North Kings GSA Advisory Committee Meeting 8-13-2021

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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

Given the current Shelter-in-Place Order covering the State of California and the Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, the NKGSA is implementing the following changes to participate in and provide public comment for all NKGSA Advisory Committee meetings until notified otherwise. There will not be a physical location available for the public to participate in the meeting.

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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.

If a written comment is received after 12:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting, efforts will be made to read the comment into the record. However, staff cannot guarantee that written comments received after 12:30 p.m. will be read. All written comments that are not read into the record will be made part of the record of proceedings, provided that such comments are received prior to the end of the NKGSA meeting.

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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.

AGENDA

2. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2021 Meeting
3. Receive - Basin Coordination Update - Samuelian

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Kings Basin Update

- Signed Agreement with DWR SGMA Implementation Grant Rd 1
  - Full Funding….$4.8M, 4 Projects from 3 GSAs in Kings (FID-Savory, Kerman-Lions)
- Encouraging all entities to get projects ready for funding opportunity
  - $60M approved and DWR seeking feedback on greatest need in basin. Another $300M being considered
- Kings Basin will be promoting implementation projects completed since GSP submittal
  - 15 recharge basin sites totaling over 500 acres either constructed or land acquired (just since Jan 2020)
- Generating Spring to Spring water level change map
  - Need for consistent elevation survey of wells throughout the basin
- DWR close to starting on new monitor well(s) for couple GSAs (Tech Assist. Program)
- DWR likely to release next round of GSP reviews in Sept/Oct
  - But not expecting Kings Basin GSP review until December

4. Financial Update

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

b. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of May 31, 2021 – Action Item (Koehn)

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5. Administrative

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a. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Adoption of Agency Groundwater Impact Mitigation Policy – Action Item

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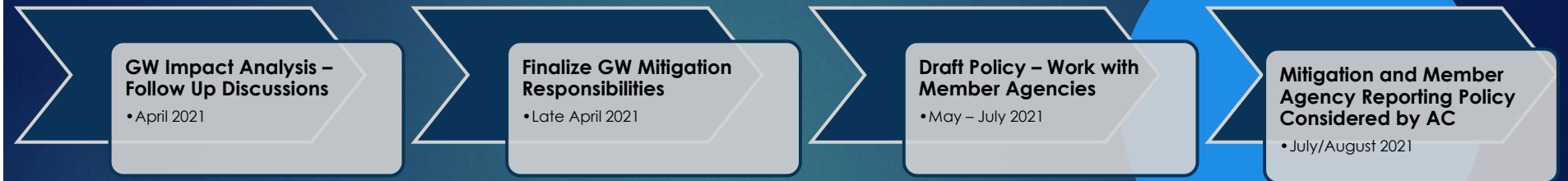
a. Agency Mitigation Responsibility Policy – Update



- All Agencies Have Been Involved
- Remaining Issues – Displacement
  - Follow up Meeting Scheduled
  - Finalize and AC Approval – September 2021

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5.b. Official Rosters

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Advisory Committee –

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. Peter Sanchez	Mr. Brent Sunamoto Ms. Brandy Swisher	

5.b. AC Roster

RECOMMENDATION:

- For the Advisory Committee to approve the Advisory Committee official roster including designated representatives and alternates.

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6. Workgroup Updates and Actions

6.a. 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.a. Drought Response and Evaluation Workgroup

Current Efforts

- CA Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley – Water Work Group
  - Representatives from Counties, GSAs, NGOs, Utilities
  - Development of Consistent Messaging – Resources
  - Well Permitting Process and Evaluation

- No official NKGSA Drought Workgroup at this time.

