

MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting February 11, 2022

VIA TELECONFERENCE:

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis

*Dejan Pavic – City of Fresno

*Jerry Jones – City of Kerman

*Glenn Allen – Fresno County

*Adam Claes – FID

*Brent Sunamoto – FMFCD

*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District

*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water
Company

*Angelica Lara – Biola Community
Services District

Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA

Kevin Dale – NKGSA (legal counsel)

Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis

Kristen Freberg – City of Clovis

Brandy Swisher – FMFCD

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard

Lisa Koehn – Clovis

Mike Prandini – BIA

Sue Ruiz – Self-Help Enterprises

Chuck Rodriguez – Biola Community
Services District

* - 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 1:31 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	Angelica Lara	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	Present
Garfield Water District	Nick Keller	Present
International Water District	-	Absent
City of Kerman	Jerry Jones	Present

Item 2 – Discussion/Possible Action – NKGSA Resolution 22-03: Resolution of the Advisory Committee of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency – Resolution Continuing Advisory Committee Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB361

AB361 requires that this item be revisited every 30 days in order for virtual meetings to continue.

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

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Lara	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye

Member: Allen	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(International absent)</i>	

9 Aye; 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 3 – Public Presentations

No public presentations or comments.

Item 4 – Approval of Minutes

Item 4a – Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2022 Meeting

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

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Lara	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Allen	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(International absent)</i>	

9 Aye; 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5 – Financial Report

Item 5a – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Expense Report for December 2021

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Expenses for December 2021 totaled \$27,649.73. Noteworthy/new expenses included membership fees for the Association of California Water

Agencies (ACWA), and well videoing services from Diversified Ag Enterprises and HP Water Systems.

Item 5b – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of December 31, 2021

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

The balance sheet shows total assets of \$1,401,306.58, accounts payable \$14,332.50, and accounts receivable \$106,428.50.

Total expenditures for the fiscal year are at \$163,778.47, which is 26.33% of the budgeted amount.

Motion to approve expense report and financial statements by member Keller; second by member Claes. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Lara	-
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Allen	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(International absent; Member Lara did not vote on this item)</i>	

8 Aye; 1 Absent; 1 Abstain. Motion passed.

Item 5c – Discussion/Possible Action – Extension of Current Auditor Contract for 2021-2022 Audit – Hudson Henderson & Company

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

The contract with Hudson Henderson & Company was initiated in 2016 and has now reached the end of its 5-year lifespan. Due to difficulty in locating auditor services at this time, as well as overall satisfaction with the company's services, it is recommended that the current contract be extended for an additional one year.

Motion to approve extension of the current auditor contract by member Claes; second by member Keller. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Lara	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Allen	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(International absent)</i>	

9 Aye; 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5d – Discussion – Member Agency Participation Account Balances
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

All member agencies currently have a balance due to being under budget. As the 2022/2023 budget season comes up, the balances will be reviewed in more detail and there will be a recommendation made at the next Board meeting for a course of action for the balances, whether that be rolling the balances over into the next year, adding to the legal fund, etc.

Item 6 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update
(Presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

The application for Round 2 of implementation funding grants is being completed (due on February 28th). This grant is in the amount of \$7.6 million. There is also a planning grant available through DWR; construction information is being gathered for that application.

The annual report is being prepared (due on April 1st).

DWR comments on the GSP have been received. The GSP was not approved, which was anticipated. There was a meeting with DWR on February 4th and several follow-up meetings will be held. There were 4 major deficiencies in the GSP that were discussed, all tied to Sustainable Management Criteria. These will have to

be addressed at the Basin level. The revised GSPs are due by July 27th (the GSAs must adopt them before resubmittal). There will only be one chance to revise the GSP and correct the deficiencies through DWR's process.

Item 7 – Administrative

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 7a – Discussion – NKGSA Board Seat No. 7 – At Large – Vacancy

There is a vacancy in the Number 7 seat on the Board. This is an at-large position. The Board can either choose to promote an alternate (current alternates are Kyle Moeller with Fowler Packing and Moises Ortiz with Malaga County Water District) or they can choose to do another solicitation.

Sue Ruiz inquired about the interested party list and that list's eligibility for this vacant seat, and emphasized the importance of the seat and the representation it provides.

Kassy also introduced Chuck Rodriguez, the new President of Biola CSD.

Item 7b – Discussion – Department of Water Resources – NKGSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Comment Letter

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Item 8 – Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 8a – Technical Workgroup Update

(Presented by Adam Claes)

The Technical Workgroup reconvened about 1 week ago. Their primary task will be working on revising the GSP based on DWR's comments. The goal is to complete this task by June.

Item 8b – Policy Workgroup Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 9 – Member Agency/Committee Member Reports

Item 9a – Advisory Committee/Member Agency Reports/Updates

Member Allen mentioned that mailers were sent out to undistricted areas regarding the GSP and DWR's comments on it.

Member Claes provided an update on water supply. Pine Flat Reservoir, which is currently about 30% full (70% of normal for this time of year). Heavy snow melt is expected with the upcoming warmer weather. Strong storms in December have caused a lot of runoff which has helped with water storage at Pine Flat. Snow sensors are showing 52% of April 1st average. Detailed rainfall and water allocation information was provided via Powerpoint.

Item 10 – Executive Officer Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 10a – DWR Prop 68 Grant Project Update

Ms. Chauhan discussed Fresno Irrigation District's Savory Pond project and indicated the project is nearing completion. The project is funded by Proposition 68 grant funds and some photos of recent construction activities were shared.

The Spending Plan submitted by the Kings Subbasin GSAs includes funding for a portion of FID's Bybee Recharge project. FID is the grant administrator for this round of Proposition 68 grant funds. Ms. Chauhan stressed the importance of having projects shovel ready for future funding grants.

Item 10b – Outreach / External Affairs Update

Ms. Chauhan shared there are a couple of scheduled speaking engagements planned for the near future including a presentation to the Fresno County Farm Bureau's FAACT Class on March 7, and a panel discussion at the Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) conference being held on April 2 in Selma. A North Kings GSA contextual banner and tablecloth have been purchased and will be used during the upcoming speaking engagements.

Item 10c – Representative Monitoring Network Update

Ms. Chauhan reported on the status of the representative monitoring network including the need to continue obtaining well access agreements and obtain construction information for all of the remaining representative monitoring wells. Additionally, replacement wells have to be identified for a handful of wells that are no longer viable in the representative monitoring network.

Item 10d – Miscellaneous

Ms. Chauhan shared the City of Fresno has appointed two alternate directors to serve on the North Kings GSA Board of Directors. The alternate directors for the City of Fresno are Mr. Brock Buche, Interim Director of Public Utilities, and Ms. Georgeanne White, City Manager. Mr. Buche was sworn in already as an alternate director and Ms. White will be sworn in prior to her serving as an alternate director.

Ms. Chauhan reported the Upper Aquifer Boundary Flow Study is underway and current efforts include identifying landowners to participate in the pump test and additional efforts needed to quantify the boundary flows.

Item 11 – Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 PM.

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