North Kings GSA Advisory Committee Meeting 1-8-2021

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
   - Special Teleconference Instructions
   - Roll Call

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SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DUE TO COVID-19

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Written Comments

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Your item will be read onto the record during the public comment portion when the item is heard. Any portion of your comment extending past three (3) minutes may not be read aloud due to time restrictions but will be made part of the record of proceedings.

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Verbal Comments

If you wish to speak to the Advisory Committee on the item by telephone, you must contact the NKGSA Executive Officer at (559) 233-7161 x. 7109 no later than 12:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

You will be asked to provide a phone number to call you during the meeting. You will also be asked for your name so that you can be called when it is your turn to speak.

You will be called during the comment section for the agenda item on which you will speak.

You may be put on hold until your name is called by the Executive Officer.

Your comment period will be limited to three (3) minutes.

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2. Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2020 Meeting
3. Receive - Basin Coordination Update - Samuelian

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Kings Basin Update

- SGMA Implementation Grant Rd 1 Submitted Today
  - Total request of $4.8M, 4 projects from 3GSAs, all directly benefit DACs
  - 2 projects in North Kings (Savory Pond-Shady Lakes MHP, Kerman) req. $1.4M
- Time to start on next annual report
  - Due April 2021, based on water year (Oct 2019-Sep 2020)
  - Contours and storage change calculations beginning
  - Includes estimate of groundwater pumping
- GSAs video'ing wells and constructing new monitor wells w/DWR grant
- GSAs continuing to prepare rules/regulations
- Discussing coordinated Basin outreach efforts
- AEM Survey – Awaiting results

4. Financial Update

a. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the November 2020 Expense Report – Action Item (Koehn)

b. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of November 30, 2020 – Action Item (Koehn)

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5. Administrative

5a. NKGSA Board Seat No. 7 – Vacancy - Update

- The At-Large, Seat No. 7 Director position can be filled by anyone falling into one of the three following categories:
  - Municipal/Industrial Water Supply Members not currently serving on the Board of Directors;
  - Contracting Entities; or,
  - Interested Parties.

Each of the three terms above is defined in the bylaws. The "not currently serving on the Board of Directors" language under number 1 above is intended to avoid two board members being from the same entity. In other words, the At-Large Director can be from one of the NKGSA signatory agencies provided that the signatory agency is "not currently serving on the Board of Directors."

5a. Board Seat No. 7 - Vacancy

- Nominations by Current Directors
  - Email Solicitation – December 18/January 8th
  - Deadline for Nominations – January 15th
- Official Nominations and Vote by Board of Directors
  - January 28, 2021
- Director Seated /Oath of Office
  - January/February 2021

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6. Workgroup Updates and Actions

6.a. Policy Workgroup

- Purpose: Three Parts:

1. Provide direction to the Executive Officer (EO) of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NKGSA) when **evaluating** applications for construction of new water well permits (extraction facilities) within the NKGSA boundary.

2. Request Fresno County and the Cities of Fresno, Clovis and Kerman (permitting agencies) to provide a **minimum review period** and information when routing applications for construction of new water well permits to the NKGSA.

3. Utilize **data collected** from the well permit applications for inclusion in the NKGSA records.

6.a. Policy Workgroup

- Recent Revisions:
  - Definition – Refined definition to include wells for purposes of groundwater extraction and specific exclusion of monitoring wells and test holes.
  - Removal of reference to Undesirable Results – Single Wells Causing Undesirable Results.
  - Clarification of Review Parameters
    - Location
    - Proposed Depth
    - Construction Features
  - Standardized Response to Home Owners – No Permitting Authority – Information Sharing Only.

