

MINUTES

NKGSA Special Advisory Committee Meeting July 12, 2022

TELECONFERENCE ONLY

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis

*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water
Company

*Augustine Ramirez – Fresno County

*Jerry Jones – City of Kerman

*Adam Claes – Fresno Irrigation District

*Brent Sunamoto – Fresno Metropolitan
Flood Control District

*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District

Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA

Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis

Kristen Freberg – City of Clovis

Sue Ruiz – Easton

Lisa Koehn – Clovis

Don Wright – Reporter

* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

***Note: With the current state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and due to the unique time constraints of this being a special session, this meeting was conducted via web conference only.*

Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:05 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	Present/Absent	Name of Person
Bakman Water Company	Present	Shay Bakman
Biola CSD	Present	Pete Cerna *
City of Clovis	Present	Scott Redelfs
Fresno County	Present	Augustine Ramirez
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Present	Brent Sunamoto
Garfield Water District	Present	Nick Keller
City of Kerman	Present	Jerry Jones
City of Fresno	Absent	-
International Water District	Absent	-

** Note: Member Cerna joined later in the meeting. Final vote tallies below will reflect that.*

Item 2 – Discussion/Possible Action – NKGSAs Resolution 22-12: Resolution of the Advisory Committee of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency – Resolution Continuing Advisory Committee Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB361

**Agenda incorrectly listed the resolution number as 22-10. The correct resolution number for the Resolution adopted by the Advisory Committee is 22-12, as noted above).*

AB361 requires that this item be revisited every 30 days in order for virtual meetings to continue while the Governor’s state of emergency order is still in place.

Motion to approve by member Ramirez; second by member Claes. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(Biola CSD, City of Fresno, and International absent)</i>	

7 Aye; 3 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 3 – Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 4 – Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 4a – Technical Workgroup Update

(Presented by Adam Claes)

i. Discussion and Possible Action – Consider Recommending Presentation and Approval of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Revisions to the Board of Directors

Even with the previous proposed revisions, it is likely that DWR will still deem the submitted GSP deficient. Additional revisions will be needed before resubmitting the GSP to DWR at the end of this month.

The revised GSP (adopted by the Board last month) identified a data gap. The project list included plans for a study to further investigate; however, there was no specific plan to address the data gap directly. Rather, the approach was to figure out specifics at a later time. Additional information was received on July 7th, indicating that this approach was insufficient. A revised approach is needed and it must fulfill the following criteria:

- Must set sustainable management criteria (SMCs) for interconnected streams

- Must use groundwater levels as a proxy for interim SMCs for surface water – groundwater interconnection
- The study previously mentioned in the GSP must be conducted to gather additional data needed to close the data gap.

There is also a need for added language to reference the interim SMCs. A new section will be added to the GSP to discuss the interim SMCs.

Lastly, the GSP needs to identify *which* wells will be used as a proxy. (The original plan just says that wells will be used, but doesn't specify which ones.) When the revised plan is submitted to DWR, there will be a table included to identify the specific wells.

Thus, a recommendation is needed for the Board of Directors to approve readoption of the GSP with revisions to address the deficiencies noted by DWR.

Motion to recommend to the Board of Directors readoption of the revised GSP with revisions to address DWR's noted deficiencies made by member Ramirez; second by member Keller. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Cerna	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Sunamoto	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(City of Fresno, and International absent)</i>	

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5 – Adjourned

Prior to adjournment, member Claes provided a brief water update. FID will be making a third month of water deliveries (August) in addition to the originally planned two. The Class 1 allocation has been increased by 5%, for a total of 20% (up from the previous 15%).

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2022