MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting
November 3, 2023

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)
*Jarrod Takemoto (Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District)
*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Roy Jimenez (Fresno County)
*Nick Keller (Garfield Water District)
*Josh Rogers (Biola CSD)
*Jesus Gonzalez (City of Kerman)
Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
Andrew Aller (NKGSA legal counsel)
Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)
Paul Armendariz (City of Clovis)
Lisa Koehn (Clovis)

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

*__**Note:__ To allow for maximum participation, 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.

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	Present	Josh Rogers
City of Clovis	Present	Scott Redelfs
City of Fresno	Absent	-
City of Kerman	Present	Jesus Gonzalez
Fresno County	Present	Roy Jimenez *
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Present	Jarrod Takemoto
Garfield Water District	Present	Nick Keller

** Member Jimenez joined the meeting after it was already in progress. Votes taken prior to his arrival reflect this in their "absent" count.*

Item 2. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

*** Item 6b. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the NKGSA Official Advisory Committee Roster – Dated November 3, 2023**
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

** This item was originally scheduled to be heard under the "Administrative" portion of the original agenda packet; however, the item was moved up per the Executive Officer's request.*

The roster was updated per the request of Biola CSD and City of Kerman to replace their alternate representatives. Motion to approve updated NKGSA Advisory Committee roster made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously 5-0, with 2 abstaining (City of Kerman and Biola CSD) and 2 absent.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Item 3a. Approval of Minutes from 09/08/23 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Claes; second by member Bakman. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0 with 2 absent.

Item 4. Financial Report

Item 4a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements
(Presented by CJ Brown CPAs)

A detailed overview of the audited financial statements and findings was provided by Johnathan Abadasco with CJ Brown's CPAs. Copies of the auditor's report were included in the meeting packets.

Motion to recommend approval of the 2022-2023 audited financial statements made by member Claes; second by member Keller. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0 with 2 absent.

Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Final Financial Statements as of June 30, 2023
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

These were discussed at a previous meeting, but are being revisited following the completion of the audit. The only change of note was the adjustment for interest received from the LAIF. Copies of the corresponding journal entries were included in the meeting packets, as were copies of the report on the final financial statements.

Motion to recommend approval of the final financial statements as of June 30, 2023 made by member Keller; second by member Takemoto. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0 with 2 absent.

Item 4c. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Expense Reports for August and September 2023
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Expenses for August 2023 included FID and P&P in the total amount of $12,573.59, plus $45 in fees to Constant Contact and $10 in bank charges.

Expenses for September 2023 included $10 in bank fees. There was also a deduction for a double billing from P&P.

Motion to recommend approval of the expense reports for August and September 2023 made by member Rogers; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0 with 2 absent.

Item 4d. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Financial Statements as of September 30, 2023
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

As of September 30, 2023, the total income is $261,063.21 primarily from member contributions and interested parties contributions. The total expenses as of September 30, 2023, were $33,335.96 and with the exception of the audit expense, all expenses were within budget.

Motion to recommend approval of financial statements as of September 30, 2023 made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0 with 2 absent.

Item 4e. Local Agency Investment Fund Update
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

There is no update at this time, but a quarterly statement will be provided at a future Advisory Committee meeting.

Item 5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update

(Presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

Outreach on the past water year was sent out and has been well-received.

Work is continuing on 3 primary data gap studies identified through the GSP process: the well mitigation program, the confined aquifer study, and the interconnected surface water study. An interbasin effort has been initiated with Madera for the San Joaquin River. The goal in all of these projects is to take Basin-level approach, and then bring specific issues to the technical committees for further work. Other GSP corrective actions will follow the completion of these 3 studies.

DWR recently released a GSP implementation guidance document, which is being reviewed. This will assist in addressing annual report requirements and feedback, as well as plan amendment requirements.

Nearly all fall water level readings have been received. The goal is to finalize the change map for the Basin as soon as possible.

The Kings Basin sent a letter requesting that in the planned water bond, there will be a $1.5b fund set aside specifically for SGMA projects. Other Basins have signed onto the letter, as well.

Item 6. Administrative

Item 6a. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the Advisory Committee Schedule of Meetings for 2024
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

The new schedule was included in the meeting packets. Meetings will continue to be held on the second Friday of each month at 1:30 PM, and will continue to be physically hosted by the City of Clovis.

Motion to approve the Advisory Committee 2024 schedule of meetings made by member Takemoto; second by member Keller. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0 with 1 absent.

Item 6b. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the NKGSA Official Advisory Committee Roster – Dated November 3, 2023
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting (after Item 2). No further action was taken.

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

The total of permits issued through the current date is 189 (compared to about 299 at this time last year).

Item 6d. Well Intake Portal Development Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

External beta testing has been conducted in November via a small external beta test group. Revisions to address feedback from external beta testers will be made in December, with a full launch of the portal expected in January 2024.

Item 8. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 8a. Kings Water Alliance – Stakeholder Advisory Committee Report
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

A webinar was held on October 26th to discuss the Management Zone Implementation Plan, which targets issues of nitrate control in groundwater, emergency drinking water programs, and other drinking water solution efforts. Regional board approval of the plan was granted in February.

Item 9. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

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

i. Water Supply Update
(Presented by Member Claes)

Millerton Lake is currently at its lowest water level for the year. The Friant-Kern Canal shut down a few days ago and is being drained for maintenance. The Canal is planned to be shut down through January.

The Kings River water year is officially over (October 2022 – September 2023), and it was the year of highest runoff on record (4.5m af). There may be additional flood releases in January, depending on precipitation levels through December.

ii. Others

There were no further reports.

Item 10. Executive Officer Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 10a. Kings Basin Special Studies Update
No further updates at this time.

Item 10b. SGMA Implementation Projects Update
No further updates at this time.

Item 10c. Outreach / External Affairs Update
Outreach continues through active social media and website presence. The next large outreach piece will be related to the well intake portal. The effort will be concentrated on trying to answer as many questions upfront as possible as people navigate the new system.

Item 10d. Representative Monitoring Network Update
The fall water level measurements are mostly complete, and nearly all wells are showing some improvement. A program to develop better monitoring practices and gather better data is the next focus.

Item 10e. Miscellaneous
The GSP revisions will necessitate a new technical workgroup, so that will be assembled and ready to go whenever that work is ready to move forward.

The State Board hearing conducted today for Tulare Lake is being monitored. Other Basins'cases can help provide useful information on how the State is handling other groups.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2024