North Kings GSA Advisory Committee Meeting 6-11-2021

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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

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments via email at northkingsgsa@gmail.com up to one (1) hour before the meeting. You will need to provide: Meeting date, agenda item number, name, email and comment (please limit to 300 words or 3 minutes). Please include: PUBLIC COMMENT in the subject for the email.

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.

Please be aware that any public comments received that do not specify a particular agenda item will be read aloud during the general public comment portion of the agenda.

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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 May 14, 2021 Meeting
3. Receive - Basin Coordination Update - Samuelian

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Kings Basin Update

- Finalizing Agreement with DWR SGMA Implementation Grant Rd 1
  - Full Funding….$4.8M, 4 Projects from 3 GSAs in Kings (FID-Savory, Kerman-Lions)
- Additional money potentially available in draft state budget
  - Jan budget had $60M for SGMA. May revise has $300M. (Not approved yet)
  - Likely funding cycle this fall. Have your projects ready (not just on the list)!
- DWR close to starting on new monitor well(s) for couple GSAs (Tech Assist. Program)
- DWR Released First Decisions on some GSPs in the State
  - Good summary video on DWR's website. DWR will host a Live Q/A Webinar on June 24th

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First Decisions Released on Local SGMA Plans

- Staggered approach for releasing DWR decisions
- June 3 release included:

Approved Plans

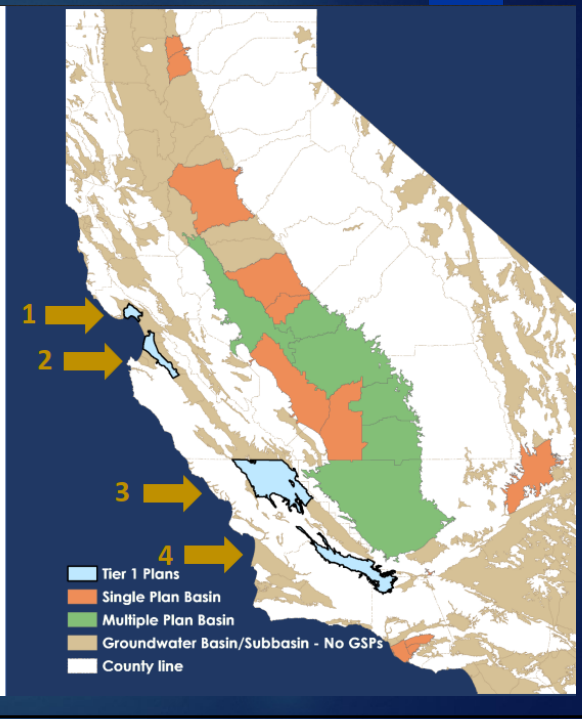
1. Santa Cruz Mid-County Basin
2. 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin

Notified Locals to Consult on Plan Deficiencies

(final determination to be released by January 2022)

3. Paso Robles Subbasin
4. Cuyama Valley Basin

- Other critically-overdrafted basins will receive determinations throughout this year to meet DWR's overall January 2022 statutory deadline
- Assessment information & video message: https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management/Groundwater-Sustainability-Plans



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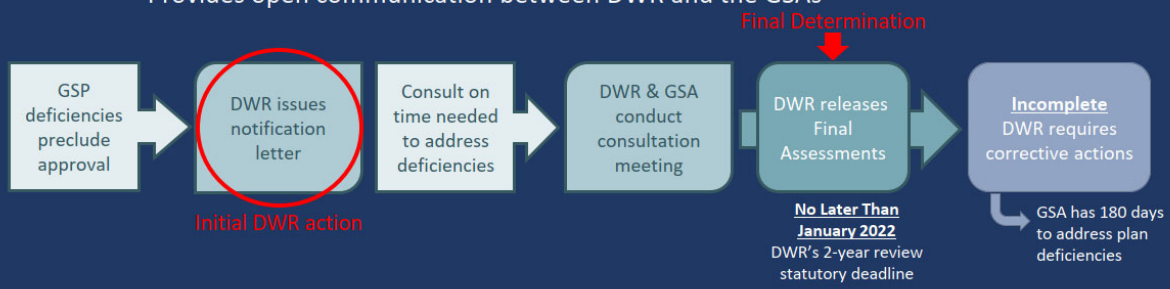
Notification Letters

