

AGENDA

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting

June 8, 2018, 1:30 PM

Clovis Public Safety Community Room, 1233 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA

Conference Call Number: (559) 324-2995

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from May 18 Meeting
3. Approve – Appoint Brandy Swisher from FMFCD as Chair of the Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee
4. Receive – Ad hoc Subcommittee Updates
 - Technical
 - Administrative/Fiscal
 - Membership/Outreach/Communications
5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update
6. Consider Approval – Recommendation regarding request from Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability for letter of support for grant application
7. Public Comments
8. Member Comments
9. Adjourn

MINUTES

(Preliminary – Subject to Revision/Approval at next meeting)

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting

May 18, 2018

Clovis Public Safety Building

In attendance:

*Chair Luke Serpa – Clovis	Dejan Pavic – Fresno
*Vice Chair Bill Stretch – FID	Glenn Allen – Fresno County
*Mike Carbajal - Fresno	Sarge Green – Fresno State
*Bernard Jimenez – Fresno County	Ronnie Samuelian – Provost and Pritchard
*Nick Keller – Garfield WD	Kevin Peterson – CUSD
*Ken Moore – Kerman	Andrew Nabors - CUSD
*Alan Hoffman – FMFCD	Mike Prandini – BIA
*Tim Bakman – Bakman Water Company	Sam Vang – USDA/NRCS
Gary Serrato – FID	Jose Gutierrez – Westlands Water District
Adam Claes - FID	Dan Mortenson – Grower
Scott Redelfs – Clovis	Mary Savala – League of Women Voters
Paul Armendariz – Clovis	Amanda Monaco – Leadership Counsel
Lisa Koehn – Clovis (Ret.)	Don A. Wright – Reporter

* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

Item 1 - Called to order at 1:35 PM

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from 3/9/2018 Meeting

Motion by Bernard Jimenez to approve, second by Nick Keller. Approved 7-0 with FMFCD abstaining, and Biola was absent.

Item 3 – Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates

Item 3b – Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee

(Item 3b was taken out-of-order to provide time for members of Technical Subcommittee to arrive.) Subcommittee Chair Lisa Koehn provided minutes from the April 10 Subcommittee meeting. The Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee reviewed the 2018-19 Budget at the meeting. The budget includes \$834,300 in expenditures, \$658,000 in revenue, \$129,990 in carryover from 2016-17, and \$134,870.24 in carryover from 2017-18. Lisa went over the details of the budget, including those figures that were in her minutes.

Lisa reported that NKGSA Board established a Finance Committee that includes Board Chairman President Jerry Prieto, Jr. and Director Karl Kienow to review budget. The Finance Committee held a meeting on May 16 where Lisa, Executive Officer Gary Serrato, Fiscal Officer DeAnn Hailey, and Administrator Adam Claes presented the draft budget for consideration. Minor changes were made to increase the reserve and the revenue from member agencies, and to adjust some of the line items. The Finance Committee approved the proposed budget and it will be considered by the Board at the May meeting.

Gary Serrato indicated there would be a mid-year budget review that will coincide with Gary's retirement as FID's General Manager. Gary is anticipated to retire from FID in January 2019, but is anticipated to stay on with FID in 2019 to work on GSA and other select issues. NKGSA will need to pay for his NKGSA-related time after his retirement in January 2019. Discussion occurred regarding need to hire new Executive Officer well before Gary departs in order to get new person up to speed. The Advisory Committee will review this in future meetings, and anticipate going back to the Board in late summer or early fall with budget amendment for recruitment and funding new position. Sarge Green indicated that recruitment should be as broad as possible to allow for consultants, shared positions, etc.

Sarge indicated that ACWA JPIA may not be able to offer insurance to GSAs after the GSP's are adopted by January 2020.

Item 3a – Technical Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Bill Stretch indicated that the subcommittee continues to focus on the GSP. Drafts have been completed for four of the seven primary chapters. The consultant and subcommittee are currently working on the Sustainable Management Criteria and the Monitoring System. Current plan is to use two wells per township for a total of approximately 50 wells. Bill discussed comparisons of historical conditions with current conditions and the need to establish a targeted range of water elevations (measurable objectives) in each well that will be considered to be in compliance with the sustainable goals.

Item 3c – Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee

Adam Claes reported that the subcommittee's last meeting was May 11 and indicated that the subcommittee currently did not have a chairman because Dwight Miller had retired. Discussion as to whether the Advisory Committee could appoint a chairman to the ad hoc subcommittee even if item was not on the agenda. It was determined that the Advisory Committee would appoint a

chairman, and that if the Advisory Committee found it was necessary, this item could be put on the next Advisory Committee meeting agenda to confirm. The subcommittee recommended Brandy Swisher to be chairman.

