

MINUTES

(Preliminary – Subject to Revision/Approval at next meeting)

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting

November 15, 2019

Clovis Public Safety Building

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis

*Adam Claes – FID

*Ken Moore – City of Kerman

*Bernard Jimenez – Fresno County

*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District

*Brock Buche – City of Fresno

*Tim Bakman – Bakman Water Co.

*Brandy Swisher – FMFCD

Carl Kassabian – WWD #42

Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis

Lisa Koehn – Clovis

Mike Prandini – BIA

Glenn Allen – Fresno County

Gary Serrato – FID

Michael Slater – Malaga CWD

Andrew Nabors – Clovis Unified

Sayre Miller – Ag

Michael Carbajal– City of Fresno

Andrew Remus – FMFCD

Brandon DeYoung – DeYoung

Properties

Rebecca Quist – KRCD

Cristel Tufenkjian – KRCD

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard

Jennifer Ahl – Malaga CWD

Dao Lor – ABIRC

Amanda Monaco – LCJA

Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA/FID

* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

Item 1 – Called to order at 1:32 PM

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from August 9th, 2019 Meeting

Motion by Tim Bakman to approve; second by Nick Keller. Approved unanimously.

Item 3 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Update presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

One GSP in the GSA has been adopted to date (McMullin). The cooperative agreement has been agreed upon and the North Kings GSA has been the first to adopt it, with all GSAs scheduled to adopt in December at the latest. The first annual report will be due in April and data for that report is currently being gathered. A grant application has been submitted, which – if awarded – would result in each GSA receiving \$70,000. These funds would be used toward gathering well construction information. Our planned GSP adoption date is this Thursday, November 21st, 2019.

Item 4 – Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates and Actions

Item 4a – Technical Subcommittee

(Subcommittee update presented by Adam Claes)

There will be a public hearing at the Board meeting this Thursday, November 21st, regarding the GSP adoption. The plan will be submitted to DWR by January 2020 once all other GSPs in the Basin are adopted. The plan draft received approximately 150 comments (from approximately 20 individuals/entities) during the public comment period. Due to the large response, the Subcommittee had to do an internal review of the comments and develop standard responses. They discussed all recommendations for GSP revisions and posted all received comments on the NKGSA website. All of the comments will also be included as an appendix to the GSP.

Some changes made to the draft included the domestic well impact analysis (to be included in Section 4.2.2.3 of the plan) and a revised well list for the monitoring network.

- i. Action Item: Recommend adoption of GSP incorporating recommended revisions***

There was some public commentary on concerns regarding the GSP, including late comments and how consideration would be given to them. One suggestion was to allow inclusion of letters/comments up until when the public hearing is complete and an action is taken on the GSP at the Board meeting. Another concern raised by the Leadership Council was regarding the domestic well impact analysis and how this does or does not affect the GSP. P&P responded that it did not result in any changes to the GSP. It was suggested that the information should be given to the entities that will be most impacted so that they can decide if this should result in updates to the GSP.

It was also reminded that the GSP is a living document and as more data is collected there will be revisions in the future through the plan updates.

There was a motion *by Bernard Jimenez* to recommend adoption at the Board meeting with the condition that comments are to be accepted/considered until the Board's final action. There was a second by Tim Bakman, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Item 4b – Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee

(Subcommittee update presented by Lisa Koehn)

The Subcommittee has been working on a Policy related to support/endorsement requests. A draft has been developed, but the subcommittee received comments that they would like to incorporate as they continue to work on the policy. The recommendation by Lisa Koehn was to wait on adopting a policy until it had been developed further.

*i. **Action Item: Recommend adoption of Support and Endorsement Policy***

There was a motion by Bernard Jimenez to recommend suspension of adoption of a policy until further revisions had been made. There was a second by Nick Keller, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Item 4c – Membership/Outreach/Communications (MOC) Subcommittee
(Subcommittee update presented by Adam Claes)

There have been several GSA outreach events held lately to target different groups. Among these were: the County unincorporated area east & north of Clovis on September 12 held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District; the FID unincorporated area (east) on Sept. 16 held at Fairmont Elementary School (Sanger Unified); and the FID unincorporated area (west) on Sept. 18 held at Easton's CPDES Hall. There have also been several events in the last few months that were done in partnership with other agencies, such as KRCD, Self-Help Enterprises, ABIRC, and others.

As part of the outreach around the draft GSP, 5 physical copies of the plan were distributed to local libraries.

Item 5 – Public Comments

The Leadership Council wished to reiterate the importance of including a drinking water protection/mitigation plan in this GSP, if not now, in the future. There was also a comment by an attendee, Sayre Miller, that the GSA has done a good job of bringing all interested parties together in the development of this GSP.

Item 6 – Member Comments

Multiple board members expressed their gratitude for everyone's involvement and contributions towards getting the GSP done. The City of Fresno feels that the plan is protective of resources, but also practical and reasonable. Fresno County added that the plan is not perfect, but it's a major improvement. The City of Clovis agreed that the plan is a good start to begin addressing long-term issues.

Item 7 – Adjourn

Motion by Bernard Jimenez to adjourn; second by Tim Bakman. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 2:17 PM.