

MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting

June 11, 2021

****Clovis Public Safety Building**

VIA TELECONFERENCE:

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis

*Tim Bakman – Bakman Water Co.

*Eduardo Antunez – Biola CSD

*Glenn Allen – Fresno County

*Adam Claes – FID

*Dejan Pavic – City of Fresno

*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District

* Brent Sunamoto – FMFCD

Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA

Andrew Aller – NKGSA (legal counsel)

Kristen Freberg – City of Clovis

Brandy Swisher – FMFCD

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard

Dao Lor – ABIRC

Lisa Koehn – Clovis

Mike Prandini (BIA)

* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

**Note: *This meeting was conducted via web conference due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.*

Item 1 – Called to order at 1:30 PM

Special Instructions:

Special teleconferencing procedures for the Advisory Committee meeting were read by Executive Officer Kassy Chauhan. The special instructions included information on written and verbal comments for the Advisory Committee members and members of the public participating via teleconference.

Following the special teleconference instructions, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Agency Name	Name of Person	Present/Absent
Bakman Water Company	Tim Bakman	Present
Biola CSD	Eduardo Antunez	Present
City of Clovis	Scott Redelfs	Present
City of Fresno	Dejan Pavic	Present
Fresno County	Glenn Allen	Present
Fresno Irrigation District	Adam Claes	Present
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Brent Sunamoto	<i>Present</i> *
Garfield Water District	Nick Keller	Present
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	-	Absent
City of Kerman	-	Absent
International Water District	-	Absent

* *Arrived later in meeting – some votes will show agency as absent.*

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from 05/14/21 Meeting

Motion by member Bakman to approve the minutes; second by member Claes.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye Redelfs: Aye Allen: Aye Keller: Aye
 Antunez: Aye Pavic: Aye Claes: Aye
(FMFCD, City of Kerman, and International absent)

7 Aye; 3 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 3 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Update presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

The agreement with DWR is being finalized for Round 1 of the SGMA implementation grant. It will hopefully be finalized this month.

DWR is close to starting on new monitor wells for a couple of GSAs. The exact timeline is unknown, but it will likely be another year or so.

DWR has released their first decisions on some of the GSPs in the state. There is a summary video posted on DWR's website and there will be a live Q&A webinar on June 24th. DWR decisions are being released in tiers, with single-plan basins being first, followed by multi-plan basins. So far, the approved plans are the Santa Cruz Mid-County Basin and the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin.

DWR will be sending notification letters to basins with plan deficiencies. Notification letters are not final determinations. Agencies will then be given time to address the deficiencies. There is also a distinction made between required corrective actions and recommended corrective actions. Even approved plans may have recommended corrective actions listed. DWR will hold consultations with GSAs regarding their plan corrections. Final assessments are released in January 2022.

Item 4 – Financial Update

(Update presented by Lisa Koehn)

Item 4a – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the April 2021 Expense Report – Action Item

Expenses for the month of April totaled \$16,385.28, including legal services, Constant Contact for public information, and Provost & Pritchard. Expenses from FID and KRCD were not received in time and will be included in the May expense report.

Item 4b – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of April 30, 2021 – Action Item

The balance shows total assets of \$909,992.56. A total of \$294,913.32 has been spent this year. All expected revenue has been received with the exception of grant income (\$70,000). The Prop 1 retention is still outstanding (\$28,428.50).

Detailed versions of both financial reports were included in the meeting packet.

Motion by member Allen to recommend approval of both of the preceding reports simultaneously as one item; second by member Claes.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye	Redelfs: Aye	Allen: Aye	Keller: Aye
Antunez: Aye	Pavic: Aye	Claes: Aye	

(FMFCD, City of Kerman, and International absent)

7 Aye; 3 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 4c – Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Approval – Update

i. Agency Invoices

The budget was approved by the Board on June 7th as submitted by the Advisory Committee. The expenses are expected to be \$622,120 and the revenue is expected to be \$684,113.20 (of which \$677,000 will come from the member agencies). The engineering expenses were reduced from \$250,000 to \$171,500, as discussed at the previous Advisory Committee meeting. Agency invoices will be going out shortly after July 1st.

Item 5 – Administrative

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 5a – Agency Mitigation Responsibility Policy – Update

The development of the policy is under way and a draft will hopefully be available for the Advisory Committee's review and consideration in July. The large group follow-up meeting is scheduled for July 1st, 2021.

Item 5b – NKGSA Official Rosters – Call for Review and Revisions

The Advisory Committee official roster was approved in October and determined that it should be reviewed and reapproved each July. A copy of the current roster was provided with requests for revisions to be sent to Executive Officer Kassy Chauhan. The Board of Directors roster was also approved last month to reflect recent changes. A copy of that roster was also provided. A possible revision was suggested for the listed

representative(s) of Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, which will be confirmed by Kassy and an updated roster will be provided at next month's meeting if needed.

Item 5c – NKGSA – Board of Directors Selection of Officers – Update

At next month's Board of Directors meeting, nominations will be taken for the Chair and Vice Chair positions for the Board. This happens annually in July.