Recent – Future Activities:

- 12/17: Workgroup Meets to Review and Revise Policy.
- 12/18: Revised Policy Routed to Agencies and Workgroup
- 1/7: Discussed Concerns w/ City of Fresno – Additional Comments to Be Provided
- 1/14: Workgroup Policy to Meet
- 1/15: Route Revised Policy
- 1/28: Brief Board of Directors on Current Status
- 2/12: Advisory Committee Considers Recommending Approval to BOD

6.a. Policy Workgroup

- Member Agency Reporting Policy
  - Draft Policy Being Developed
  - Routing to Workgroup for Input
  - Discuss with Member Agencies
  - Considered by AC in March/April 2021

7.a. EO Update – 2021 NKGSA Priorities

- 2020 Year In Review
- 2021 Priorities

2020 Year-End Review

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Highlights for 2020

- Submittal of NKGSA GSP
- Fully-Executed Kings Subbasin Coordination Agreement
- DWR Grant for Monitoring Well Improvements
- New Executive Officer On Board
- Representative Monitoring Well Data Collection
- Agency Mitigation Responsibility Discussions
- Stakeholder Engagement – Social Media
- Joint Outreach Efforts
- Coordination with Fresno County on Review of Well Permit Applications and Planning Documents

Priorities for 2021

- Finalize Member Agency Overdraft Responsibilities
- 2020 Annual Report
- Boundary Flow Study
- Obtain Construction Information for All Representative Monitoring Wells
- Continued Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement
- Policy Development – New Well Review Policy
- Coordination with DWR on Review of GSP
- Explore Projects and Funding Sources
- Engage with Elected Officials and Policy Makers
- Routine Engagement with NKGSA Board of Directors

7.b. EO Update – Funding Opportunities

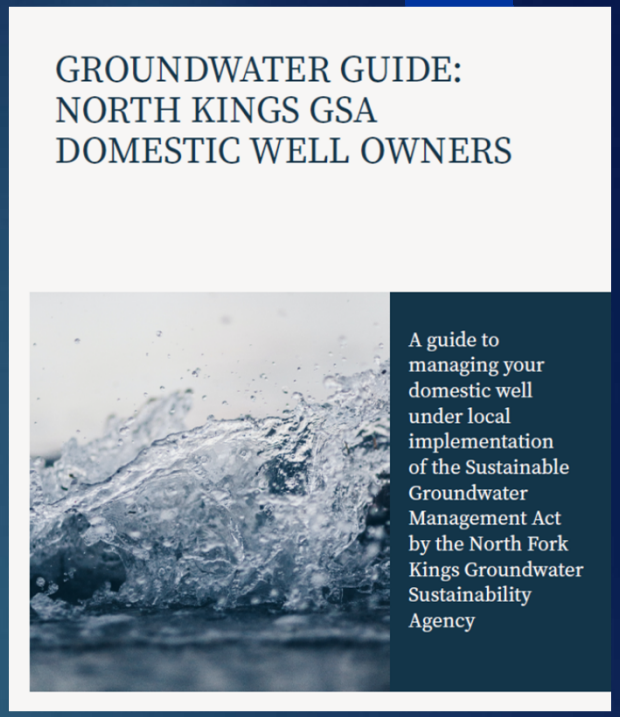
- DWR Prop 68: SGM Grant Program Implementation – Round 1
  - NKGSA Projects:
    - FID's Savory Pond Expansion Project
    - City of Kerman – Recharge Project
  - $26 M Available
  - Scoring Criteria
    - Human Right to Water
    - Benefits to DACs and URCs

7.c. EO Update – Member Agency Mitigation Responsibility Update

- Member Agencies Responsible for % of Overdraft
- Simplified Procedure Being Considered
  - Percent of Recharge Per AF Pumped
  - Associated Reporting
- Individual Meetings Scheduled Through December 2020 – Follow up in January 2021
- Large Group Meeting – January/February
- Mitigation Responsibility Policy

7.d. EO Update – Outreach

- Shady Lakes MHP
- Domestic Well Owners
  - ABIRC/UCCE
  - SHE
- Schools
- San Joaquin Valley Water Collaborative Coalition
  - Plenary Group Meeting – Dec. 17th – Vision Statement



