

MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting

April 10, 2020

****Clovis Public Safety Building**

VIA TELECONFERENCE:

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis

*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water Co.

*Eduardo Antunez – Biola CSD

*Brock Buche – City of Fresno

*Glenn Allen – Fresno County

*Adam Claes – FID

*Brandy Swisher – FMFCD

*Ken Moore – City of Kerman

Kevin Dale – NKGSA (legal counsel)

Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA

Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis

Mike Carbajal – City of Fresno

Augustine Ramirez – Fresno County

Lisa Koehn – Clovis

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard

Diane Merrill – League of Women Voters

Dao Lor – ABIRC

Rebecca Quist – KRCD

Jessi Snyder – Self-Help Enterprises

Michael Prandini – BIA

* - 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 1:30 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 member 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	Eduardo Antunez	Present
City of Clovis	Scott Redelfs	Present
City of Fresno	Brock Buche	Present
City of Kerman	Ken Moore	Present
Fresno County	Glenn Allen	Present
Fresno Irrigation District	Adam Claes	Present
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Brandy Swisher	Present
Garfield Water District		Absent
International Water District		Absent

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from 02/21/20 Meeting

Motion by Brock Buche to approve; second by Ken Moore.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye	Buche: Aye	Claes: Abstain
Antunez: Aye	Moore: Aye	Swisher: Aye
Redelfs: Aye	Allen: Aye	<i>(Garfield & International not present)</i>

7 Aye; 1 Abstain; 2 Not Present. Approved unanimously.

Item 3 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Update presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

The Basin's annual report (water year 18-19) was submitted to DWR on April 1st, 2020. There is still work to be done on the fall 2019 and spring 2020 water level data.

A \$500,000 grant contract is in progress with DWR, which will result in approximately \$70,000 being given to each GSA. For NKGSA, this will assist in investigating construction information on monitor wells and potentially constructing new wells.

DWR has extended the public comment period from April 15th to May 15th. Additional comments coming in through the DWR portal will be monitored.

Other items being worked on include ongoing meetings with Fresno County to discuss policy changes, and a data request from the Nature Conservancy that is in progress. The other GSAs in the Basin are starting to implement their GSPS, working on filling in data gaps and considering potential projects.

Item 4 – Executive Officer Update

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 4a – Workgroup Policy

i. Consider Policy on Formation of Workgroups to Complete Various NKGSA Tasks – Action Item

At the previous meeting, it was discussed that following the disbanding of the former subcommittees, there would be a transition to a workgroup model, with workgroups being formed as needed for specific tasks. After further review and work on the new workgroup policy, the Executive Officer is ready to present NKGSA-002 for adoption by the Advisory.

Motion by Brock Buche to approve; second by Brandy Swisher.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye

Buche: Aye

Claes: Abstain

Antunez: Aye

Moore: Aye

Swisher: Aye

Redelfs: Aye

Allen: Aye

(Garfield & International not present)

7 Aye; 1 Abstain; 2 Not Present. Approved unanimously.

Item 4b – Advisory Committee and NKGSA Board Meetings in 2020

i. Discussion and Reconsideration of Decision of Advisory Committee to Adjust Meeting Frequency to Every Other Month (Even Months) – Action Item

At the previous meeting, it was tentatively decided to hold the Advisory Committee hearings every other month (on even-numbered months), with the option to revise this schedule if needed. Following the most recent meeting of the NKGSA Board, it has been determined that reverting back to monthly meetings is the best course of action. Meetings will be held each month with the option to cancel a meeting if needed.

Motion by Brock Buche to approve; second by Glenn Allen.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye	Buche: Aye	Claes: Aye
Antunez: Aye	Moore: Aye	Swisher: Aye
Redelfs: Aye	Allen: Aye	<i>(Garfield & International not present)</i>

8 Aye; 0 Abstain; 2 Not Present. Approved unanimously.

Item 4c – Miscellaneous

There will be a monthly report of the NKGSA's activities made available to the Advisory Committee each month. The first of these reports is available as of the date of this meeting.

KRCD will be assisting with the NKGSA website updates and e-news in order to continue developing the website into a useful resource for the public. Work is continuing on the staff resources agreement between NKGSA and FID. Most of the tasks involved will be associated with the representative monitoring network. Exact costs are still being worked out and a finalized agreement should be ready in time for the May meeting of the Advisory Committee. Review of County planning documents is ongoing.

In light of the extended period for public comment on GSPs, reviews are being done of any GSP for which we provided comment letters and

evaluating whether any changes were made in those GSPs based on the comments submitted. Lastly, work continues on coordination efforts with neighboring GSAs to address boundary flows.

Item 5 – Workgroup Updates and Actions

No workgroups have been formed yet; the most likely group that will be formed first is a budget/fiscal workgroup. There may also be a need to form a workgroup for GSP review to evaluate what (if any) changes have been made due to public comments.

Item 6 – Public Comments

There were no public comments submitted.

Item 7 – Advisory Committee Member Comments

Mr. Brock Buche commented that the teleconference format was successful and he was appreciative that the Committee was able to continue in this new format for the time being.

Item 8 – Adjourn

Motion by Adam Claes; second by Ken Moore. Adjourned at 2:17 PM.

Item 9 – Future Meetings

Following the action item by the Advisory Committee to revert back to monthly meetings, the future meeting schedule has been revised as follows:

- a. May 8, 2020
- b. June 12, 2020
- c. July 10, 2020