Item 5d – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Professional Services Contract – Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group and Ken D. Schmidt and Associates – Upper Aquifer Boundary Flow Estimates Study – \$120,000.00

This item was included in the approved 2021/2022 budget, but as the dollar amount is above the EO's approved spending limit, it is being brought up for review.

Specifics regarding the study were included in the meeting packet. If approved, the work on the study would begin in July 2021.

Member Claes commented that most agencies in the NKGSA end up with a positive net water supply when they create their water budgets, in contrast to noted groundwater declines. This discrepancy highlights the need for this study.

Chairman Redelfs inquired about which flows would be included in the study. Kassy explained it would be primarily associated with the boundary flows that are leaving NKGSA and moving towards MAGSA.

Motion by member Keller to recommend approval of the contract; second by member Claes.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye	Redelfs: Aye	Allen: Aye	Sunamoto: Aye
Antunez: Aye	Pavic: Aye	Claes: Aye	Keller: Aye

(City of Kerman and International absent)

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 6 – Workgroup Updates and Actions

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 6a – Project Workgroup Update

i. Discussion/Possible Action – Consider Recommending Approval of Member Agency Projects to be Incorporated into GSP and Completed Project Review

Executive Officer Chauhan and Ronnie Samuelian presented this item jointly.

Mr. Samuelian explained that projects must be listed in the GSP in order to be eligible for funding that may be potentially available in the future. In order to be prepared for that, a project workgroup was developed and put together a list of project proposals submitted by member agencies. A total of 6 completed projects and 35 new projects were included.

Motion by member Claes to recommend approval of the member agency projects to be incorporated into the GSP and completed project review; second by member Allen.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye	Redelfs: Aye	Allen: Aye	Sunamoto: Aye
Antunez: Aye	Pavic: Aye	Claes: Aye	Keller: Aye

(City of Kerman and International absent)

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 6b – Drought Response and Evaluation Workgroup

i. Discussion – Formation of NKGSA Drought Response and Evaluation Workgroup

Given the severity of the drought we are entering into, Executive Officer Chauhan explained that it would be beneficial to have a workgroup dedicated to monitoring and evaluating information, assisting with review of well permits, and developing resources for public information.

Member Allen asked about the possibility of expanding the scope of the group from an internal NKGSA group to something that could serve the Subbasin as a whole. Kassy agreed that this would be a good idea, and while having a NKGSA-specific small group would still be helpful, a larger group would also be worth exploring.

After approval of formation, an invitation to join the work group would go out to each of the member agencies as well as interested parties.

Motion by member Pavic to recommend approval of the formation of a NKGSA drought response and evaluation workgroup; second by member Keller.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye	Redelfs: Aye	Allen: Aye	Sunamoto: Aye
Antunez: Aye	Pavic: Aye	Claes: Aye	Keller: Aye

(City of Kerman and International absent)

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 7 – Executive Officer Update

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 7a – Status of DWR’s Review of GSP Update

This was covered in the Basin Coordination Update.

Item 7b – Member Agency Mitigation Responsibility Update

This was covered in the Administrative Update.

Item 7c – Outreach / External Affairs Update

The updates to the website is nearly complete. The new website is due to launch in July.

The San Joaquin Valley Water Collaborative Action Plan continues to meet. Individual caucus groups have developed their problem statements and now a facilitator is assisting with the development of a common problem statement.

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley had a presentation today on a proposal for coordination on outreach and education in regards to drought. The goal would be to have a centralized resource for people to go to with a variety of drought-related problems and receive information and direction. The framework for this coordination effort is still being developed, in partnership with Fresno State.

A YouTube video was put together by KRCD and member agencies to address the topic of why SGMA is important. The video was shown during the meeting and can be accessed on the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's YouTube channel.

Outreach efforts are underway to help publicize the work that GSA agencies are doing towards SGMA implementation.

Targeted outreach will continue for schools and domestic well owners. There are also plans to develop resources for growers/agricultural users.

Item 7d – Representative Monitoring Network Update

Work continues to coordinate on-site visits and secure access and indemnity agreements.

Kassy is working with Provost & Pritchard to identify gaps in the network and/or areas where replacement monitoring wells might be needed.

Item 7e – Miscellaneous

139 well permit applications have been submitted since January.

The Kings Water Alliance formed a stakeholder advisory committee and they are looking for representation. Kassy would like to ensure that someone is able to represent the NKGSA on that advisory committee. The meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month.

In July, two NKGSA member agencies will be doing presentations: Biola CSD and FID.

Item 8 – Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Item 9 – Advisory Committee Member Comments

Member Claes provided a water supply update. FID will only be making a 1-month agricultural delivery to growers in the month of July. The runoff volumes for Pine Flat indicate that this is the third driest year on record since the 1890s. (The driest year was 2015.) Last year was 50% of average; this year will be around 25% of average.

Item 10 – Adjourned

Motion by member Claes to adjourn; second by member Bakman. Meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM.

Item 11 – Future Meetings

The future meeting schedule is as follows:
a. July 9, 2021