

MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting

November 13, 2020

****Clovis Public Safety Building**

VIA TELECONFERENCE:

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis

*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water Co.

*Eduardo Antunez – Biola CSD

*Glenn Allen – Fresno County

*Adam Claes – FID

*Peter Sanchez – FMFCD

Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA

Kevin Dale – NKGSA (legal counsel)

Brandy Swisher – FMFCD

Kristen Freberg – City of Clovis

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard

Lisa Koehn – Clovis

Dao Lor – ABIRC

Diane Merrill – League of Women Voters

Antonio Solorio – Westlands Water

District

* - 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 1:32 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	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	-	Absent
City of Kerman	-	Absent
Fresno County	Glenn Allen	Present
Fresno Irrigation District	Adam Claes	Present
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Peter Sanchez	Present
Garfield Water District	-	Absent
International Water District	-	Absent

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from 10/09/20 Meeting

Motion by member Allen to approve the minutes; second by member Claes.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye Redelfs: Aye Claes: Aye
 Antunez: Abstain Allen: Aye Sanchez: Aye
(City of Kerman, City of Fresno, Garfield and International absent)

5 Aye; 1 Abstain; 4 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 3 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Update presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

DWR released final guidelines for round 1 of the SGMA implementation grant about a week ago, with applications due by January 8th, 2021. The Basin has been working to select and vet projects for the grant application. 5 of the 7 GSAs submitted projects, with a focus on projects benefitting disadvantaged communities; 2 projects have been selected in North Kings.

Fall data collection is wrapping up. Spring 2020 contours and storage charge calculations are also being completed (these are measured annually from spring to spring).

Well videoing and gathering of monitor well construction information is continuing. The GSAs are beginning to prepare rules and regulations.

Item 4 – Financial Update

There was no financial report for the November Advisory Committee. A procedural change has been implemented: starting next month, financial statements through October 31, 2020 will be provided to Lisa Koehn for review and comment, and they will then be included in the meeting packets for the Advisory Committee. This allows for another layer of review prior to these items being presented to the Board of Directors.

Item 5 – Administrative

Item 5a – NKGSA Official Rosters Update – Advisory Committee and Board of Directors

The roster for the Advisory Committee has been officially approved with only 2 minor changes (discussed during the previous Advisory Committee meeting). The Board of Directors roster was approved but will have a change. Seat 3 is currently occupied by the City of Kerman. The seat is shared by Kerman, Biola, and Bakman. Bakman will be taking seat 3 in January, creating a vacancy in seat 7. A member-at-large will need to be appointed by the Board to fill seat 7. Shay Bakman has asked the Board to be considered for appointment to that seat.

Item 5b – 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

ii. Discussion/Possible Action Item – Recommend Setting Frequency and Adopting Meeting Dates for 2021 – Action Item

It was recommended that the current frequency be maintained (once per month, on the 2nd Friday of each month). A list of meeting dates were included in the packet.

A motion was made by member Allen to maintain current frequency and adopt meeting dates for 2021 accordingly; second by member Claes.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye	Redelfs: Aye	Claes: Aye
Antunez: Aye	Allen: Aye	Sanchez: Aye
<i>(Garfield and International absent)</i>		

6 Aye; 4 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 6 – Workgroup Updates and Actions

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 6a – Policy Workgroup

i. Discussion/Possible Action Item – Recommend Adoption of New Well Review Policy – Action Item

The Policy Workgroup has been working on a New Well Review Policy. The new policy would provide up to 5 days for review/comment on a new well application, would allow NKGSA to gather data for new wells being built, and establishes a framework for potential new requirements for new wells constructed within the NKGSA boundary. The recommendation was to adopt the new well policy.

Some concerns were identified by the Workgroup. One concern was regarding health and safety concerns, which will be mitigated by an expedited review process when this concern is indicated by the County for a particular application. Another concern was the nature of the comments for the applications. While the GSP allows for implementing management actions, those actions aren't being implemented at this time; the policy's purpose of allowing comments on the applications is to provide for a better review process and to inform future decisions on management action implementation if needed at a later date. Lastly, there were concerns about stress on County resources due to additional review time. A driller meeting

will be held in December to help address this topic and help drillers manage their expectations about timeframe. NKGSA will field questions on the review process at that meeting.

Member Claes commented that the policy is focused on coordination between the NKGSA and the County. It doesn't place any requirements on the wells themselves at this time, but it does put in place a framework for potential requirements in future policies.

A motion was made by member Claes to adopt the New Well Review Policy; second by member Sanchez.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye	Redelfs: Aye	Claes: Aye
Antunez: Aye	Allen: Aye	Sanchez: Aye
<i>(Garfield and International absent)</i>		

6 Aye; 4 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 6b – Member Agency Cost-Share Workgroup (Lisa Koehn)

The Member Agency Cost-Share Workgroup met in October 2020 regarding this issue and found that the current agreement is equitable. Therefore, no change is recommended at this time.

There will be a slight modification in Fiscal Agent procedures moving forward: financial documents will be given to the Advisory Committee first for review prior to being presented to the Board.

Item 7 – Executive Officer Update

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 7a – Funding Opportunities Update

2 projects will be included in round 1 of the SGMA Implementation Grant applications: FID's Savory Pond expansion project and the City of Kerman's recharge project. There is a total of \$26 million available, and scoring criteria for proposed projects will include projects that benefit disadvantaged and underrepresented communities and human right to water.

Item 7b – Member Agency Mitigation Responsibility Update

Meetings have been held with most of the smaller member agencies. The next step is to meet with the larger member agencies beginning next week. Following those meetings, a large group discussion will be held, hopefully in January or February. Following that, a Mitigation Responsibility Policy will be written.

Item 7c – External Affairs Update

Work is continuing with KRCD to create targeted outreach for private domestic well owners. An interactive map will be created that will allow individuals to put in their address and locate their representative monitoring well in their area and get information on what is expected with the groundwater table in that area. Over time, water quality and other components will be added into the interactive map. Resources are also being developed for use by schools. Self-Help Enterprises is also involved in developing outreach ideas for domestic well owners.

NKGSA continues to be active on social media thanks to KRCD's efforts, in addition to blog posts, e-news updates, and website maintenance.

Item 7d – Representative Monitoring Network Update

There are about 15 wells that NKGSA still does not have construction information for. Work is ongoing to collect that information.

There are some downhole video inspections scheduled for November 2020.

Fall measurements for wells are complete with the exception of the FID-15 monitoring well. An alternative monitoring well will likely need to be found to replace the data from this well.

Item 7e – Miscellaneous

The WELL Conference was held today, November 13th. This is an annual forum aiming to educate local elected leaders on water and other sustainability topics. Kassy was able to sit on a panel discussing groundwater and the challenges that our GSA is facing.

The Biola CSD Basin Project is underway. Biola will provide periodic updates as it progresses.

The AEM Survey by Stanford is scheduled to take place at the end of November. It will hopefully provide useful data on potential recharge options in that geographical area.

Selection of members for the DWR Technical Advisory Committee should be done in late November or early December. This is part of the effort to revise Bulletin 74, California Well Standards.

Item 8 – Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Item 9 – Advisory Committee Member Comments

No member comments were received.

Item 10 – Adjourned

Motion by member Claes to adjourn; second by member Allen. Meeting adjourned at 2:31 PM.

Item 10 – Future Meetings

The future meeting schedule is as follows:

- a. December 11, 2020