

MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting January 11, 2019 Clovis Public Safety Building

In attendance:

*Chair Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis
*Bill Stretch – FID
*Bernard Jimenez – County of Fresno
*Alan Hoffman – FMFCD
*Michael Carbajal – City of Fresno
*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water Co.
Mike Prandini – BIA
Lisa Koehn – Clovis
Adam Claes – FID
Brandy Swisher – FMFCD
Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard
Dao Lor – Asian Business Institute
Resource Center
Carl Kassabian – Resident, WWD #42
Kevin Olsen – Resident, WWD #42
Diane Merrill – League of Women
Voters
Karl Kienow – Garfield Water District

Amanda Peisch-Derby – DWR
Cristel Tufenkjian – KRCD
Don Wright – Reporter
Jason Franklin – Pinedale County Water
District
Darren Avila – MJ Avila Co.
Kevin Peterson – CUSD
Andrew Nabors – CUSD
Dejan Pavic – City of Fresno
Glenn Allen – County of Fresno
Jim Anderson – Malaga County Water
District
Phil Larson – Grower
Felipe Perez – Biola Community Service
District
Walter & Cathy Frangell – Homeowners
Laurie Allen

*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District: by phone, however the conference phone line was not functioning until 15 minutes into the session.

* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

Item 1 – Called to order at 1:31 PM

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from 11/09/2018 Meeting

Motion by Bill Stretch to approve; second by Mike Carbajal. Approved unanimously.

Item 3 – Receive – Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates

Item 4a – Technical Subcommittee

(Subcommittee update presented by Adam Claes)

The subcommittee continues to work on the water budget. Each GSA in the Kings Subbasin (7 in total) is preparing their own water budget to use for a coordinated plan between all GSA's. The NKGSA's water budget has been broken down in general by member agencies. The subcommittee is working on calibrating the budget and filling in data gaps so that each agency can plan accordingly.

The subcommittee is continuing work on the sustainable management criteria to address undesirable results and possible solutions. The main focus areas are groundwater levels and wells. The comparison between minimum thresholds and measurable objectives was discussed, as well as the issue of how quickly groundwater decline should be addressed. One possibility is to use graduated correction rates (i.e. increase the rate every 5 years ~~for a total of~~ during the 20-year implementation period). With regards to water quality, it was suggested that existing regulations should be referenced rather than recreating new standards from scratch.

Item 4b – Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee

(Subcommittee update provided by Lisa Koehn)

The subcommittee has not met since the last NKGSA Advisory Committee meeting, and there is no update to report.

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

(Subcommittee update provided by Brandy Swisher)

A public workshop was held on December 13th, 2018, targeting residents northeast of Clovis/Fresno and outside of FID. Outreach for the workshop was done through Facebook advertising and mailed postcards. The workshop was a success and had approximately 300 attendees. A recap of the workshop will be sent to everyone in the Interested Parties database that attended this workshop.

A second workshop is planned to target the rural areas west of Fresno, and will likely be held in Easton or Kerman. The NKGSA is planning on working with Self-Help Enterprises, the Leadership Council, and the Asian Business Institute & Resource Center ~~are all partnering~~ on this upcoming workshop.

The Interested Parties database is now at 424 people (up from 294 in November 2018).

Item 4 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Update presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

Because the State views the basin as a whole, the Kings Basin (made up of 7 GSA's total) will need to submit a coordinated plan. The grant for GSP preparation has been ~~received~~ awarded and contracted (approximately \$214,000 per GSA) and reimbursement requests have been sent. The GSP preparation is progressing and the goal is for it to be complete by summer.

The review of wells to develop sustainable management criteria continues. As coordination efforts continue, there will be an emphasis on developing a common language for the whole basin to help make the various GSP's consistent.

Item 5 – Public Comments

There was a question raised from Water Works District 42 regarding whether lots would be evaluated individually, or if districts would be evaluated as a whole. Adam indicated that districts would be evaluated as a whole, and districts would decide how to address individual lots.

There were concerns about how price gouging is to be prevented during any future water crisis, as well as whether new building projects were going to be halted in light of a projected water shortage. It was pointed out that SGMA requirements may slow development to begin with; beyond that, the emphasis on sustainable development is key.

There will be a Water Marketing Symposium at Fresno State on January 24th, 2019, to be held in the Satellite Student Union.

Jim Anderson from Malaga County Water District mentioned that Malaga is currently working on recharge agreements and grant funding for construction, as well as meeting with FID at the end of the month regarding surface water.

Item 6 – Member Comments

Scott Redelfs discussed that the NKGSA Advisory Committee meetings are beginning to outgrow the room in which they are currently held, and at some point in the near future, they will likely need to be moved to a new location. The primary option right now is the Clovis City Council Chambers. There will be more information on this potential move later.

Item 7 – Adjourn

Motion by Bernard Jimenez to adjourn; second by Bill Stretch. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 2:13 pm.