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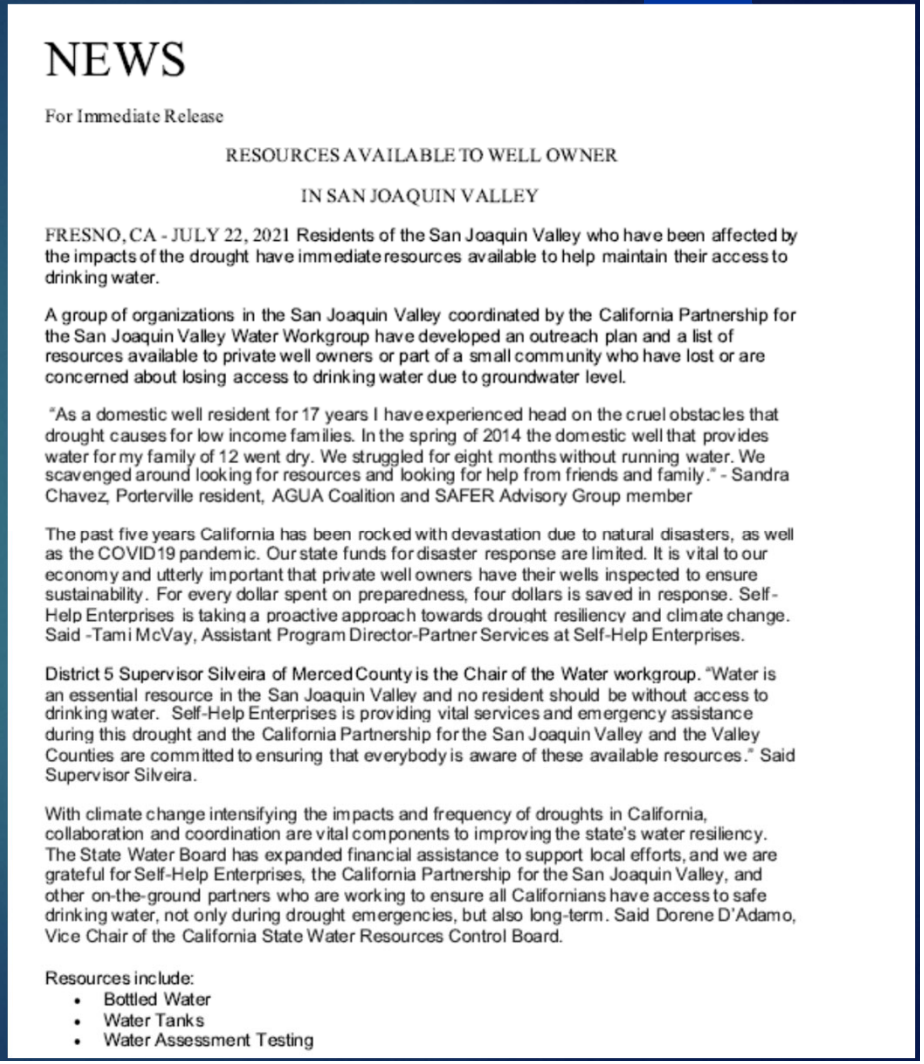
6.a. Drought Response

- **Dry Well Resources -** CA Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley – Water Work Group
  - Flyers Avaialble in English, Spanish, Hmong and Punjabi
  - Customize with Your Logo
  - Uses Existing Resources from SHE to assist those with dry wells or anticipated dry wells.

6.a. Drought Response

- **Draft Press Releases-** CA Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley – Water Work Group
  - Customize with Your Logo and Quote
  - Promotes consistent messaging.
  - Allows for good tracking of data.



NEWS

For Immediate Release

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO WELL OWNER

IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

FRESNO, CA - JULY 22, 2021 Residents of the San Joaquin Valley who have been affected by the impacts of the drought have immediate resources available to help maintain their access to drinking water.

A group of organizations in the San Joaquin Valley coordinated by the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Water Workgroup have developed an outreach plan and a list of resources available to private well owners or part of a small community who have lost or are concerned about losing access to drinking water due to groundwater level.

"As a domestic well resident for 17 years I have experienced head on the cruel obstacles that drought causes for low income families. In the spring of 2014 the domestic well that provides water for my family of 12 went dry. We struggled for eight months without running water. We scavenged around looking for resources and looking for help from friends and family." - Sandra Chavez, Porterville resident, AGUA Coalition and SAFER Advisory Group member

The past five years California has been rocked with devastation due to natural disasters, as well as the COVID19 pandemic. Our state funds for disaster response are limited. It is vital to our economy and utterly important that private well owners have their wells inspected to ensure sustainability. For every dollar spent on preparedness, four dollars is saved in response. Self-Help Enterprises is taking a proactive approach towards drought resiliency and climate change. Said -Tami McVay, Assistant Program Director-Partner Services at Self-Help Enterprises.

District 5 Supervisor Silveira of Merced County is the Chair of the Water workgroup. "Water is an essential resource in the San Joaquin Valley and no resident should be without access to drinking water. Self-Help Enterprises is providing vital services and emergency assistance during this drought and the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and the Valley Counties are committed to ensuring that everybody is aware of these available resources." Said Supervisor Silveira.

With climate change intensifying the impacts and frequency of droughts in California, collaboration and coordination are vital components to improving the state's water resiliency. The State Water Board has expanded financial assistance to support local efforts, and we are grateful for Self-Help Enterprises, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, and other on-the-ground partners who are working to ensure all Californians have access to safe drinking water, not only during drought emergencies, but also long-term. Said Dorene D'Adamo, Vice Chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board.