- The notification letters released are <u>not</u> final determinations
  - Agencies provided time to address deficiencies while maintaining local control
  - Supports SGMA's iterative process of progress being made over time
  - Provides open communication between DWR and the GSAs



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Recommended vs. Required Corrective Actions

- No plans are perfect

<u>Recommended Corrective Actions</u>:

- Approved Plans
- Generally, plan changes can be incorporated into 5-year updates
- Not conditional or qualified approval

<u>Required Corrective Actions</u>:

- Once basin is determined Incomplete
- GSAs have 180 days to address the plan deficiencies

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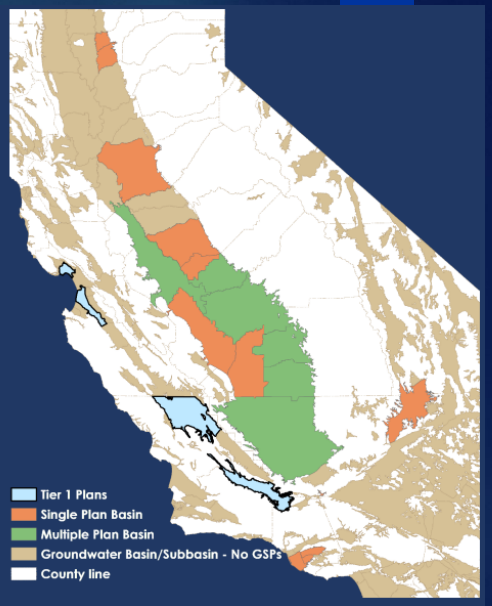
Next Steps

- Approved Assessments
  - Continue implementing plans and incorporate recommended corrective actions into 5-year plan update
- Notification Letters
  - Prepare for consultation with DWR on plan deficiencies
- Other COD Basins
  - Review DWR's first assessments and letters
  - Be prepared to have staff and consultants ready for determinations to be released later in 2021

All GSAs Continue Implementation



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4. Financial Update

a. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the April 2021 Expense Report – Action Item (Koehn)

b. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of April 30, 2021 – Action Item (Koehn)

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4. Financial Update

c. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Approved

i. Agency Invoices – July 2021

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	Jul '20 - Mar '21 Actual	4/22/2021 Approved 2020-2021 Budget	% of Budget	5/27/2021 Proposed 2021-2022 Budget	% of Budget
Operating Income/Expense					
Income					
Interested Party Contribution	7,113.20	7,113.20	100%	7,113.20	100%
Grants Income	0.00	70,000.00	0%	0.00	0%
Member/Contracting Entity					
Bakman Water Company	5,000.00	5,000.00	100%	4,000.00	125%
Biola Community Services Distr	1,000.00	1,000.00	100%	1,000.00	100%
City of Clovis	34,000.00	34,000.00	100%	34,000.00	100%
City of Fresno	167,000.00	167,000.00	100%	166,000.00	101%
City of Kerman	5,000.00	5,000.00	100%	5,000.00	100%
County of Fresno	85,000.00	85,000.00	100%	85,000.00	100%
Fresno Irrigation District	374,000.00	374,000.00	100%	376,000.00	99%
Garfield Water District	4,000.00	4,000.00	100%	4,000.00	100%
International Water District	2,000.00	2,000.00	100%	2,000.00	100%
Total Member/Contracting Entity	677,000.00	677,000.00	100%	677,000.00	100%
Total Income	684,113.20	754,113.20	91%	684,113.20	100%
Expense					
Audit Expense	4,475.00	4,500.00	99%	4,500.00	99%
Bank Charges	40.00	120.00	33%	120.00	33%
Dues and Subscriptions	2,795.00	2,795.00	100%	2,900.00	96%
Grant Administration Costs	0.00	50.00	0%	50.00	0%
Insurance	1,895.30	1,900.00	100%	2,000.00	95%
Kings Basin Coordination	18,192.00	50,000.00	36%	35,000.00	52%
Legal	26,404.97	50,000.00	53%	60,000.00	44%
Legal Reserves	50,000.00	50,000.00	100%	50,000.00	100%
Office Supplies	0.00	500.00	0%	500.00	0%
Printing/Materials Costs (FID)	0.00	50.00	0%	50.00	0%
Professional Services					
Engineering Consultant	82,385.73	151,000.00	55%	171,500.00	48%
Security Services	0.00	0.00	0%	500.00	0%
Professional Services - Other	14,763.98	165,000.00	9%	150,000.00	10%
Total Professional Services	97,149.71	316,000.00	31%	322,000.00	30%
Public Information	15,610.50	25,000.00	62%	25,000.00	62%
Staff Expense					
Executive Officer	52,063.39	75,000.00	69%	100,000.00	52%
Supporting Staff (FID)	9,892.17	15,000.00	66%	20,000.00	49%
Total Staff Expense	61,955.56	90,000.00	69%	120,000.00	52%
Total Expense	278,518.04	590,915.00	47%	622,120.00	45%
Net Operating Income	405,595.16	163,198.20	249%	61,993.20	654%
Non-Operating Income					
Interest Income	51.09	100.00	51%	100.00	51%
Total Non-Operating Income	51.09	100.00	51%	100.00	51%
Change in Net Position	405,646.25	163,298.20	248%	62,093.20	653%

