

MINUTES

NKGSA Special Advisory Committee Meeting August 19, 2022

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

*Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis
*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water
Company
*Pete Cerna – Biola CSD
*Dejan Pavic – City of Fresno
*Augustine Ramirez – Fresno County
*Adam Claes – Fresno Irrigation District
*Brandy Swisher – Fresno Metropolitan
Flood Control District

*Nick Keller – Garfield Water District
Kassy Chauhan – NKGSA
Andrew Aller – AARLL (legal counsel)
Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis
Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard
Austin Hubble - Grower
Sue Ruiz – Easton
Lisa Koehn – Clovis Resident
Don Write – Water Wrights
Angel Ramirez

* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

***Note: With the current state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted in-person at the City of Clovis Public Safety Community Room (1233 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA 93612), and also via web conference for those wishing to participate remotely.*

Item 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:32 p.m.

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
City of Fresno	Present	Dejan Pavic
City of Kerman	Absent	-
Fresno County	Present	Augustine Ramirez
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Present	Brandy Swisher
Garfield Water District	Present	Nick Keller
International Water District	Absent	-

Item 2. Discussion/Possible Action – NKGSA Resolution 22-13: 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 while the Governor’s state of emergency order is still in place.

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

Member: Bakman	Aye
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Approved by AC on 9/9/2022

Member: Cerna	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Swisher	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(City of Kerman and International absent)</i>	

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 3. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

Item 4a. Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2022 Meeting

Item 4b. Approval of Minutes from July 12, 2022 Special Meeting

Motion to approve minutes for both meetings by member Claes; second by member Keller. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Cerna	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Swisher	Abstain
Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(City of Kerman and International absent)</i>	

7 Aye; 1 Abstain; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5. Financial Report

Item 5a. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Expense Reports for May and June 2022

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Expenses for May 2022 totaled \$23,905.44, including fees for legal counsel, Constant Contact, KRCD, and consulting services. Expenses for June 2022 totaled \$88,953.09, including fees for legal counsel, Constant Contact, FID, and consulting services. Copies of the detailed expense reports were included in the meeting packet.

Item 5b. Discussion/Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of May 31, 2022

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

The balance as of May 31, 2022 was \$1,270,527.33. Total expenses through the end of May were \$323,117.25, equaling 71.87% of the budget. Copies of the detailed financial statements were included in the meeting packet.

Motion to approve the May 2022 and June 2022 expense reports and the May 31, 2022 financial statements by member Ramirez; second by member Claes. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Cerna	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Swisher	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(City of Kerman and International absent)</i>	

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5c. Review the Draft Financial Statements as of June 30, 2022

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Per the draft financial statement, the net balance as of June 30, 2022 was \$1,224,977.88. Expenses through the end of June were \$412,110.34, which is 91.66% of the budget.

Ms. Chauhan added that this financial statement is currently still in draft because the audit report must be completed before the statement can be finalized. That should be completed next month.

Item 5d. FY 2021-2022 Audit Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

The audit report is underway. Once complete, a representative from the auditing company will speak to the Advisory Committee to provide an update.

Item 6. Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

All GSPs were submitted on time and have been posted by DWR for a 60-day public comment period. DWR's final determination is expected to be in "winter 2022-2023." The GSP identified several data gap studies and programs that have been developed with an approach of interagency participation. There have been basin-wide demand changes since the base period, so the effects of those changes are being considered in target numbers. Part of that process is looking at what other basins are doing and how they have developed their allocations.

Round 2 of the SGMA implementation grant has been awarded. The final contract is in progress and might take a little longer to finalize due to some changes in one of the projects.

Preparations are underway for the Fall 2022 water level readings.

Item 7. Administrative

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 7a. NKGSA – Board of Directors Selection of Officers – Update

A Chair and Vice Chair will be selected for the Board of Directors. JPA bylaws require the election of a Chair and Vice Chair each July or at the first Board of Directors meeting following (in this case, it will be in August). Jerry Prieto is the current Chair and Brian Pacheco is the current Vice Chair.

Item 7b. Discussion/Possible Action – Consider Recommending Approval of Member Agency Projects to be Incorporated into GSP and Completed Project Summary Table

There were 5 new projects submitted for consideration for the GSP project list – 3 by Bakman Water Company and 2 by Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. The three projects submitted by BWC have been recommended for inclusion on the project list. Detailed descriptions of these three projects were included in the meeting packet. The two projects submitted by FMFCD need further review and are not being recommended for inclusion on the project list at this time. A copy of the updated GSP Project List was also included in the meeting packet.

