

MINUTES

NKGSA Special Advisory Committee Meeting September 9, 2022

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis
*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water
Company
*Dejan Pavic – City of Fresno
*Augustine Ramirez – Fresno County
*Adam Claes – FID
*Brent Sunamoto – Fresno Metropolitan
Flood Control District
*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District

*John Jansons – City of Kerman
Andrew Aller – NKGSA (legal counsel)
Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis
Kristen Freberg – City of Clovis
DeAnn Hailey – FID
Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard
Austin Hubbell
Lisa Koehn – Clovis

* - 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. Call to Order

Meeting 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	Present/Absent	Name of Person
Bakman Water Company	Present	Shay Bakman
Biola CSD	Absent	-
City of Clovis	Present	Scott Redelfs
City of Fresno	Present	Dejan Pavic
City of Kerman	Present	John Jansons
Fresno County	Present	Augustine Ramirez
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Present	Brandy Swisher
Garfield Water District	Present	Nick Keller
International Water District	Absent	-

Item 2. Discussion/Possible Action – NKGSA Resolution 22-15: 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 Ramirez; second by member Claes. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
Member: Jansons	Aye
<i>(Biola CSD and International absent)</i>	

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 3. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

Item 4a. Approval of Minutes from August 19, 2022 Special Meeting

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

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
Member: Jansons	Aye
<i>(Biola CSD and International absent)</i>	

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5. Financial Report

Item 5a. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Expense Reports for July 2022

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Expenses for July 2022 totaled \$45, including fees owed to Constant Contact.

Item 5b. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of July 31, 2022

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

The financial statements as of July 31, 2022 show total assets of \$1,814,406.25. Total expenses for the fiscal year so far are \$55. Net income so far is \$636,317.17.

Motion to approve the July 2022 expense report and the July 31, 2022 financial statements by member Claes; second by member Bakman. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
Member: Jansons	Aye
<i>(Biola CSD and International absent)</i>	

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5c. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of NKGSA Policy (NKGSA-ACCT-507) Investing Policy

(Presented by DeAnn Hailey)

This policy is almost identical to the investing policy used by FID. The NKGSA has a practice of using FID policies when there is no NKGSA specific policy. The

investment policy provides the framework for investing NKGSA funds to allow for long-term financial planning.

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

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
Member: Jansons	Aye
<i>(Biola CSD and International absent)</i>	

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5d. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of NKGSA Resolution 2022-16 to Allow Participation in Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and to File with the State Treasurer’s Office

(Presented by DeAnn Hailey)

This would allow NKGSA to participate in a State-owned LAIF. It allows for participating agencies to receive funds within 3 days of requesting. The yield for the previous fiscal year was 0.371%; in August 2022, the yield is at 1.276%. DeAnn Hailey, Adam Claes, and Kassy Chauhan would all be signed onto the LAIF account.

Motion to recommend approval of the resolution (with the correction that Adam Claes’s title on the LAIF account be changed to “Administrative Agent”) by member Claes; second by member Bakman.

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye

Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
Member: Jansons	Aye
<i>(Biola CSD and International absent)</i>	

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5e. FY 2021-2022 Audit Update

(Presented by DeAnn Hailey)

The auditor's office had a personal delay. The draft audit was received for review today, and it should be ready for the Committee next month.

Item 6. Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

The end of the public comment period on the revised GSP is the end of this month. Comments are expected. DWR's determination should be given by the end of this year or early next year.

Current projects include the scopes of work for the new data gap studies outlined in the revised GSP.

Basin-wide demand changes since the base period are being considered, and reviews are being conducted on how other basins have developed allocations.

Regarding the \$4.8m grant from DWR, 1 project has been completed and Kerman's grant project should be going to construction this year. The round 2 grant (\$7.6m) has been awarded and the final contract is in progress. A 1-year extension was requested for the planning grant due to difficulty in gathering well construction information; the extension request was granted. DWR's Technical Support Systems are assisting with new monitor well construction.

Fall 2022 water level data readings will be coming up in October.

Item 7. Administrative

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 7a. Completed Project Summary Table Update

A completed project summary table was approved by the Board at the August 25th meeting. It has been updated on the website. A copy of the project summary table was included in the meeting packet. Solicitation for additional projects is ongoing.

Item 7b. Governor's Executive Order N-7-22: Well Permitting Update

318 permits have been issued so far this calendar year. 40 of those were in August. So far, 10 have been issued this month (September).

Assembly Bill 2201 (Bennett), which was aimed at guidelines for issuing well permits, has died on the Assembly floor. The same topic may come up again later in future legislation, so it might be prudent to review permanent criteria and processes in preparation for that.

Item 8. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 8a. Technical Workgroup Update

(Presented by Adam Claes)

The Technical Workgroup did not meet this month. They are waiting for DWR's comments on the revised GSP.

Item 8b. Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee Report

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

The Advisory Committee did not meet this month.

Item 9. Member Agency/Committee Member Reports

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

Member Claes provided a water supply update. We ended up at 30% CVP Friant Class 1 and the Kings River runoff for the water year will likely end at 45%. The water year officially ends at the end of this month.

August monsoonal storms netted FID about 20,000 acre-feet of unanticipated entitlements. Peak runoff was on April 9th and was nearly 4,500 cfs. This type of event comes once every 5-10 years. Some storms are forecast for this weekend, but they will probably not be significant.

Item 10. Executive Officer Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 10a. DWR Prop 68 Grant Project Update

Work is being done to get the Biola CSD recharge project out to bid. Construction will need to start while FID is not running water. There is still a funding gap for this project.

FID's Carter-Bybee Basin project has received additional funding. The design & environmental stages are now in progress.

USDA's Community Facility Program may be a potential source for additional funding for projects.

Item 10b. Outreach/External Affairs Update

ABIRC hosted a small grower workshop on September 8th. Kassy will be speaking at the California H2O Women's Conference on September 29th and 30th. A new Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley stakeholder information and resources folder has been developed to use at outreach events. This is part of an effort to expand beyond being an agriculture-based institution and engage more of the community and stakeholders.

In light of the large time commitment that was required during the legislative process of AB 2201, there may be a need for a more direct representative for legislative affairs in the future.

Item 10c. Representative Monitoring Network Update

It is very important for member agencies to submit their water level readings as early as possible. Submissions should be made to Provost & Pritchard by the middle of next month (October). Additional wells have been added for monitoring purposes only (8-10 locations for County wells). Construction information for monitoring wells is still being gathered – there are 3 wells remaining. That process is being funded by the DWR grant.

Item 10d. Miscellaneous

Boundary flow studies are under way. Pump tests will begin in the fall and coordination is being done with the land owners. The well registration program is in progress and there will be more reports on that program in the coming months.

Item 11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2022

(Note: This meeting will potentially be virtual only.)