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5. Administrative

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5. Administrative

a. Agency Mitigation Responsibility Policy - Update

b. NKGSA Official Rosters – Call for Review and Revisions

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5.b. Official Rosters

Advisory Committee – Updates?

Each	Name	Alternate 1	Comments
City of Clovis	Mr. Scott Redelfs	Mr. Paul Armendariz	Chair
Fresno Irrigation District	Mr. Adam Claes	Mr. Bill Stretch	Vice-Chair
Garfield Irrigation District	Mr. Nick Keller	Ms. Lauren Layne	
Bakman Water Company	Mr. Tim Bakman	Mr. Shay Bakman	
Biola CSD	Mr. Eduardo Antunez		
International Water District	Mr. Shawn Stevinson		
City of Kerman	Mr. John Jansons	Mr. Jerry Jones	
City of Fresno	Mr. Brock Buche	Mr. Dejan Pavic	
County of Fresno	Mr. Bernard Jimenez	Mr. Glenn Allen	
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Mr. Alan Hoffman	Mr. Peter Sanchez Ms. Brandy Swisher	

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5.b. Official Rosters

Board of Directors– Updates?

Board of Directors Seat No.	Agency	Name	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Date Appointed	Comment
1	Fresno Irrigation District	Mr. Jerry Prieto	Mr. Chris Woolf		2016	Chair*
2	Garfield Water District	Mr. Karl Kienow	Mr. Chris Woolf		2016	
3	Bakman Water Company	Mr. Steve Pickens	Mr. Shay Bakman		2020	
4	City of Clovis	Mr. Bob Whalen	Mr. Drew Bessinger		2021	
5	City of Fresno	Mayor Jerry Dyer	Mr. Michael Carbajal		2021	
6	Fresno County	Mr. Brian Pacheco	Mr. Buddy Mendes		2016	Vice-Chair*
7	At-Large	Mr. Moises Ortiz	Mr. Eduardo Antunez	Mr. Kyle Moeller	2021	

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5. Administrative

c. NKGSA – Board of Directors – Selection of Officers – Update
   - July 22nd Board Meeting

d. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Professional Services Contract – Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group and Ken D. Schmidt & Associates – Upper Aquifer Boundary Flow Estimates Study - $120,000.00

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5.d. Upper Aquifer Boundary Flow Estimates Study

- Joint Proposal from P&P and Ken D. Schmidt & Associates.
- Approved in FY 2021-2022 Budget – Professional Services
- Schedule

Task	Schedule
Task 1 – Data Gap Evaluation	**July 2021** – September 2021
Task 2 – Data Request	October 2021 – December 2021
Task 3 – Aquifer Tests	November 2021 – June 2022
Task 4 – Estimate of Upper Aquifer Boundary Flows	July 2022 – October 2022

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5.d. Boundary Flow Study

RECOMMENDATION:

- For the Advisory Committee to recommend to the NKGSA Board of Directors approval of the contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group in the amount of $120,000.00 for an upper aquifer boundary flow estimate study to be prepared in conjunction with Ken. D. Schmidt & Associates.

