

MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting

August 14, 2020

****Clovis Public Safety Building**

VIA TELECONFERENCE:

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis

*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water Co.

*Dejan Pavic – City of Fresno

*City of Kerman – Ken Moore

*Glenn Allen – Fresno County

*Adam Claes – FID

*Alan Hofmann – FMFCD

*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District

Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA

Kevin Dale – AALRR - NKGSA (legal counsel)

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard

Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis

Kristen Freberg – City of Clovis

Brandy Swisher – FMFCD

Lisa Koehn – Clovis

Karl Kienow – Garfield Water District

Sue Ruiz – Self-Help Enterprises

* - 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 1:33 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. Ms. Chauhan reported there were no requests for verbal or written comments or public presentations received.

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
City of Clovis	Scott Redelfs	Present
City of Fresno	Dejan Pavic	Present
City of Kerman	Ken Moore	Present
Fresno County	Glenn Allen	Present
Fresno Irrigation District	Adam Claes	Present
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Alan Hofmann	Present
Garfield Water District	Nick Keller	Present
Biola CSD	-	Absent
International Water District	-	Absent

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from 07/10/2020 Meeting

Motion by Member Claes to approve; second by Member Bakman.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye Moore: Aye Hofmann: Aye
 Redelfs: Aye Allen: Aye Keller: Aye
 Pavic: Aye Claes: Aye (*Biola & International absent*)

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 3 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Update presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

There is still some data needed in order to finalize the spring 2020 contours. The spring 2020 data needs to be submitted to DWR by August 1st, 2020.

Most of the GSAs are reviewing comments received through the DWR portal. Some GSAs are also starting to adopt policies, rules, and regulations. Another ongoing task is to finalize the Data Management System, where data for the annual report will be stored.

There was a recent meeting with the County to discuss the permit process and possible changes to it. The County will be facilitating a meeting with local Drillers in the near future. The GSAs are continuing to work on new monitoring wells, utilizing the DWR grant for agencies to conduct video inspections. There is a new DWR draft grant for SGMA implementation. Only one application may be submitted per Basin, and the Basin can only submit for up to \$5 million. There are other restrictions on how the grant funds can be distributed, so the GSAs will continue to review the grant process. The application will not be due until the end of the year.

Item 4 – Financial Report

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 4a – Member Agency Invoices

Member agency invoices were sent out during the beginning of August. They were accompanied by a cover letter explaining the charges, as the percentages were switched mid-fiscal year. The old percentages were used through January 31st, and the new percentages were used from February 1st onward.

Member Claes raised a concern on how percentages of the cost share were determined for individual member agencies, and suggested that these could be reviewed in the future. EO Chauhan inquired about taking action on this request to revisit the member agency participation percentages as it has been raised on two different occasions. Chair Redelfs inquired with legal counsel on the ability to provide staff guidance given this particular item was not on the agenda. Legal Counsel, Kevin Dale, advised to place an item on the agenda for a future meeting to discuss member agency participation

percentages and any possible guidance/direction to staff to address member agency concerns.

Item 5 – GSA Policies

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 5a – Discussion and Consideration of Future Policies for the NKGSA

The GSP implementation phase began on February 1st, 2020. Rules and regulations are needed in order to effectively implement the GSP. One policy that is needed right now is a member agency reporting process (which would include frequency of progress reports, percentage of overdraft being corrected, and status of projects). Another policy that is needed is a new well policy. Currently, the County notifies the GSA regarding new wells being developed within the GSA, when existing wells are destroyed, etc. But there is currently no ability to require additional information that may sometimes be needed. The new policy should include an ability to request expanded well information as needed.

Forming a policy workgroup would be beneficial to work on the development of policies for the NKGSA. This could be a standing workgroup and the makeup of it would include 1 representative from each member agency, as well as possibly members of the public (up to 3). There would also be the potential to involve members from the previous Ad Hoc committees. The workgroup would be addressing the two aforementioned policy needs specifically, but could also continue to work on future issues.

Motion by member Claes to approve formation of workgroup to address the member agency reporting policy and new well policy; second by member Allen.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye	Moore: Aye	Hofmann: Aye
Redelfs: Aye	Allen: Aye	Keller: Aye
Pavic: Aye	Claes: Aye	<i>(Biola & International absent)</i>

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 6 – Executive Officer Update

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 6a – GSP Public Comment Update

A total of 9 public comments were received on the GSP. Comments were grouped into different categories and evaluated. It was concluded that there was no need for GSP revisions based on the comments received. The GSA is awaiting DWR's final review of the GSP.

Item 6b – Member Agency Responsibility Update

A meeting addressing member agency responsibility for overdraft is needed but a large group meeting is not feasible at this time. In the meantime, the plan is to hold smaller meetings with individual member agencies to gather information about topics that would need to be addressed with the larger group. Executive Officer Chauhan and the consultant will be presenting NKGSA at these meetings, and member agencies will be able to decide who they want to represent their agency.

Item 6c – External Affairs Update

Executive Officer Chauhan held a training for the State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water in August. This was a good opportunity to educate attendees of the training about SGMA and encourage engagement with the GSA.

The GSA has been very active on social media within the last month. There have also been updates to the GSA website, and a public outreach grant is being looked at.

Item 6d – Representative Monitoring Network Update

Fresno Irrigation District (FID) is working on developing agreements with well owners for access to wells to facilitate monitoring and video inspections. Some previously identified wells may not be ideal monitoring wells, so some re-evaluation will be needed as data gathering continues. Some well owners have made contact with the GSA to express interest in being included in the network.

There is one well in the Water Quality Monitoring Network for which

there is no construction information. Efforts to obtain that information are ongoing, but if they are unsuccessful, a different well may need to be selected.

Item 6e – Miscellaneous

Monthly meetings have been held with Fresno County to discuss well drilling permit applications. The meetings will now be done quarterly. The Well Drilling Permit Application has been updated as a result of the meeting, and the County will be hosting a meeting next week with the drillers to go over the changes to the application.

Stanford has begun the geophysics project discussed at last month's meeting. They will be sharing the information they gather once they have completed their project.

The Data Management System is almost ready to be finalized.

Item 7 – Workgroup Updates and Actions

There have been no workgroup meetings to date and there is no further report at this time. There will likely be workgroups formed in the near future, including for areas regarding policy, outreach and education, and other topics.

Item 8 – Public Comments

No comments received.

Item 9 – Advisory Committee Member Comments

None.

Item 10 – Adjourn

Motion by member Claes to adjourn; second by member Hofmann. Meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.

Item 11 – Future Meetings

The future meeting schedule is as follows:

- a. September 11, 2020
- b. October 9, 2020
- c. November 11, 2020