

MINUTES – Approved on 4-14-23

**NKGSA Special Advisory Committee Meeting
January 13, 2023**

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

*Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)	Andrew Aller (NKGSA legal counsel)
*Brandy Swisher (Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District)	Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)	Paul Armendariz (City of Clovis)
*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)	Kristen Freberg (City of Clovis)
*Augustine Ramirez (Fresno County)	Lisa Koehn (Clovis)
*Chuck Rodriguez (Biola CSD)	Becky (Blackburn Consulting)
*Jerry Jones (City of Kerman)	Jusneet Boparai (Self-Help Enterprises)
**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)	Don Wright (reporter)
Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)	Austin Hubbell
	Angeles Rojas

* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

** - Committee Chair

***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) as well as via web conference for those wishing to participate remotely.*

Item 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:32 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	Chuck Rodriguez
City of Clovis	Present	Scott Redelfs
City of Fresno	Present	Dejan Pavic
City of Kerman	Present	Jerry Jones
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	-

**Note: Member Keller (representing Garfield Water District) joined once the meeting was underway. The first 2 votes reflect Garfield Water District as absent; subsequent votes included Member Keller.*

Item 2. Discussion / Possible Action – NKGSA Resolution 23-01: 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 while the Governor’s state of emergency order is still in place.

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

Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Swisher	Aye
Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Rodriguez	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
<i>(Garfield 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 October 14, 2022 Meeting

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

Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Swisher	Aye
Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Rodriguez	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
<i>(Garfield and International absent)</i>	

8 Aye; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5. Financial Report

Item 5a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Expense Reports for September, October, and November 2022

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Expenses for September 2022 totaled \$15,297.32, including expenses for the legal team, Constant Contact, FID, and Provost & Prichard. Expenses for October 2022 totaled \$61,884.83, including fees to ACWA/JPIA, attorney expenses, Constant Contact, FID, Hudson Henderson & Company (audit), and P&P. November 2022 expenses totaled \$12,459.62, including attorney fees, Cal West Rain, Constant Contact, P&P, and a wire fee for banking.

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 November 30, 2022

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

The balance sheet for September 30, 2022 showed total liabilities and net position of \$1,761,807.29. The balance sheet for October 31, 2022 showed total liabilities and net position of \$1,753,565.49. The balance sheet for November 30, 2022 showed total liabilities and net position of \$1,699,481.73.

The November 30, 2022 balance sheet showed accounts payable at \$12,379.62. Total expenses through November 30 were \$115,221.08, which is approximately 20% of the annual budget.

Copies of the detailed financial statement as of November 30, 2022 were included in the meeting packet.

Motion to approve Items 5a and 5b together (Expense Reports for September, October, and November 2022 and the Financial Statements as of November 30, 2022) made by member Claes; second by member Bakman. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Swisher	Aye

Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Rodriguez	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
<i>(International absent)</i>	

9 Aye; 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 5c. Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Update
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Funds were wired to the LAIF account in the amount of \$500,000. This will be recorded on the December financial statement. The current interest rate is 2.173%.

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

GSP determination has been delayed and is now anticipated in March or April 2023.

The annual report and groundwater change mapping is due on April 1st, 2023.

Planning continues for new data gap studies and programs, but those will not be implemented until after final determination on the GSP is made by DWR. There is also continuing discussion on allocations, but this process is still in early stages.

A grant application was submitted for SGMA Round 2 funding. It included 2 DAC projects: one for City of Fresno and one for Bakman Water Company.

The DWR planning grant was extended while work on well construction information and new monitor wells is still being completed.

Item 7. Administrative

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 7a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Advisory Committee Schedule of Meetings for 2023

The regular Advisory Committee meeting for November is currently scheduled for November 10, 2023 (in keeping with the current schedule of the 2nd Friday of each month). Due to the Veterans’ Day holiday, it was recommended to reschedule that meeting to November 3rd, 2023.

Motion by member Bakman to approve the rescheduling as recommended; second by member Claes. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Swisher	Aye
Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Rodriguez	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
<i>(International absent)</i>	

9 Aye; 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 7b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Adoption to the Board of Directors of NKGSA Resolution 23-02: Resolution of the Board of Directors – Authorization to File an Application for a Grant Under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Grant and to Enter into an Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources

This item is regarding the Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant through DWR. In order to qualify for funds, an application must be submitted and a subsequent agreement entered into with DWR. The resolution authorizes the NKGSA to submit the grant application and enter into an agreement with DWR if the awarded the Proposition 68 SGMA Grant.