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6. Workgroup Updates and Actions

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6.a. Project Workgroup

- Call for Projects – Schedule and Update

Date	Action
April 2021	Call for Projects – Agencies to Submit Outline to GSA via Template provided.
May 27, 2021	Project Submittal Deadline for Potential Projects
5/31 – 6/4	Project Workgroup Evaluates Potential Projects for Inclusion on Project List
June 11, 2021	Advisory Committee Considers Recommended Projects
June 24, 2021	Board Considers Approval of Recommended Projects and Projects Added

- Project Workgroup Meetings:
  - **May 28th and June 7th - Virtually**

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6.a. Project Workgroup

- Project Submittal Forms

Category	Quantity	Details
Completed Projects	6	SWTPs – City of Fresno Recharge – Fresno/FID Meters – Fresno
New Projects	35	Recharge – Clovis, Fresno, FID, Bakman, Kerman Big Dry Creek – 3 Projects – FID Meters – Clovis Storage – Clovis New SWTP – Clovis Expanded RW Use - Fresno

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6.a. Project Workgroup

RECOMMENDATION:

- For the Advisory Committee to recommend to the NKGSA Board of Directors approval of the updated NKGSA GSP Project List – June 2021.

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6.a. Project Workgroup - Members

Name	Agency/Interest Group
Glenn Allen	Fresno County
Paul Armendariz	City of Clovis
Adam Claes	FID
Brock Buche	City of Fresno
Shay Bakman	Bakman Water Co.
Steve Pickens	Bakman Water Co.
Jerry Jones	City of Kerman
Sayre Miller	Grower/Resident
Dao Lor	ABIRC
Ronnie Samuelian	Provost & Pritchard
Lisa Koehn	Retired Clovis - Resident

Next Steps:

- Annual Solicitation – Jan/Feb
- As needed.
- Update Provided to DWR in Annual Report

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6.b. Drought Response and Evaluation Workgroup

- Critically Dry Conditions
  - Declining Water Levels
  - Increased No. of Well Permits
  - Resources
    - Educational Materials
    - Funding Programs
    - Areas of Concern

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6.b. Drought Response and Evaluation Workgroup

RECOMMENDATION:

- For the Advisory Committee to direct staff to form a Drought Response and Evaluation Workgroup per NKGSA Policy No. 2020-002.

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7. Executive Officer Update

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7. EO Update

a. Status of DWR Review of GSP Update
b. Member Agency Mitigation Responsibility Update
c. Outreach /External Affairs Update

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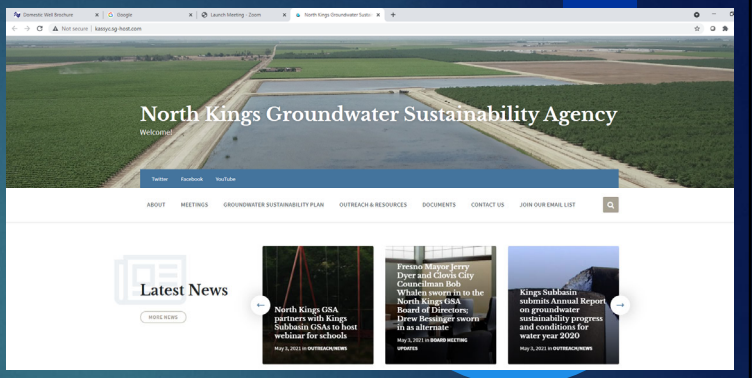
7.c. EO Update – Outreach

- Website:
  - Updates
    - Nearing Completion
  - Launch – July 2021



- San Joaquin Valley Water Collaborative Action Plan
- Drought Preparedness Coordination and Assistance Program
  - California Partnership for the SJV

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7.c. EO Update – External Affairs Update

- Social Media
  - Continued Engagements
  - Community Influencers
  - Boost Engagement

- Blog Posts – E-News https://youtu.be/l1MbPcXTy4A
- Coordinated Outreach
  - Kings Subbasin Efforts
  - Domestic Well Owner
  - Schools

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7.d. Representative Monitoring Network

- Ongoing Efforts
  - Secure Access and Indemnity Agreements
  - Need Construction Information for All Monitoring Wells

RMW Network	Site Visits – Camera Access	Construction Info Needed
Water Level	5 Remaining	10 Wells and and Three Private Wells
Water Quality	0	6 – Centerville School/Vulcan Materials

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7.e. Misc

- New Well Permit Review and Data
  - 139 Permit Applications Reviewed (up from 103)
  - Clarification on Type of Work – Fresno County
  - Visual Display of Data Being Developed
  - Coordination with Driller/Owner
- Representation on the Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Coming in July: NKGSA Member Agency Presentations
  - Biola CSD
  - Fresno Irrigation District

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8. Public Comments

- NONE

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9. Member Comments

10. Adjourn

Next Meeting
July 9, 2021

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

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