Motion by Bill Stretch and second by Bernard Jimenez to appoint Brandy Swisher as Chair of subcommittee pending confirmation that action could be taken if not on agenda; passed unanimously.

Adam reported that at the May 11 meeting the subcommittee discussed implementation measures for recently adopted outreach plan including timeline and schedule for events and communications. The GSA currently has approximately 250 people on the email list.

A request was made from Amanda Monaco from the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability to join the subcommittee. Ensuing discussion occurred regarding public participants that currently serve on subcommittees. Amanda was asked to provide contact information and she would be added to the subcommittee. Mary Savala from the League of Women Voters indicated that Dianne Merrill would also like to participate, and was told that she should provide her contact information and that she could be added to the subcommittee.

Item 4 – Review/Recommend Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget

Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee Chair Lisa Koehn presented the Proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget documents that had been approved by the Finance Committee. Limited discussion since the budget had been discussed previously under Item 3b. Motion by Tim Bakman and second by Bernard Jimenez to recommend approval of budget to NKGSA Board; approved unanimously.

Item 5 – Review/Recommend Memorandum of Agreement by GSAs in Kings Subbasin on Grant Fund Sharing and Dispute Resolution

Gary Serrato described history and process for developing dispute resolution process for GSAs in Kings Subbasin, and reminded group that a dispute resolution process is a prerequisite for grant funding. Gary described the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement's (MOA) dispute resolution process and identified the mediators as being Paula Landis and Bill Luce. Gary also discussed the MOA's grant sharing provisions. Consultant Ron Samuelian indicated that three of the GSAs in the subbasin had already signed the MOU and all others will be bringing the MOU to their boards soon for approval. Bernard Jimenez inquired as to how non-technical disputes would be resolved.

Ron Samuelian indicated the dispute resolution process in the MOA will only be in effect until GSPs have been adopted (January 2020), but a similar process could be used during GSP implementation. Motion by Bernard Jimenez and second by Ken Moore to recommend approval of MOA to NKGSA Board; passed unanimously.

Item 6 - Public Comments

Mary Savala inquired as to whether the GSP would include plans for recharge facilities. Responses from committee members indicated that individual agencies are already pursuing recharge opportunities separately and that the agencies' projects could be incorporated into the final GSP.

Amanda Monaco asked how plans for projects would be publicly vetted. Gary Serrato responded that there is not yet a clear plan for vetting the projects and that some of the projects would be vetted by the individual agencies that will be implementing them.

Item 7 – Member Comments

No further member comments

Item 8 – Adjourn

Motion by Vice Chair Bill Stretch, second by Bernard Jimenez; approved unanimously. Adjourned at 2:30 PM.

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California Natural Resources Agency
Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
P.O. Box 94836
Sacramento, CA 94236

To Whom It May Concern:

[NAME OF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY] would like to express its support of the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability's scope of work for the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program.

As expressed in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, it is important for domestic well users, small water systems, and disadvantaged communities to be included in decision making processes regarding local groundwater management and planning. As [NAME OF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY]'s service area contains disadvantaged communities, including communities where Leadership Counsel will engage in outreach efforts, we seek to ensure their inclusion in decisions regarding groundwater planning and management. Collaborating on SGMA implementation will complement our ongoing efforts.

Sincerely,

[NAME]
[TITLE]

Goals:

- Increased engagement of residents development of groundwater sustainability plans and other groundwater sustainability efforts.
- Increased incorporation of the needs of and opportunities in SDACs in groundwater management plans and projects.
- Developed mechanisms to facilitate greater involvement and engagement among SDAC residents in planning and decision making related to groundwater management.

Objectives:

- Increased understanding among SDAC residents of ongoing groundwater sustainability efforts.
- Increased engagement among SDAC residents in groundwater sustainability planning activities.
- Increased understanding among decision-makers of groundwater needs and vulnerabilities.
- Groundwater management plans and efforts that incorporate needs and opportunities in SDACs.
- Increased number of projects that reduce vulnerability of SDACs to contaminated groundwater and drinking water.
- Increased communication and collaboration among SDAC residents and GSA staff to ensure incorporation of SDAC priorities into planning and implementation efforts, and established protocols and mechanisms to ensure ongoing collaboration.
- Support of the Rural Communities Advisory Committee, and creation of further mechanisms to facilitate greater involvement and engagement among SDAC residents in planning and decision making related to groundwater management.