

MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting August 13, 2021

VIA TELECONFERENCE:

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis

*Tim Bakman – Bakman Water Co.

*Dejan Pavic – City of Fresno

*Jerry Jones – City of Kerman

*Glenn Allen – Fresno County

*Adam Claes – FID

*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District

*Brent Sunamoto – FMFCD

Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA

Andrew Aller – NKGSA (legal counsel)

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard

Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis

Kristen Freberg – City of Clovis

Lisa Koehn – Clovis

Mike Prandini – BIA

* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

***Note: This meeting was conducted via web conference due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.*

Item 1 – Called to order at 1:33 PM

Special Instructions:

Special teleconferencing procedures for the Advisory Committee meeting were read by Executive Officer Kassy Chauhan. The special instructions included information on written and verbal comments for the Advisory Committee members and members of the public participating via teleconference.

Following the special teleconference instructions, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Agency Name	Name of Person	Present/Absent
Bakman Water Company	Tim Bakman	Present
City of Clovis	Scott Redelfs	Present
City of Fresno	Dejan Pavic	Present
Fresno County	Glenn Allen	Present
Fresno Irrigation District	Adam Claes	Present
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Brent Sunamoto	Present
Garfield Water District	Nick Keller	Present
City of Kerman	Jerry Jones	Present
Biola CSD	-	Absent
International Water District	-	Absent

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from 06/11/21 Meeting

Motion by member Keller to approve the minutes; second by member Claes.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye	Pavic: Aye	Allen: Aye	Sunamoto: Aye
Redelfs: Aye	Jones: Aye	Claes: Aye	Keller: Aye
<i>(Biola and International absent)</i>			

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 3 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update
 (Update presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

The agreement with DWR has been signed, providing full funding for 4 projects. Another round of funding (up to \$6 million) is coming and may be available sometime in September or October of this year.

The spring-to-spring water level change map is being generated. DWR is close to starting on new monitoring wells for a few of the GSAs.

The full GSP review is expected sometime in December.

Item 4 – Financial Update

(Update presented by Lisa Koehn)

Item 4a – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the May 2021 Expense Report – Action Item

Total expenses for the month of May were \$28,570.15 and included fees for legal services, public information, and fees to FID, KRCD, and Provost & Pritchard.

Item 4b – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of May 31, 2021 – Action Item

The balance sheet shows assets at \$872,082.95. As of the end of May, a total of \$323,493.47 has been sent, which is approximately 47% of the annual budget. The Prop 1 retention is still pending.

Detailed versions of both financial reports were included in the meeting packet.

Motion by member Bakman to recommend approval of both of the preceding reports simultaneously as one item; second by member Claes.

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye	Pavic: Aye	Allen: Aye	Sunamoto: Aye
Redelfs: Aye	Jones: Aye	Claes: Aye	Keller: Aye

(Biola and International absent)

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5 – Administrative

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 5a – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Adoption of Agency Groundwater Impact Mitigation Policy – Action Item

It was discussed that at this time, the policy is not yet ready for an action. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to work out the remaining details, and the finalized policy will hopefully be ready for review and approval by the Advisory Committee in September.

Item 5b – Discussion/Possible Action – Approve the NKGSA Official Advisory Committee Roster – Action Item

There were minor changes made to the roster since it was presented at the last meeting. A copy of the updated roster was included in the meeting packet.

Motion by member Claes to approve the updated NKGSA official Advisory Committee roster; second by member Allen.

Bakman: Aye	Pavic: Aye	Allen: Aye	Sunamoto: Aye
Redelfs: Aye	Jones: Aye	Claes: Aye	Keller: Aye
<i>(Biola and International absent)</i>			

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 6 – Workgroup Updates and Actions

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 6a – Drought Response and Evaluation Workgroup – Update

At the May meeting, it was discussed that formation of a drought workgroup would be beneficial. A group has already been formed by the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, and includes representatives from counties, GSAs, NGOs, and utilities. At this time, there does not seem to be a need to form a separate NKGSA-based group, as it would duplicate efforts. Instead, continued involvement in the already established group is recommended, and a more individualized group can be formed through the NKGSA later if needed.

Item 7 – Member Agency Reports

Item 7a – Biola Community Services District – Update on Recharge Project
(Update presented by Jerry Jones)

The project, located on H Street, is the first of its type in Biola CSD. The construction is being paid for by a Prop 1 DWR grant. The excavation is largely complete, with the tie-in to the FID canal still to be constructed. A water supply agreement with FID is in progress.

There is a funding gap due to paving requirements that have added costs to the project. Options are being explored to fund the gap.

The goal for the project is for Biola CSD to be fully sustainable once the project is completed. It will allow for mitigation of groundwater pumping impacts by public water supply wells in the CSD.

Item 8 – Executive Officer Update
(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 8a – DWR Prop 68 Grant Project Update

The major points of this were covered in Ronnie Samuelian's Basin Coordination Update.

Item 8b – Outreach / External Affairs Update

The new/updated website is now live. Social media engagement continues, with efforts made to post about twice per week.

Item 8c – Representative Well Monitoring Network Update

Updates to the network have slowed, due to the time of year, pumps currently can't be pulled, and downhole video inspections are not feasible. In the meantime, work is being done to continuing secure access agreements. There are about 10 wells remaining for which construction information is needed.

Item 8d – Miscellaneous

Permit applications are being reviewed, and about 50 are being received per month. The Kings Water Alliance Stakeholder Advisory Committee is

still looking for a representative. The kick-off meeting for the upper aquifer study is pending.

Item 9 – Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Item 10 – Advisory Committee Member Comments

None received.

Item 11 – Adjourned

Motion by member Bakman to adjourn; second by member Claes. Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.

Item 12 – Future Meetings

The future meeting schedule is as follows:

- a. September 10, 2021