Resources include:

- Bottled Water
- Water Tanks
- Water Assessment Testing

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7. Member Agency Reports

7.a. Biola CSD – Update on Recharge Project

Biola Basin

- First project of its type in Biola CSD.
- Located on H Street
- DWR Grant to Pay for Construction

7.a. Biola CSD – Update on Recharge Project

Biola Basin

- Excavation Substantially Complete
- Tie-In to FID Canal To Be Constructed
- Water Supply Agreement w/ FID – In Progress

7.a. Biola CSD – Update on Recharge Project

Biola Basin

- Funding Gap
  - Paving Requirements – Fresno County Added Costs
  - Exploring Options to Fund the Gap

7.a. Biola CSD – Update on Recharge Project

Biola Basin

- Expected Outcomes
  - Biola CSD is fully sustainable at project completion.
  - Allows for mitigation of groundwater pumping impacts by public water supply wells in Biola CSD.

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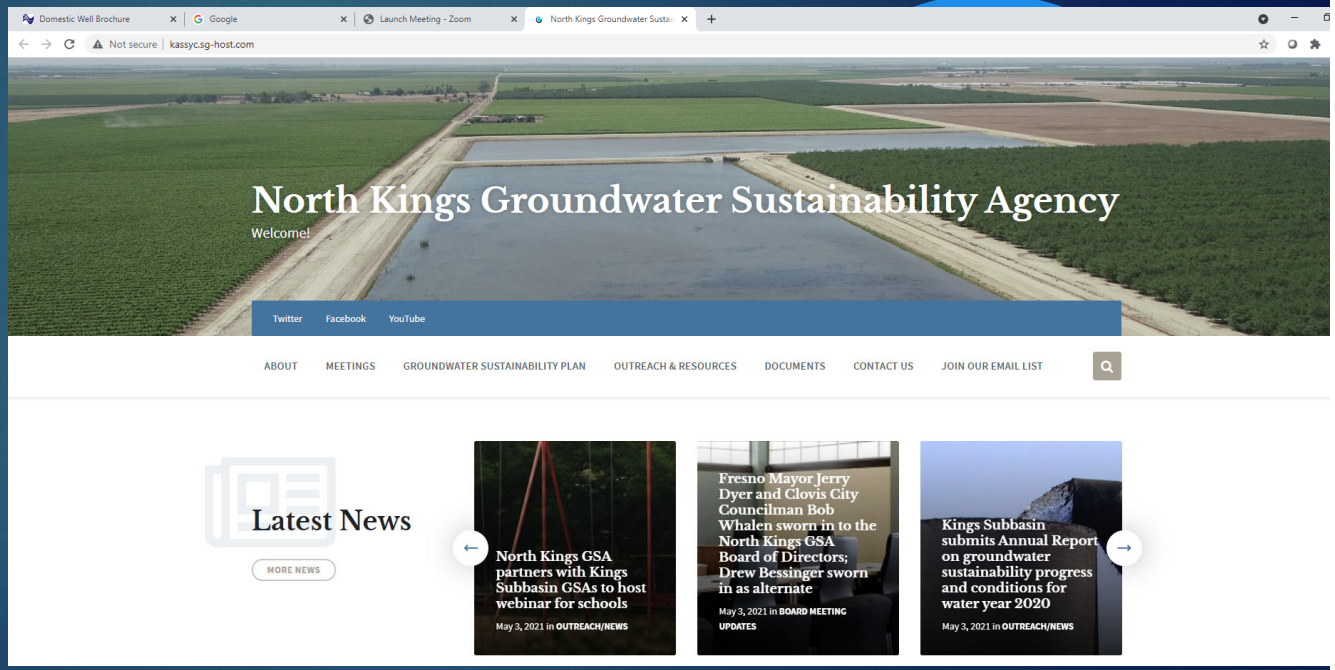
8. Executive Officer Update

8. EO Update

a. DWR Prop 68 Grant Project Update
   - Executed Agreement – Received August 4, 2021
   - FID working on Sub-Agreements with other entities.
   - DWR Project Kick Off Meeting – In Process of Being Scheduled
   - Savory Pond Project
     - Scheduling Pre-Construction Meeting
     - Soliciting Bids
     - Site Signage

8.b. EO Update – Outreach

- Website:
  - Updates Completed
  - Launched – July 2021
- Social Media
- Blog Posts



8.c. 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

8.d. Misc

- New Well Permit Review and Data
  - 226 Permit Applications Reviewed to date
  - Visual Display of Data Being Developed
  - Coordination with Driller/Owner
- Upper Aquifer Study – Kick Off Meeting – Pending
- Representation on the Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Coming in September: NKGSA Member Agency Presentation
  - Fresno Irrigation District

9. Public Comments

- NONE

10. Member Comments

11. Adjourn

Next Meeting

September 10, 2021

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

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