Motion to recommend approval of the updated NKGSA GSP Project List to the Board of Directors by member Claes; second by member Swisher. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Cerna	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Swisher	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
<i>(City of Kerman and International absent)</i>	

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 7c. NKGSA Conflict of Interest Code – Update

The Conflict of Interest Code has been reviews by legal counsel as required every 2 years. No changes were needed and that has been filed with Fresno County. No further action is required.

Item 7d. Governor’s Executive Order N-7-22: Well Permitting Update

The Executive Order is still in place and no changes have been made to it. AB 2201, if it passes, would create additional regulations so the progress of that bill is being watched closely as it moves through the legislative process.

Item 8. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 8a. Technical Workgroup Update

(Presented by Adam Claes)

All changes to the GSP have been completed, so now that the GSP has been resubmitted, the Technical Workgroup will not be meeting until DWR provides feedback on the revised plan.

Item 8b. Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee Report

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

A (virtual) meeting was held on August 11th. Ms Koehn provided an updated including the current efforts of the Kings Water Alliance. At the time of the meeting, there were 235 houses receiving bottled water due to their water supply containing nitrate in excess of the maximum contaminant level. Ms. Koehn also shared that there are fill stations for the public to access potable water from and the fill stations provide about 343 gallons of water per day. There have been a total of 366 well tests completed and 54% of the tests have come back with elevated nitrates.

The KWA also is working on the revisions to their preliminary management zone proposal (PMZP) and their early action plan to reflect comments provided by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The revised documents are being considered by the KWA board of directors prior to submitting to the Regional Board by the August 29th deadline.

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee also learned about some targeted outreach campaign the KWA piloted in the Alta Irrigation District area. Outreach will continue to share information on the availability of testing and replacement water. There is some frustration because the water replacement program has been underutilized despite outreach efforts.

Item 9. Member Agency/Committee Member Reports

Item 9a. Advisory Committee/Member Agency Reports/Updates

Member Claes discussed recent storm activity which resulted in significant water runoff. It wasn't enough to extend FID's delivery season by an additional month, but it did assist with groundwater recharge that was greatly needed.

Item 10. Executive Officer Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 10a. DWR Prop 68 Grant Project Update

Ms. Chauhan shared information on the completion of Fresno Irrigation District's Savory Groundwater Recharge Basin including the details from the ribbon cutting ceremony held prior the Advisory Committee Meeting. Representatives from FID, the DWR and Ms. Chauhan spoke at the event commemorating the completion of FID's latest groundwater recharge basin adding up to 900 additional acre-feet of recharge on an average annual basis to mitigate for groundwater pumping in and around the basin.

FID also received grant funds for their Carter-Bybee groundwater recharge basin through DWR Prop 68 Round 1 funds. The grant award was increased from \$500,000 to \$932,000 due to a project in the North Fork Kings GSA being swapped out for a less expensive project. FID is the grant applicant on behalf of the other irrigation districts and is working on the sub-agreements with the other project sponsors and will then work on getting the agreement executed with DWR.

Item 10b. Outreach/External Affairs Update

The NKGSA remains active on social media and continues to engage with stakeholders through social media. Additionally, Kassy had the opportunity to speak at the Sons in Retirement luncheon at Pardini's on July 13, 2022, to provide an overview of SGMA and details on strategies being used to address chronic lowering of groundwater levels. Miss Chauhan shared she was invited to participate as a panel moderator during the upcoming California H2O Women's Conference in Santa Barbara on September 29th and 30th.

Item 10c. Representative Monitoring Network Update

Kassy is working with Provost & Pritchard to address data gaps in the monitoring network and add additional wells to the monitoring network.

Item 10d. Miscellaneous

Ms. Chauhan shared she continues to process applications and track the location of new and or deepened wells within the NKGSA boundary.

The Boundary Flow study is underway and arrangements to conduct pump tests at strategic locations are underway with willing landowners.

Ms. Chauhan shared a preview of additional studies needed as identified in the revised GSP to fill data gaps. Some of the additional evaluations include the Shallow Well Mitigation Study, the interconnected surface water investigation and the confined aquifer pumping evaluation. P&P will be providing scopes of work to be considered by the GSAs in the Kings Subbasin.

Ms. Chauhan also mentioned some future activities for the technical workgroup including an evaluation on a well registration program and input on the future studies mentioned above.

Item 11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m..

Next Meeting: September 9, 2022