Motion to recommend adoption of a resolution to authorize submission of an application and enter into an agreement made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Committee votes as follows:

Member: Pavic	Aye
Member: Swisher	Aye
Member: Bakman	Aye
Member: Claes	Aye
Member: Ramirez	Aye
Member: Rodriguez	Aye
Member: Jones	Aye
Member: Keller	Aye
Member: Redelfs	Aye
<i>(International absent)</i>	

9 Aye; 1 Absent. Motion passed.

Item 7c. ACWA JPIA President’s Special Recognition Award

The NKGSA received the “President’s Special Recognition Award” from the ACWA JPIA due to achieving a low loss ratio (20% or less) in the Liability Program for the period of 10/01/2018 – 09/30/2021. The low loss ratio helps keep the insurance premiums low for the NKGSA.

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

In the 2022 calendar year, a total of 483 well permits were issued through Fresno County within the NKGSA boundary, including 428 for new wells and 55 for well destruction. The majority of the new wells were for replacement purposes, due to either low capacity or the wells going dry. The North Kings GSA had more applications in 2022 than any other GSA in Fresno County (1,113 applications were received in total by the County in 2022.)

Item 7e. Well Intake Portal Development Update

The Board approved moving forward with the development of a well intake portal at its October 2022 board meeting. The work to develop the portal is in progress and a “draft” should be available in the next two to three months. The next step will be beta testing, where available information will be incorporated. A soft launch and full launch will take place at a future time, as yet undetermined.

Item 8. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 8a. Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) Report

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

There is no update at this time as the SAC was cancelled in November and December 2022.

Item 9. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

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

i. City of Clovis – Board of Directors Change *(Chairman Redelfs)*

With the recent changeover in the City of Clovis City Council, there is now a new member of the Board of Directors. Newly elected Councilmember Matt Basgall will now be sitting on the NKGSA Board. Councilmember Drew Bessinger will continue to serve as the alternate for the City of Clovis.

ii. Water Supply and Storm Water Routing Update *(Member Claes)*

The CVP Friant water year ends on February 28, 2023.

Friant Class 1 allocation is currently at 35% (as of December 31, 2022). A 200,000 AF block of uncontrolled season was identified that needed to be removed from the reservoir by February 10th. Class 1 and Class 2 are able to take up to the contract max. A recovered water account (RWA) water is available, with the potential for Section 215 water.

Millerton Lake is currently at 151% of average water storage for this time of year. The Friant Dam is currently spilling 6,000 – 7,000 cfs to the San Joaquin River. Friant water is to be released into the Kings River, beginning with 250 cfs on January 13th. This could increase if Section 215 water is available. Most, if not all, of the water will percolate into the river channel.

iii. Others

There were no further reports.

Item 10. Executive Officer Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 10a. 2022 Year in Review and 2023 NKGSA Priorities

In 2022, there were some leadership shifts, more of which are expected in 2023. The Groundwater Impact Mitigation Policy was adopted and will continue to be reviewed over the coming year. Data collection progressed for the representative well monitoring network and is near completion. A strong presence on social media was maintained and multiple joint public outreach events were held. Well permit applications were reviewed. The upcoming project list has been continuously updated and one implementation project was completed.

In 2023, similar efforts are expected. The Well Intake Portal will be developed. The Shallow Well Mitigation program will be a large focus this year, as will the interconnected streams investigation. The boundary flow study will be completed, which will refine previously agreed-upon numbers. Public outreach and stakeholder engagement will continue, as well as engagement with elected officials and policymakers. Additional policies will be explored and developed.

Item 10b. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Determination Update

This update was covered in the Basin Coordination Update.

Item 10c. DWR Prop 68 Grant Projects Update

There are no updates to grant projects at this time.

Item 10d. Outreach / External Affairs Update

Again, a main focus will be the rollout of the Well Intake Portal. There will also be some annual report outreach.

Item 10e. Representative Monitoring Network Update

Work will continue to gather the data needed to complete the representative monitoring network.

Item 10f. Miscellaneous

Item 11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2023