

MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting June 10, 2022

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis
*Dejan Pavic – City of Fresno
*Brent Sunamoto – FMFCD
*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District
*Jerry Jones – City of Kerman
*Adam Claes – FID
*Augustine Ramirez – Fresno County
*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water
Company

*Pete Cerna – Biola CSD
Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis
Kristen Freberg – City of Clovis
Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA
Andrew Aller – NKGSA (legal counsel)
Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard
Sayre Miller – Clovis/Agriculture
Lisa Koehn – Clovis
Sue Ruiz – Easton

* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

***Note: With the current state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted in-person at the City of Clovis Public Safety Community Room (1233 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA 93612), and also via web conference for those wishing to participate remotely.*

Item 1 – Called to order at 1:33 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	Present/Absent	Name of Person
Bakman Water Company	Present	Shay Bakman
Biola CSD	Present	Pete Cerna
City of Clovis	Present	Scott Redelfs
City of Fresno	Present	Dejan Pavic
Fresno County	Present	Augustine Ramirez
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Present	Brent Sunamoto
Garfield Water District	Present	Nick Keller
City of Kerman	Present	Jerry Jones
International Water District	Absent	-

Item 2 – Discussion/Possible Action – NKGSA Resolution 22-10: 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 while the Governor’s state of emergency order is still in place.

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

Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye

Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Cerna	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
<i>(International absent)</i>	

9 Aye; 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 3 – Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 4 – Approval of Minutes

Item 4a – Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2022 Meeting

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

Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Abstain
Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Cerna	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
<i>(International absent)</i>	

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

Item 5 – Financial Report

Item 5a – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Expense Report and Financial Statements as of April 30, 2022

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Expenses for the month of April totaled \$36,680.17, including payments to attorneys, Constant Contact, FID, Provost & Pritchard, and translation services for a flyer. Total assets are currently at \$1,296,281.36. Through April 2022, a total of \$299,201.81 has been spent, which is about 48% of the year’s budget. Copies of the financial report were included in the meeting packet.

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

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

9 Aye; 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Kassy also noted that the Board did approve the 2021/2022 Budget Revision and the 2022/2023 Budget at their May 26, 2022 Board meeting.

Item 6 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

Round 2 funds for SGMA implementation have been awarded. The contract is in progress and should be completed by next month.

Well construction information is still being gathered for DWR’s planning grant. Because much of the well data cannot be gathered right now, a 1-year extension has been requested (but DWR has not confirmed yet).

Spring water level data is being finalized.

A question was raised about projects submitted for grant funding, and whether or not the projects are construction-ready. Ronnie clarified that most of them were not construction-ready at the time of submission and that wasn't a requirement; however, most of them were at the stage where land had been acquired and CEQA was completed.

Item 7 – Administrative

Item 7a – Governor's Executive Order N-7-22: Well Permitting Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

There have been a total of 173 well permits this year to date (counting all types of well permits). There was a large uptick in May, and so far in June, there have been 19 permits issued.

Item 8 – Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 8a – Technical Workgroup Update

(Presented by Adam Claes)

i. Discussion and Possible Action – Consider Recommending Presentation and Approval of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Revisions to the Board of Directors

The Technical Workgroup has been meeting to discuss what is needed for the GSP revisions. All of DWR's comments were targeted to SMCs (sustainable management criteria). Each GSA had a representative and they've been meeting regularly since February. There have also been meetings with DWR staff during the review process.

The workgroup discussed four criteria: water levels, land subsidence, water quality, and interconnected surface water. There was also an emphasis on common language and consistency through the different GSPs. Draft revision language was provided for review and comment. A report summarizing the workgroup's efforts was included in the meeting packet.

Motion to recommend presenting the GSP revisions to the Board of Directors for adoption at the June 23rd meeting made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Committee votes as follows:

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

9 Aye; 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 8b – Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee Report
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

The committee met on June 9th. They are currently looking at the budget, water testing, and continuing to provide bottled water. Currently, bottled water is being provided to 190 homes on a perpetual basis. Fill stations have been very active. Maps showing delivery locations are in development. The next committee meeting will be on August 11th.

Item 9 – Member Agency/Committee Member Reports

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

Member Claes provided an update on water conditions. The Kings runoff is currently forecast at 37% of average. This could be the 15th driest year on record for the Kings River.

Friant Class 1 allocation is at 15% and might go up soon. Exchange contractors have called on water. FID deliveries to growers are scheduled for two months (June and July) and will consist of about 200,000 AF of water.

Item 10 – Executive Officer Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 10a – DWR Prop 68 Grant Project Update

The Savory Pond project is complete, pending the delivery of a gate valve that has been on backorder.

Item 10b – Outreach / External Affairs Update

Kassy sat on a panel at the Groundwater Resource Association summit on June 9th.

The bill sponsor for AB 2201 is considering potential amendments to the bill. A meeting will be held next week to discuss these possible changes.

Item 10c – Representative Monitoring Network Update

Data gap areas have been identified. Further work on the network will be done after the GSP revision process is complete.

Item 10d – Miscellaneous

The mitigation policy was approved by the Board of Directors on May 26th. The next step is to establish mitigation targets for agencies. Work on this will resume after the GSP revision process is complete.

The current project list will be taken to the Board for amendments in July or August.

Item 11 – Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 PM.

Next Meeting

July 8, 2022