

MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting September 10, 2021

VIA TELECONFERENCE:

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis
*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water Co.
*Brock Buche – City of Fresno
*Glenn Allen – Fresno County
*Adam Claes – FID
*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District
*Brent Sunamoto – FMFCD
Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA
Andrew Aller – NKGSA (legal counsel)

Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis
Kristen Freberg – City of Clovis
Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard
Lisa Koehn – Clovis
Mike Prandini – BIA
Kristi Robinson – Water Wise
Andrew Nabors – CUSD

* - 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 1:30 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	Shay Bakman	Present
City of Clovis	Scott Redelfs	Present
City of Fresno	Brock Buche	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
Biola CSD	-	Absent
International Water District	-	Absent
City of Kerman	-	Absent

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from 08/13/21 Meeting

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

Committee votes as follows:

Bakman: Aye Buche: Abstain Claes: Aye Keller: Aye
 Redelfs: Aye Allen: Aye Sunamoto: Aye
(Biola, International, & Kerman absent)

6 Aye; 1 Abstain; 3 Absent. Motion passed.

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

The agreement with DWR has been signed and project documents are being reviewed and approved. If any agencies are interested in applying for upcoming grant funding, they should have their projects ready to go at the time of application.

The Kings Basin has built 15 recharge basin sites since January 2020, totaling over 500 acres (over 15,000 AF/year once completed).

Preparations are being made for the fall water level measurements. There still needs to be an elevation survey of many of the wells. Well construction information gathering is currently on hold, but should resume during the winter once pumping season is over.

DWR is close to starting on new monitor wells for North Fork.

DWR is likely to release the next round of GSP reviews in September and October, although the Kings will likely not be released until December.

Item 4 – Financial Update

Item 4a – Discussion – Draft Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021

(Updated presented by Lisa Koehn)

Due to the ongoing audit, no action will be taken on any of the financial statements at this meeting. As of June 30, 2021, total expenditures were \$57,814.84, including legal services for May & June, Constant Contact for June, FID payments for May & June, HP Water Systems for a well video, external outreach services with KRCD, and Provost & Pritchard invoices for May & June.

The balance sheet shows total assets of \$840,776.16. Through the end of June, a total of \$381,317.51 has been spent, which is about 55-56% of the budget.

Prop 1 retention payment is still pending (\$21,428.50).

Item 4b – Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Audit Update

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

The fiscal year 2020-2021 audit is in progress. The final audit results should be available by next month's meeting.

Item 5 – Administrative

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

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

This item was continued to the next meeting so that additional work can be done with the workgroup.

Item 5b – Update on Advisory Committee and Board of Directors Official Rosters

The official rosters were approved at the last meeting. Since then, two alternates were added for Biola CSD: Angelica Lara and Jerry Jones.

Item 5c – Discussion – Advisory Committee Meeting Logistics

It was discussed that the Advisory Committee meetings will continue to be virtual at this time until further notice. Once in-person meetings do resume, a virtual option will still be offered. The Board of Directors had their first in-person meeting in August.

Item 6 – Workgroup Updates and Actions

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 6a – Policy Workgroup

The Groundwater Impact Mitigation Policy Workgroup is the only workgroup that is currently active. A finalized draft of the policy is almost complete. A large group meeting is scheduled for September, and the policy will hopefully be introduced to the Advisory Committee at the October 8th meeting. If recommended approval, the policy would go to the Board at the October 21st meeting.

Item 7 – Member Agency Reports

Item 7a – Fresno Irrigation District – Update on 150 Acres of Additional Recharge in FID

(Update presented by Adam Claes)

The Central Basin Project totals 90 acres split over 3 sites. Construction began in fall 2020 and was completed this past spring. Funding came from the State Water Resources Control Board's Prop 1 storm water grant, which was a joint grant between FID and FMFCD. This basin system is able to capture an average of 2,600 AF/year of storm/flood water.

The Wagner Basin Project is 60 acres. Construction began in fall 2020 and was completed in spring 2021. The project received no grant funding; FID utilized warrants to fund the project. An estimated 2,300 AF/year of storm/flood water can be captured.

The total cost for both of these projects was about \$10.6 million.

Item 7b – Other Member Agency Updates

None.

Item 8 – Executive Officer Update

(Update presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 8a – DWR Prop 68 Grant Project Update

A flier is being developed for the residents of the Shady Lakes mobile home park regarding the Savory Pond project as part of the pre-construction outreach. A monitoring program will be put in place to quantify the benefits of the project.

Item 8b – Outreach / External Affairs Update

The website has been updated and information on dry well resources has been added.

Social media outreach efforts continue through KRCD.

Item 8c – Representative Monitoring Network Update

Much of the work on this has been put on pause due to pumping season. Construction information is still needed for several wells. The goal is to have all of that information by the end of the year, or at least prior to the beginning of pumping season next spring.

Item 8d – Miscellaneous

Well permit application review continues and over 300 permit applications have been reviewed to date. A visual display of the data from these applications is being developed.

The upper aquifer study is underway. A workgroup will be formed as the need presents itself.

The Kings Water Alliance has designated Lisa Koehn as the official representative for the NKGSA on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Kassy Chauhan will serve as the alternate. A joint outreach workshop with NKGSA and KWA will take place for domestic well owners on October 12th.

The San Joaquin Valley Collaborative Action Plan continues to meet in smaller caucus groups, with the goal to finalize their research document by the end of the year.

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley are forming a workgroup to develop outreach materials for drought response issues. They are working to promote consistency in well permit applications among the various counties.

Item 9 – Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Item 10 – Advisory Committee Member Comments

None received.

Item 11 – Adjourned

Motion by member Claes to adjourn; second by member Allen. Meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.

Next Meeting

October 8, 2021