

MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting October 14, 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
*Jerry Jones – City of Kerman
*Pete Cerna – Biola CSD
Andrew Aller – NKGSA (legal counsel)

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard
Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis
Kristen Freberg – City of Clovis
DeAnn Hailey – FID
Dr. David Cehrs
Austin Hubbell
Mike McGinnis - DWR
Brian Henderson – Hudson Henderson &
Company
Lisa Koehn – Clovis
Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA

* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee
** - Committee Chair

***Note: With the current state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted via web conference only. No physical location was offered for this meeting of the NKGSA Advisory Committee.*

Item 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:35 PM.

Special Instructions:

Special teleconferencing procedures were reviewed by the Advisory Committee and 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	*Jerry Jones / Pete Cerna
City of Clovis	Present	Scott Redelfs
City of Fresno	Present	Dejan Pavic
City of Kerman	Present	*Jerry Jones
Fresno County	Present	Augustine Ramirez
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Present	Brent Sunamoto
Garfield Water District	Absent	-
International Water District	Absent	-

** Note: Member Jerry Jones represented both City of Kerman and Biola CSD for the majority of this meeting's votes; Member Pete Cerna represented Biola CSD for the last vote. Individual vote tallies in the minutes will clarify.*

Item 2. Discussion/Possible Action – NKGSA Resolution 22-18: 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: Jones	Aye
<i>(Garfield and International absent)</i>	

7 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 3. Public Presentations

There was a public presentation provided by Dr. David Cehrs, who was previously on the Technical Advisory Committee and assisted with the creation of the GSP. Dr. Cehrs presented a map showing water table measurements and their changes between Spring 2012 and Fall 2021 and comparing the amount of change in different geographical areas. One of the takeaways from the map is the significant impact that groundwater pumping has made in the water table within the NKGSA boundary, when it was previously thought it was not a significant concern for NKGSA given the amount of imported surface water available.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

Item 4a. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2022, Meeting

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

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

7 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5. Financial Report

Item 5a. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements

(Presented by Brian Henderson)

The audit report was issued on September 22, 2022. The audit was fairly straightforward and there were no audit issues to note. As part of the audit, a second report was issued, discussing compliance and internal controls. There were no deficiencies noted in this second report.

Some financial highlights included operating revenues of \$684,113 and operating expenses of \$362,112; total assets of \$1,224,677; total liabilities of \$73,956; and net position of \$1,151,021. Copies of the auditors' report were included in the meeting packet.

Motion to recommend approval of the 2021-2022 audited financial statements made by member Claes; second by member Ramirez. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Bakman	No vote
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
<i>(Garfield and International absent)</i>	

6 Aye; 3 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5b. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Expense Reports for August 2022

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Expenses for month of August included bills for ACWA, attorney fees, Constant Contact, FID, Print Shack, and Provost & Pritchard, for a total of \$25,484.31.

Item 5c. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Final Financial Statements as of June 30, 2022

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

The balance sheet shows a net position of \$1,151,021.78 and total liabilities of \$73,956.10. Total expenses for the year totaled \$412,110.34, with revenue of \$717,015.73.

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

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

The balance sheet as of August 31, 2022, shows total liabilities and net position of \$1,787,180.42. Expenses through August totaled \$25,549.31, which is 4.41% of the annual budget. Income was \$636,363.20.

Motion to take items 5b, 5c, and 5d together and recommend approval of the expense reports for August 2022, the final financial statements as of June 30, 2022, and the financial statements as of August 31, 2022, made by member Claes; second by member Ramirez. Committee votes as follows:

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

7 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5e. Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Filings Update

(Presented by DeAnn Hailey)

The Board approved the participation in the LAIF fund. DeAnn was able to open a new account as of yesterday and will be receiving information on transferring funds into the account shortly. The current interest rate is 1.5%.

Item 6. Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

Projects are being solicited for the latest round of SGMA implementation grant funding. One application may be submitted per basin and the applications are due on November 30, 2022. Projects with DAC benefits will be prioritized with this round of funding.

Final determination on the GSP is anticipated in winter 2022-2023. Public comment letters have been received.

Planning has begun for new data gap studies and programs, but they will not begin until after final DWR determination has been made on the GSP.

Other informational projects underway include reviewing how other basins have developed allocations, and collecting fall 2022 water level data.

Previously received SGMA implementation grants are being utilized for various projects.

Item 7. Administrative

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

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

The total number of permits issued by the GSA since January is 378. A breakdown was provided showing the types of wells and the number of permits issued for each type. There is currently about a 6-month lead time for construction of new wells.

Item 7b. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Scope of Work for Development of Well Registration Tool

There is a need for development of a tool for active well information to be provided to the NKGSA. That information would come from a variety of sources, including County well records, the State's geotracker database, landowner inputs, and other sources. This tool would hopefully help fill the large data gap in well information in the GSA. Some information on the different options evaluated for development of the tool were included in the meeting packet.

Motion to recommend approval of the scope of work for the development of a well registration tool made by member Claes; second by member Ramirez. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	No vote
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Cerna	Aye
<i>(Garfield and International absent)</i>	

7 Aye; 3 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 7c. November 2022 Advisory Committee Meeting Reschedule

It is recommended to cancel the next Advisory Committee Meeting due to it falling on November 11th, which is Veterans' Day, and due to a lack of actionable items. A special meeting will be scheduled if necessary.

Item 8. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 8a. Technical Workgroup Update

(Presented by Adam Claes)

There have been no workgroup meetings so there are no updates at this time.

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

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

There have been no workgroup meetings so there are no updates at this time.

Item 9. Member Agency/Committee Member Reports

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

Member Claes provided a 2021-2022 water year recap. The past 3 years constituted the driest 3-year period state-wide on record. Our local area still experienced a dry period, but this past year was not as severe as previous years. The Kings River runoff for 2021-2022 was 785,000 AF and FID was able to run for a full 3 months.

Member Jones provided an update on the Biola groundwater recharge project. Bids were opened for the project this past Tuesday, but all of the bids received put the project over budget, so additional options are being evaluated.

Item 10. Executive Officer Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 10a. GSP Comments SGMA/NKGSA Update

Five comments were received on the revised GSP, submitted July 2022. The comments were submitted through the SGMA Portal and included a comments similar to those previously provided. The GSA is not planning to respond directly to those. As mentioned earlier, final DWR determination is anticipated by the end of this year.

Item 10b. DWR Prop 68 Grant Project Update

This item was covered under the Kings Subbasin Update (Agenda Item 6).

Item 10c. Outreach/External Affairs Update

Recent speaking engagements include the California H2O Women's Conference on September 29th and 30th, as well as an ACWA Region 6/7 Meeting panel discussion today. There was an SJV Blueprint large group meeting on October 12th and engagement with that group continues.

Item 10d. Representative Monitoring Network Update

There are no specific updates at this time.

Item 10d. Miscellaneous

At the next Board meeting, there will be a detailed report on groundwater conditions and fall water levels.

Item 11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.

Next Meeting: To be determined