alan Hofmann – FMFCD

Brandy Swisher – FMFCD

Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis

Brock Buche – City of Fresno

Lisa Koehn – Clovis

Dale Perales – Clovis

Sandy Perales – Clovis

Mike Prandini – BIA

Diane Merrill – League of Women Voters

Mary Perich – League of Women Voters

Sue Ruiz – Self-Help Enterprises

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard

Michael McGinnis – DWR

Gary Serrato - FID

Dao Lor – ABIRC

Michael Barajas – City of Kerman

Eduardo Antunez – Biola CSD

Chris Johnson – Aegis Groundwater  
Consulting

Don Wright – Reporter

Kristen Greenacre – DWR

Martin Cawthorne – Resident (Fresno Co.)

Sayre Miller – Ag

Natalie Escobedo – Leadership Counsel  
(conference call)

\* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

### **Item 1 – Called to order at 1:31 PM**

### **Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from 06/14/19 Meeting**

Motion by Ken Moore to approve; second by Glenn Allen. Approved unanimously.

### **Item 3 – Receive – Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates**

#### **Item 3a – Technical Subcommittee**

(Subcommittee update presented by Adam Claes)

The Subcommittee is working on finalizing details of the GSP and has been meeting monthly. In July, committee members reviewed and commented on the GSP, and there was a high amount of feedback provided. If approved, the next step for the GSP would be a public comment period beginning on August 16<sup>th</sup> and a 90-day notice for a public hearing. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a second notice for comment. The final draft is expected to be adopted at the November board meeting.

The first annual GSP report/update will be due in April 2020 (just three months after the required adoption date in January 2020), with annual updates to follow every April thereafter. This is in addition to the required 5-year updates.

#### **Item 3b – Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee**

(Subcommittee update presented by Lisa Koehn)

The Subcommittee met on June 4<sup>th</sup> and approved the budget for the new fiscal year.

#### **Item 3c – Membership/Outreach/Communications (MOC) Subcommittee**

(Subcommittee update presented by Brandy Swisher)

The main focus of the Subcommittee right now is communications and engagement related to the draft GSP. The updated GSP PowerPoint presentation will be on the NKGSA website once it is complete, public notices will be published in the newspaper (twice – 1 month apart), and there will be news

releases to local media outlets. The Subcommittee is also planning 2 public workshops in the near future. The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be this Tuesday to discuss other ways that outreach regarding the draft GSP can be accomplished. One idea that they are looking into is having hard copies of the GSP at specific local libraries to make the plan accessible to those without home computer/internet access.

#### **Item 4 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update**

(Update presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

All GSPs in the GSA are scheduled to be completed by September, with some draft plans already being released to the public (the McMullin Area GSA released theirs on July 10<sup>th</sup> and the North Fork Kings GSA released theirs on July 17<sup>th</sup>). All adoptions are planned for some time between October and December.

#### **Item 5 – Recommend Public Release of Draft GSP & Setting Public Hearing Date – Action Item**

If approved, a Special Board Meeting will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> to request authorization and direction to schedule a public hearing and to start the public comment period of the draft GSP. There were few comments by the voting representatives of the Advisory Committee, but all comments made mentioned satisfaction with the draft plan.

A Fresno County resident requested clarification regarding who would be authorized to give final approval to the plan. It was explained that DWR would be the entity ultimately approving the plan, and they would have 2 years to review and approve (or require changes). The plan must be in full effect and the GSA achieving sustainability by 2040.

There was further discussion of outreach to the Clovis/Fresno area and how workshops would be handled with local/city entities, as well as outreach to groups of interest such as environmental groups, etc.

There were concerns raised over the size of the GSP and how it would be uploaded for public review. The printed plan is almost 700 pages, so for ease of digital use, it may need to be broken up before uploading to the website.

Motion by Ken Moore to approve; second by Glenn Allen. Approved unanimously.

#### **Item 6 – Public Comments**

There was concerned raised over whether the Advisory Committee is planning to continue meeting monthly after the plan is adopted. It was confirmed that the Advisory Meeting will indeed continue to meet on an ongoing basis (though as usual, there may be occasionally cancellations due to lack of actionable items).

#### **Item 7 – Member Comments**

There was significant discussion about public review/comments on the plan and how those comments would be handled. The Technical Subcommittee will be tasked with evaluating and responding to public comments. Among the questions raised were: if each and every comment would be directly responded to; if the responses to these comments would be available for public viewing; would individuals from the public then be allowed to further respond to these responses; and what recourse would people have if they found the responses unsatisfactory.

A lot of the exact procedure for dealing with public review comments is undetermined at the moment, and depending on the responses during the public review process, there may have to be some flexibility in how these issues are dealt with. Ronnie commented that per DWR, responses to public comments are not necessary, so by committing to respond and attempt to make the process as transparent as possible, we are already going above and beyond what is required. It was also reiterated that DWR will have its own review process after the GSP submission and public review process, and that nothing is being set in stone yet.

#### **Item 8 – Adjourn**

Motion by Nick Keller to adjourn; second by Alan Hofmann. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 2:40 PM.