

## MINUTES

### **NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting**

**November 9, 2018**

**Clovis Public Safety Building**

#### **In attendance:**

\*Chair Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis

\*Brandy Swisher – FMFCD

\*Adam Claes – FID

\*Dejan Pavic – City of Fresno

\*Glenn Allen – County of Fresno

\*Mike Carbajal – City of Fresno

Mike Prandini – BIA

Lisa Koehn – Clovis

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard

Dao Lor – Asian Business Institute  
Resource Center

Luke Serpa – City of Clovis

Karl Kienow – Garfield Water District

Roy Jimenez – County of Fresno

Bobby Hines – Kings River Packing

Joe Viau – Kings River Packing  
Women Voters

Diane Merrill (phone) – League of

Alan Becker – Sun-World

Amanda Peisch-Derby – DWR

Rebecca Quist – KRCD

Cristel Tufenkjian – KRCD

Don Wright – Reporter

Jason Franklin – Pinedale County Water  
District

Mark Merritt – AC Foods

Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis

Sue Ruiz – Self-Help Enterprises

Anthony Avila – Anthony's Leveling

Darren Avila – MJ Avila Co.

Jim Anderson – Malaga County Water  
District

\* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

### **Item 1 – Called to order at 1:33 PM**

### **Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from 10/12/2018 Meeting**

Motion by Glenn Allen to approve; second by Brandy Swisher. Approved unanimously.

### **Item 3 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update**

(Update presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

**Note:** This was Item 4 on the Agenda, but was moved to Item 3 during the meeting.

The draft for the coordination agreement is being reviewed and should be ready for legal review in about a month. The dispute resolution has been agreed upon. The submission for grant reimbursement was completed on September 30<sup>th</sup>, but the funds will not be coming in until sometime in the spring. Our GSA has been approved to receive technical services from DWR. It was mentioned that the storage change base period that they're working with is WY97-WY11 (15 years total).

The coordination group has authorized Provost & Pritchard to start the process for confined aquifer flow estimation, and historical data gaps have been identified along the Kings Subbasin's western boundary. Development of the data management system continues.

The coordinated water budget is also underway and is projected to be completed by the end of the year.

### **Item 4 – Receive – Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates**

#### **Item 4a – Technical Subcommittee**

(Subcommittee update presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

Adam Claes is the new Chair for this subcommittee, per last month's meeting.

The subcommittee has created a draft map of sub-areas to help the NKGSA and its agencies monitor, plan, and manage groundwater in different regions of the NKGSA. The current consensus of the NKGSA agencies is that sub-areas will be responsible for their own mitigation. It was also noted that the area northeast

of FID would be split into multiple sub-areas. The sustainable management criteria will be used to identify measurable objectives based on about 50 representative “indicator” wells throughout the NKGSA. Currently, all wells are being reviewed to develop consistent sustainable management criteria methodology throughout the GSA.

The rural residential water use statistics are still in the preliminary analysis stage. Preliminary estimates indicate that the median rural residential parcel size using 2 acre-feet is approximately 2.4 acres.

It was mentioned that under the SGMA legislation, *de minimis* pumpers may not be required to have meters on their wells. The NKGSA may address *de minimis* pumpers by developing an acre size threshold that qualifies an extractor as a *de minimis* pumper, and whether or not the NKGSA can charge them fees.

#### **Item 4b – Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee**

(Subcommittee update provided by Lisa Koehn)

The subcommittee is working on post-GSP cost concepts for the beginning of 2020, including ongoing administrative costs, projects, fee collections, etc., and the current proposed structure for those costs. The current recommended concept is that administrative expenses would be charged equally to various agencies based on acreage. For fee collections, agencies would work to recover these costs on their own (but the GSA can help, if that is preferred). For special projects, agencies could cover their own costs. Penalties charged to various agencies could be used to fund projects.

#### **Item 4c – Membership/Outreach/Communications (MOC) Subcommittee**

(Subcommittee update provided by Brandy Swisher)

The outreach presentation content has been updated and will be emailed to all members (there was also discussion of setting up a Dropbox for shared content such as this). The groundwater fact sheet has been revised in the English version. The Spanish and Hmong versions will be revised in the near future. The Interested Parties Database currently has 294 sign-ups. A public workshop is scheduled for mid-December, targeting landowners (primarily rural residential) east and north of FID; Facebook is being used to spread the word about the workshop. A second workshop in either the Easton or Kerman area will be planned for January, 2019.

**Item 5 – Public Comments**

Jim Anderson from Malaga County Water District announced that there will be a town hall meeting on Thursday next week, 11/15, at their recreation center. He wanted to know how he could contact other members regarding events like this in the future.

Jim also mentioned his concern that Malaga is not being included in all of the conversations regarding water budget data and recharge agreements, and concerns about the status of the water budget data for Malaga. Ronald Samuelian clarified that Provost & Pritchard has not yet released draft water budgets because some agencies have not yet submitted all the necessary data records to complete the water budgets.

Dao Lor from ABIRC announced a public workshop happening on Thursday, November 15. The workshop will be entirely in Hmong, but they are able to get translators if non-Hmong speakers are interested in attending.

**Item 6 – Member Comments**

None

**Item 7 – Adjourn**

Motion by Adam Claes to adjourn; second by Glenn Allen. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 2:21 pm.