7.e. EO Update – External Affairs Update

- Social Media
- Blog Posts – E-News
- Website Updates

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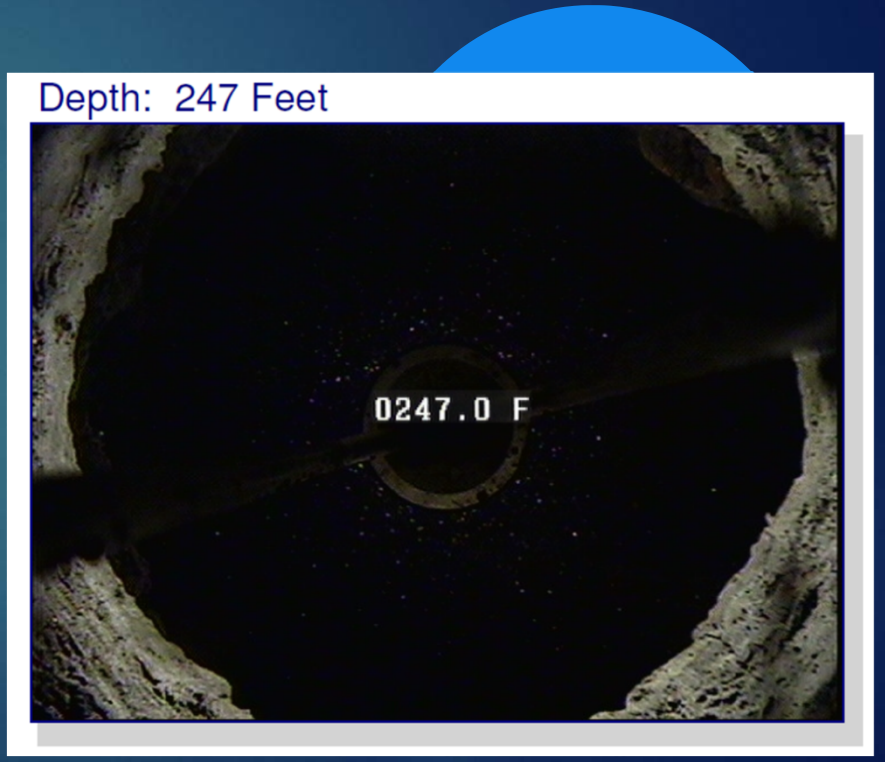
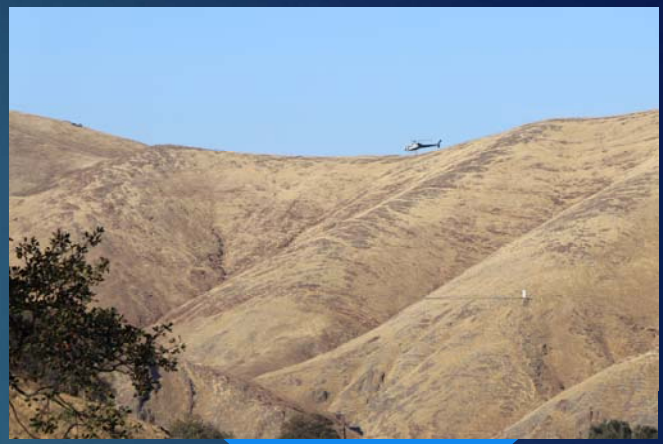
7.f. Representative Monitoring Network

- Fall Measurements Completed
  - Well Tag Left with Measurement
  - Includes DWR Monitoring Wells – 5
  - All Except FID-15 Monitored
- Water Level Monitoring Network
  - FID – Entering Into Agreements with Well Owners for Access and Video Inspection – Two Executed Agreement
  - Inoperable Wells
  - Downhole Video Inspections
- Water Quality Monitoring Network
  - One Well - No Construction Information
  - Alternate Monitoring Well?
  - WQ Monitoring By Others – Public Data



7.g. Miscellaneous Items

- AEM Survey Completed
  - Several Flights
  - Water Level Measurements for Wells Provided
  - Report of Findings
  - Preliminary Findings – January 2021



7.g. EO Update – Miscellaneous

- Other Items
  - Boundary Flow Study
  - DWR Technical Advisory Committee – Revise Bulletin 74 – California Well Standards
  - Finalized Outreach Documents

8. Public Comments

- NONE

9. Member Comments

10. Adjourn

Next Meeting

February 12, 2021

Thank you for joining us for the NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting.

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