MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting
May 3, 2024

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)
*Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)
*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Roy Jimenez (Fresno County)
Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)
Paul Armendariz (City of Clovis)
Kristen Freberg (City of Clovis)
Lisa Koehn (Clovis)
Rocko Cotella (landowner)
Sue Ruiz (Self-Help Enterprises)
Laura Ramos *[online]*
Mike Prandini *[online]*
Austin Hubble *[online]*
Aaron Henderson *[online]*

** - 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 1:33 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	Absent	---
Fresno County	Present	Roy Jimenez
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Absent	---
Garfield Water District	Absent	---

Item 2. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Item 3a. Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2024 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Jimenez; second by member Bakman. Motion passed unanimously 4-0 (1 abstaining).

Item 4. Financial Report

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

(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Expenses for the month of March 2024 totaled $56,712.75, which included fees for attorneys, Constant Contact, FID, QuickBooks, and Provost & Pritchard.

Motion to recommend approval of the March 2024 expense reports made by member Claes; second by member Jimenez. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Financial Statements as of March 31, 2024
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

As of March 31, total assets were at $1,454,742.34. Expenses for the fiscal year through March totaled $291,694.16, which is about 55% of the year's budget.

Motion to recommend approval of financial statements as of March 31, 2024 made by member Claes; second by member Jimenez. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Item 4c. Revised Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan / Lisa Koehn)

A copy of the revised budget was included in the meeting packet. There were no changes made to income, but there were slight changes to audit expenses. A legal line item was adjusted based on the current spend rate (lowered by $60,000 to $25,000). There were also reductions in staff expenses. This resulted in a total of $58,775.00 less in expenses than originally budgeted.

The new numbers were the result of updated projections from consultants on expenses through the rest of the year.

It is recommended that these savings be earmarked for the domestic well mitigation program's first year expenses to be considered by the Advisory Committee at the June Advisory Committee meeting.

Motion to recommend approval of the revised budget made by member Claes; second by member Pavic. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Item 4b. Interested Parties Invoices Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Invoices were sent out to interested parties in April. Payments have been received from Pinedale County Water District and Malaga Water District. Revenues will be applied to next year's budget per the JPA agreement.

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

The well mitigation program is out for GSA consideration/adoption (no later than July) and would go into effect October 1st. Four of the GSAs are trying to consolidate the administration and interim measures effort for this program including the North Kings GSA.

GSP revisions for other corrective actions have been initiated. Drafts of the revisions will go to the GSAs in August for review.

Water allocation framework discussions are ongoing, with North Fork Kings GSA is the lead on driving the other GSAs in the basin to an allocation.

Spring water level readings have been collected and all data has been received. The overall trend is water levels up by 3 to 6 feet.

Item 6. Administrative

Item 6a. Discuss Domestic Well Mitigation Program
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

i. **Draft NKGSA Policy 2024-002 – Domestic Well Mitigation**
Today's discussion will be informational only; no action will be taken until next month. The Kings Basin has completed draft guidelines and rules and regulations. GSAs are scheduled to adopt the policy, rules, and regulations and to commit funding to first year implementation between May & June 2024. Administrative support contracts and vendor contracts will be secured between August and September 2024. The program will begin on October 1, 2024.

The purpose of the policy is to implement the rules and regulations for mitigation of domestic wells that go dry because of lowering groundwater levels within the NKGSA.

ii. Rules and Regulations

Some key components of the program are as follows:

Eligibility – Well age (consider 50 years as the total life of a domestic well; replacement funding will be prorated based on age of well); income requirements (grant money available for applicants who meet Disadvantaged status)

Process – Well owners will work with a pump company to determine the cause of well failure. An application is submitted to the administrator of the program and is routed to the Technical Advisory Committee for concurrence and mitigation evaluation. Interim measures will be adopted right away to address immediate needs while longer-term solutions are identified.

Cost-Share – Specifics still being discussed.

iii. Schedule for Implementation

If approved, the domestic well mitigation program will become effective on October 1.

(Note for vote counts: Member Pavic left at this point of the meeting, approx. 2:31 PM.)

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

26 wells have been permitted this year to date.

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

The well registration tool is live on the NKGSA website. There have been 81 entries so far.

Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 7a. Technical Workgroup Update
(Presented by Adam Claes)

The Technical Workgroup is currently working on the rules and regulations for the well mitigation program, including discussions on cost-share alternatives. There will be more updates as progress is made.

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

The Committee last met on April 25th and updates were provided on the number of customers receiving services, including 551 customers receiving bottled water deliveries and 987 wells tested. The group will next meet on July 18th.

Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

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

i. Water Supply Update
(Presented by Member Claes)
Irrigation deliveries started on April 1st and are scheduled to continue until August 1st. The 2022-2023 (October 1 – September 30) water year allowed for a record FID surface water diversion of 647,000 acre-feet, and provided for nearly 180,000 acre-feet of recharge within FID.

ii. Others
There were no further reports.

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

Item 9a. Kings Basin Special Studies Update
There are no updates at this time.

Item 9b. SGMA Implementation Projects Update
FID's Kenneson & Sanchez Basins project has been completed. Malaga, Kerman, and Pinedale projects are all in progress.

Item 9c. Outreach / External Affairs Update
Kassy will be participating in a panel next week at ACWA. Other upcoming events include a SGMA forum organized by DWR and various FID grower meetings.

Item 9d. Representative Monitoring Network Update
As the fiscal year nears its end, an item to consider for next year is funding to start monitoring network improvements.

Item 9e. Miscellaneous
The 2024/2025 budget forecast and priorities are being finalized. The Kings Basin annual report for Water Year 2022-2023 was submitted and is published on the NKGSA website.

The NKGSA has signed onto a joint letter for the Aquaterra Water Bank Project, along with other GSAs and FID. A copy of the letter was provided in the meeting packet.

Tulare Lake Basin was placed on probation on April 18th and is the first basin to be placed on probation.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2024