

MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting January 14, 2022

Approved By Board:
February 11, 2022

VIA TELECONFERENCE:

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis

*Dejan Pavic – City of Fresno

*Glenn Allen – Fresno County

*Adam Claes – FID

*Brent Sunamoto – FMFCD

*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District

Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA

Andrew Aller – NKGSA (legal counsel)

DeAnn Hailey – FID

Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard

Lisa Koehn – Clovis

* - 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	-	Absent
Biola CSD	-	Absent
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
International Water District	-	Absent
City of Kerman	-	Absent

Item 2 – Discussion/Possible Action – NKGSA Resolution 22-01: Resolution of the Advisory Committee of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency – Resolution Continuing Advisory Committee Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB361

AB361 requires that this item be revisited every 30 days in order for virtual meetings to continue.

Motion by Member Keller; second by Member Allen. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Allen	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye

Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(Bakman, Biola, International, & Kerman absent)</i>	

6 Aye; 4 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 3 – Public Presentations

No public presentations or comments.

Item 4 – Approval of Minutes

Item 4a – Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2021 Meeting

Item 4b – Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2021 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes meetings on September 10, 2021, and October 8, 2021, by Member Claes; second by Member Allen. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Allen	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(Bakman, Biola, International, & Kerman absent)</i>	

6 Aye; 4 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5 – Financial Report

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Item 5a – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Expense Report for September 2021, October 2021, and November 2021

Expenses for September 2021 totaled \$28,070.00, made up of standard expenses plus payment to the auditor. October 2021 expenses totaled \$23,999.28, made up of standard expenses and general liability insurance

payment. November 2021 expenses totaled \$24,468.26, made up of standard expenses.

Item 5b – Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of November 30, 2021

The balance sheet shows total assets of \$1,429,739.54. Expenses for the year as of November were \$136,118.74, which is 21.88% of the fiscal year's budget.

Motion to approve expense reports for September, October and November 2021 and financial statements as of December 31, 2021, by Member Claes; second by Member Keller. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Allen	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(Bakman, Biola, International, & Kerman absent)</i>	

6 Aye; 4 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 6 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update
(Presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

Projects from the first round of grant funding are underway. \$7.6 million has been allotted for the second round of grant funding.

DWR has provided good feedback on the basin coordination outreach efforts demonstrating the projects implemented since January 2020.

The fall water level measurements are almost complete and fall contours are being prepared.

Well construction information is still being gathered and some new monitoring wells are being constructed.

DWR is due to release comments on the Kings GSP by January 28th. A period of 6 months will be allotted to respond to DWR's comments on the plan.

Item 7 – Administrative

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 7a – 2022 Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule – 2nd Friday of Month

At this time, Advisory Committee meetings will continue to be held on the second Friday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

Item 7b – Discussion – Advisory Committee Meeting Logistics

Meetings will continue to be held virtually at this time.

Item 7c – Discussion – Professional Services Contract – Provost & Pritchard – Surveying Services for GSA Groundwater GPS Survey - \$19,000.00 – Approved December 14, 2021

Per the Spending and Signing Authority policy, this item is being brought to the Advisory Committee for informational purposes. This expense was approved in December 2021 and was included in the Technical Services budget.

Item 8 – Workgroup Updates and Actions

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 8a – Policy Workgroup Update

The Groundwater Impact Mitigation Policy is on hold pending resolution to displacement issues related to the Fresno-Clovis Regional Water Reuse Facility.

2025 marks the 5-year implementation point and interim milestone established in SGMA. Mitigation efforts will need to be underway soon, as 10% overdraft mitigation should be achieved by 2025 as established in the Kings Subbasin Coordination Agreement. As such, staff is recommending moving forward with establishing a reporting mechanism for the entities within the NKGSA. Requested information will include groundwater pumping estimates, groundwater recharge volumes, programs and projects completed since January 2020, and tentative projects and timelines for groundwater mitigation projects. The request for information will be

provided by January 28, 2022, with a submittal deadline of February 28, 2022. This timeline allows for information to be included in the 2021 Annual Report due to DWR by April 1, 2022.

Chairman Redelfs commented that each agency should already be working towards their own individual mitigation efforts and supported staff's recommendation to proceed with the reporting described.

Item 9 – Member Agency/Committee Member Reports

Item 9a – Member Agency Updates

Member Claes provided a precipitation update. October had average precipitation, November was very dry, and December had over twice the normal amount of precipitation. However, January has had no precipitation to date and has none forecasted at this time. The concern is that there will be increased snow melt runoff early this year, in addition to it being a potentially dry year. The snowpack is currently at about 58-59% of the April 1st average.

Item 10 – Executive Officer Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 10a – 2022 NKGSA Priorities

One of the primary tasks for this year will be to address DWR's comments on the GSP. Finalizing the Member Agency Overdraft Responsibility Policy is going to be another essential project.

Other priorities include quantifying the boundary flows, obtaining remaining construction information for representative monitoring wells, continued public outreach and stakeholder engagement, identifying potential funding sources, and continued engagement with the Board of Directors.

Item 10b – DWR Prop 68 Grant Project Update

The agreement was executed on August 4, 2021 and construction has begun on some of the projects, including the Savory Pond Basin Expansion Project for Fresno Irrigation District.

Item 10c – State Water Resources Control Board – GSP Comment Letter

SWRCB wrote a letter reviewing 5 GSAs' GSPs (James and North Fork

were excluded). Comments focused on the general coordination efforts. It is expected that some of these comments may be echoed in the comments received from DWR later this month. A copy of the letter was included in the meeting packet for review.

Item 10d – Outreach / External Affairs Update

Presentations were held at the Punjabi American Grower Association's meeting, the Ball Ranch Floor MAR Stakeholder event, and at the Fresno State Craig School of Business.

Item 10e – Representative Monitoring Network Update

Efforts are ongoing to secure access and indemnity agreements. Construction information for some monitoring wells still needs to be gathered, and some replacement wells are needed.

Owners on the boundary are being contacted for boundary flow study information.

Item 10f – Miscellaneous

The City of Fresno has an open Board position and can appoint up to two alternate directors. The vacancy was created by former Alternate Director Michael Carbajal who no longer works for the City of Fresno.

The Upper Aquifer study is underway and additional information will be available soon.

The Technical Workgroup will be reconvening soon. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 4th. A firm meeting schedule will be settled on at the first Technical Workgroup meeting.

Item 11 – Adjourned

Motion by Member Claes to adjourn; second by Member Allen. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 PM.

Next Meeting

February 11, 2022