MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting
April 12, 2024

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)
*Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)
*Jarrod Takemoto (Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Roy Jimenez (Fresno County)
*Nick Keller (Garfield Water District)
*Jesus Gonzalez (City of Kerman)

Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
Andrew Aller (NKGSA legal counsel) – online
Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)
Paul Armendariz (City of Clovis)
Kristen Freberg (City of Clovis)
Lisa Koehn (Clovis)
Sayre Miller (Ag)

** - Committee Chair
* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

*__**Note:__ 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 1:34 PM.

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	Shay Bakman
Biola CSD	Absent	---
City of Clovis	Present	Scott Redelfs
City of Fresno	Present	Dejan Pavic
City of Kerman	Present	Jesus Gonzalez
Fresno County	Present	Roy Jimenez
Fresno Irrigation District	Absent	---
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Present	Jarrod Takemoto
Garfield Water District	Present	Nick Keller

Item 2. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Item 3a. Approval of Minutes from 02/09/24 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Keller; second by member Bakman. Motion passed unanimously 7-0 (2 absent).

Item 4. Financial Report

Item 4a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Expense Reports for January 2024 and February 2024

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Expenses for January 2024 totaled $34,907.32, which included costs for attorneys, Constant Contact, FID, QuickBooks, and Provost & Pritchard.

Expenses for February 2024 totaled $50,667.14, which included costs for attorneys, CJ Brown & Co. for the audit, Constant Contact, FID, QuickBooks, KRCD, and Provost & Pritchard.

Motion to approve reports made by member Jimenez; second by member Takemoto. Motion passed unanimously 7-0 (2 absent).

Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Financial Statements as of February 29, 2024
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

As of February 29, 2024, assets totaled $1,506,691.89. Expenses through the end of February totaled $234,981.41 for the fiscal year to date, which is approximately 45% of the budget.

Motion to approve statements made by member Takemoto; second by member Keller. Motion passed unanimously 7-0 (2 absent).

Item 4c. Discussion / Possible Action – Revised Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

$100,000 is projected to remain in the budget at the end of the fiscal year. There are discussions about potentially putting this surplus into further developing the well mitigation program. The 2024/2025 fiscal year budget will be discussed at the May or June board meeting. Revisions to the FY 2023-2024 budget will be presented at the May board meeting.

Item 4b. Interested Parties Invoices Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

The interested party invoices go out yearly in April per the JPA agreement. These are voluntary contributions. The invoices for this year will go out next week, with

payments requested by the end of May. These will be applied to the next fiscal year's budget.

Item 5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update
(Presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

The well mitigation program has been drafted and sent to GSAs for review. Edits are being made and the revision should be done by next Friday. GSAs can adopt (or consider for adoption) in May or June, and the program would go live on October 2nd.

Coordination is being done with the Madera Basin, USBR, and FWA on interconnected surface water. Water allocation framework discussions are ongoing. We are tracking the State Board process for other basins (including Tulare Lake, which has its first hearing on 04/16/24). Spring 2024 water levels have been collected. The annual report for Water Year 2022-2023 was submitted. GSP revisions will be out in October for public comment.

Item 6. Administrative

Item 6a. 2024 Well Permitting Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Registration numbers are currently low (11 total for the year as of March). We will continue to track these numbers.

Item 6b. Well Registration Tool Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

The registration tool had a "soft launch" in March and will have a full launch between April and December. It is accessible on the NKGSA website. Notification was made through email blasts to NKGSA and FID mailing lists. Coordination is being done with Fresno County for white area landowners to provide support for registration.

Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 7a. Technical Workgroup Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

The workgroup has had frequent meetings since the beginning of the year. The primary focus has been on the domestic well mitigation program. A lot of time has been spent going through eligibility criteria for well replacement. Domestic wells have an average useful life of about 50 years, so it is likely that replacement eligibility will be prorated based on the age of the well. Income may also be considered for eligibility criteria.

Item 7b. Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee Report
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

The committee has not met yet, but a meeting is scheduled for later this month.

Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

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

i. Water Supply Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

The current water year is projected to be 100% of an average year. FID began irrigation deliveries on April 1st and is projected to continue through the end of July. (It is possible that they will continue through the end of August.)

ii. Others
There were no further reports.

Item 9. Executive Officer Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 9a. Kings Basin Special Studies Update
The main focus is on the domestic well mitigation program, which was discussed previously in the meeting.

Item 9b. SGMA Implementation Projects Update
Progress is continuing on projects funded by Round 1 of SGMA implementation funding. In newer projects, Pinedale County Water District has begun an

agreement with FMFCD to use their water supply, and FID and Fresno State are coordinating on research regarding ag pumping on Fresno State's campus.

Item 9c. Outreach / External Affairs Update
There is a planned speaking engagement for the ACWA spring conference. DWR will also be holding a SGMA implementation statewide seminar. Typical outreach efforts on the website and social media continue.

Item 9d. Representative Monitoring Network Update
The wells that will potentially be replaced have been identified. It is currently being recommended that some funding be dedicated to improvements to the monitoring network.

Item 9e. Miscellaneous
Attention is being given to some newly proposed legislation, namely AB 2079 (which is being introduced in cooperation with DWR) and AB 828. The proposed legislation would remove local control from the well permitting process and instead provide firm rules governed by the State.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2024