

MINUTES

NKGSA Special Advisory Committee Meeting April 14, 2023

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)

*Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)

*Brent Sunamoto (Fresno Metropolitan
Flood Control District)

*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)

*Tim Bakman (Bakman Water Company)

*Nick Keller (Garfield Water District)

*Jerry Jones (City of Kerman)

Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)

Andrew Aller (NKGSA legal counsel)

Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)

Paul Armendariz (City of Clovis)

Kristen Freberg (City of Clovis)

Lisa Koehn (Clovis)

* - 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 members of the public wishing to participate remotely.*

Item 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:35 PM.

Special Instructions:

Instructions for participation by both remote and in-person attendees were given by Executive Officer Kassy Chauhan. Both written and verbal comments are accepted by all attendees and time will be made after each agenda item for comments to be heard.

Members of the Advisory Committee attended in person and were present/absent as follows:

Agency Name	Present/Absent	Name of Person
Bakman Water Company	Present	Tim Bakman
Biola CSD	Absent	-
City of Clovis	Present	Scott Redelfs
City of Fresno	Present	Dejan Pavic
City of Kerman	Present	Jerry Jones
Fresno County	Absent	-
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Present	Brent Sunamoto
Garfield Water District	Present	Nick Keller
International Water District	Absent	-

Item 2. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Item 4a. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2023 Meeting

Item 4b. Review of Meeting Notes from March 9, 2023 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2023, Advisory Committee meeting made by member Bakman; second by member Sunamoto. Motion passed unanimously (7-0 with 3 absent).

Meeting notes from the March 9, 2023 meeting were reviewed and included in the meeting packet to document the meeting. No quorum was present so no action was taken during the meeting.

Item 4. Financial Report

Item 4a. Discussion / Possible Action – Consider Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Revised Budget

(Presented by Lia Koehn & Kassy Chauhan)

There was a decrease in expenses in legal fees, Kings Basin coordination costs, engineering consultant fees, public information costs, and staff expenses. The agency expenses were reduced from \$579,120.00 to \$407,574.00. The income was adjusted by \$57,572.80 to account for grant income received from the Proposition 68 Round 3 grant. The total income received for FY 2022-2023 will be \$694,036.00 generated from each member agency's participation fees, grant income and interested party contributions from FY 2021-2022. The net position change of \$291,962.00 will be applied to each member agency's assessment in FY 2023-2024.

Motion by member Keller to recommend approval of the revised budget; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously (7-0 with 3 absent).

Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Expense Reports for December 2022, January 2023, and February 2023

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

A copy of the detailed financial statements was included in the meeting packet and presented by Lisa Koehn. All expenses were normal business expenses and within the approved budget.

Motion by member Bakman to recommend approval of the expense reports; second by member Sunamoto. Motion passed unanimously (7-0 with 3 absent).

Item 4c. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of February 28, 2023

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

As of February 28, 2023, expenses totaled \$249,131.46, which is 43.02% of the annual budget. A copy of the detailed financial statements (including assets and accounts payable) was included in the meeting packet and presented by Lisa Koehn. The agency is in good position and all expenses are within budget.

Motion by member Keller to recommend approval of the financial statements; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously (7-0 with 3 absent).

Item 4d. Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Update

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

As of December 2022, \$1,146 in interest had been earned (for the months of November and December). Funds will be received quarterly and a new report is due next month.

Item 4e. FY 2022-2023 Audit Update

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

The fiscal agent is in the process of securing new consultants. More details will follow later.

Item 4f. Interested Party Invoices Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

All invoices have been sent out as of the beginning of April. Some responses have already been received.

Item 5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

The GSP has been recommended for approval. The final report is pending, which will include recommended corrective actions. DWR is interested in covering recharge news from the Kings Basin following storm events. The annual report (reflecting the last water year's data) has been submitted. Attempts are being made to improve the process for the annual report, specifically to improve the quality of spring data and get it in sooner (by the end of March). Data gap studies are being designed, specifically for pumping occurring in the western portion of the Basin. Discussions are being had regarding allocation issues. SGMA Round 2

results are pending; there were 2 DAC projects submitted for the North Kings (one for City of Fresno and one for Bakman Water Company). Research is being done regarding implementation of other grant funding contracts.

Item 6. Administrative

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 6a. Governor’s Executive Order N-7-22 and N-4-23: Well Permitting Update

64 well permits have been issued so far for this calendar year. These are mostly well replacements and/or well deepenings.

Item 6b. Well Intake Portal Development Update

This continues to be in progress. A meeting will be held next week with Provost & Pritchard to review current status and follow-up actions. A soft launch will be trialed before a full launch.

Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 7a. Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee Report

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

The advisory committee did not meet yesterday (April 13th). So far, 500 well tests have been conducted and 350 homes are being given bottled water. There are 3 fill stations active. A management zone proposal is in progress, but is still waiting on comments from the State before it can move forward.

Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

Item 8a. Advisory Committee/Member Agency Reports/Updates

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

The FID Board met last night (April 13th) to discuss. Friant Class 2 allocation increased from 20% to 70% as of March 7th, and Class 1 allocation is at 100%. Water levels at Millerton are dropping rapidly and are currently at 208,000 AF, which is 57% of average for this time of year. It will fill and empty multiple times over the coming year. The San Joaquin River has

released about 9,100 AF for flood release. The Friant-Kern Canal is at 1,677 cfs; the Madera Canal is at 871 cfs.

Pine Flat storage is at 624,000 AF currently, with the Pine Flat Dam flood release at 10,423 cfs.

ii. Others

There were no further reports.

Item 9. Executive Officer Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 9a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Determination Update

The GSP was recommended for approval on March 2nd. Official determination and recommended corrective actions will be coming soon, as mentioned in the Basin Coordination Update. The annual report was submitted on April 1st. Work is underway to develop scopes and cost sharing for joint Basin studies.

Item 9b. DWR Prop 68 Grant Projects Update

There is a funding gap for the Biola Recharge Project under Biola CSD, so the project is currently on hold. The Big Dry Creek channel improvements are completed and have resulted in increased flows to the region. Water supply agreements are being established with smaller agencies within the GSA boundaries.

Item 9c. Outreach / External Affairs Update

Routine social media, website, and email distribution efforts are continuing.

Item 9d. Representative Monitoring Network Update

It is essential to gather and submit information in a timely manner.

Item 9e. Miscellaneous

AB 1563 (Bennett) has been introduced. This legislation is in regard to well permitting and is very similar in content to AB 2201 (introduced last year). A close eye will be kept on this bill as it makes its way through the legislature.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2023