

MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting October 8, 2021

VIA TELECONFERENCE:

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis
*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water Co.
*Glenn Allen – Fresno County
*Adam Claes – FID
*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District
*Brent Sunamoto – FMFCD
Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA
Andrew Aller – NKGSA (legal counsel)

Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis
Kristen Freberg – City of Clovis
Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard
Lisa Koehn – Clovis
Mike Prandini – BIA
Kristi Robinson – Water Wise
Andrew Nabors – CUSD

* - 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 1:32 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	Shay Bakman	Present
Biola CSD	-	Absent
City of Clovis	Scott Redelfs	Present
City of Fresno	-	Absent
Fresno County	Glenn Allen	Present
Fresno Irrigation District	Adam Claes	Present
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Brent Sunamoto	Present
Garfield Water District	Nick Keller	Present
International Water District	-	Absent
City of Kerman	-	Absent

Item 2 – Discussion/Possible Action – NKGSA Resolution 21-01: Resolution of the Advisory Committee of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency – Resolution Continuing Advisory Committee Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB361

Motion by Member Claes, Second by Member Allen, Ayes – 7 (Bakman, Redelfs, Allen, Cleas, Sunamoto, Keller), No – 0, Absent – 3

Item 3 – Public Presentations

None

Item 4 – Approval of Minutes from 08/13/21 Meeting

Item removed from Agenda. August 13, 2021 meeting minutes were approved at the

September 10, 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting. Meeting minutes from the September 10, 2021 will be presented for consideration by the Advisory Committee at the next meeting.

Item 5 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

Projects from the first round of the SGMA implementation grant are beginning. There are 4 projects from 3 GSAs in the Kings Subbasin. A new round of funding is coming up with at least \$60 million available (potentially more), so future proposed projects should be ready to go.

Fall water level measurements is underway. The goal is to start getting data collected earlier so reports can be available in a more timely manner. Work is being done to identify accurate elevation reference levels.

Construction information is still being gathered for wells in the representative monitoring network. DWR is beginning work on new monitor wells in the Basin.

DWR is also likely to release the next round of GSP reviews in October, although the review for the Kings is not likely to be available until December.

Item 6 – Financial Report

(Presented by DeAnn Hailey / Brian Henderson)

Item 6a – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements

The audit was completed on September 17th. No major issues or needs for correction were found, so the audit went smoothly.

Ending assets were \$841,000, of which \$819,000 was cash and \$21,000 was AR. Liabilities were \$44,000, leaving equity of \$796,000. That was an equity increase of \$352,000 compared to the prior year, which was mostly due to decreases in expenses.

Not much change is expected in the financials of the upcoming year.

Motion to approve by member Allen; second by member Claes. Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye Allen: Aye Sunamoto: Aye
Redelfs: Aye Claes: Aye Keller: Aye
(Biola, Fresno, International, & Kerman absent)

6 Aye; 4 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 6b – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Expense Report for July 2021 and August 2021

Expenses reported in July are usually accrued in June, so these reports display July expenses that were recorded in August. All of the expenses reported were standard.

Motion to approve by member Keller; second by member Claes. Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye Allen: Aye Sunamoto: Aye
Redelfs: Aye Claes: Aye Keller: Aye
(Biola, Fresno, International, & Kerman absent)

6 Aye; 4 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 6c – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Final Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021

The June financial statements are reflective of those in the audit. The only difference between the two is the line item for legal reserves of \$250,000 (not recognized as a separate amount in the audit). The cash on hand is on the higher side at \$819,000. The member balances will be calculated and brought to the Advisory Committee at the next meeting in order to determine what to do with the excess funds.

Motion to approve by member Claes; second by member Allen. Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye Allen: Aye Sunamoto: Aye

Redelfs: Aye Claes: Aye Keller: Aye
(*Biola, Fresno, International, & Kerman absent*)

6 Aye; 4 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 6d – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of August 31, 2021

The total amount in the checking and savings accounts is \$1.2 million. This is higher than usual because it is the beginning of the fiscal year and the current total includes all of the member contributions for the year. The legal reserves is now at \$300,000. The expenses so far are at about 10% of the budget.

Motion to approve by member Bakman; second by member Claes. Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye Allen: Aye Sunamoto: Aye
Redelfs: Aye Claes: Aye Keller: Aye
(*Biola, Fresno, International, & Kerman absent*)

6 Aye; 4 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 7 – Administrative

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 7a – Discussion – Advisory Committee Meeting Logistics

Until further notice, meetings will continue on a virtual basis.

Item 8 – Workgroup Updates and Actions

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 8a – Policy Workgroup Update

The Policy Workgroup are continuing to work on the Groundwater Impact Mitigation Policy. Additional meetings have been held since the last update but more work needs to be done before the policy is ready to bring to the Advisory Committee.

Item 9 – Member Agency Reports

Item 9a – Member Agency Updates

There were no member agency reports scheduled for this meeting.

The Biola Recharge Project is currently out to bid and bids will close on October 13th. Biola CSD and their district engineer are setting up a meeting with DWR to discuss funding and timeline.

Item 10 – Executive Officer Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 10a – DWR Prop 68 Grant Project Update

The work on the Savory Pond project is set to start next week on October 14th. Kassy reiterated the importance of having future projects planned out and ready to go for possible inclusion in future grant proposals.

Item 10b – Outreach / External Affairs Update

On October 12th, there will be a joint outreach project with the Kings Water Alliance. The event will be held in Easton and will target domestic well owners. It will be a roundtable type of event featuring representatives from multiple different agencies that will be available to answer attendees' questions.

This week (October 4th – 8th) is Water Professionals Week. Several individuals were recognized for their efforts: Kevin Mitchell – a GIS Specialist at Fresno Irrigation District – and Cristel Tufenkjian and Rebecca Quist, Outreach Team Members from KRCD.

Item 10c – Representative Monitoring Network Update

There will be a meeting with Provost & Pritchard next week to create a plan to get the remaining construction information for the monitoring wells.

Item 10d – Miscellaneous

New well permit applications continue to come in through Fresno County. About 330 permit applications have been reviewed to date. A multi-agency well permitting subgroup is also being formed to help streamline the application process.

The upper aquifer boundary study is underway. A kickoff meeting was held on October 7th.

Director Moises Ortiz is stepping down from the Seat No. 7 position on the NKGSA Board. He will be continuing as an alternate. The Board will be considering a replacement appointment at the October meeting.

Item 11 – Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Item 12 – Advisory Committee Member Comments

None received.

Item 13 – Adjourned

Motion by member Claes to adjourn; second by member Allen. Meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.

Next Meeting

November 12, 2021