NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Advisory Committee Meeting – November 8, 2024

In-Person and Teleconference Meeting

Please Note: All Committee Members are required to attend in person unless provisions of AB2449 have been satisfied.

Please notify Laurie Kiser immediately if you or your designated alternate(s) are unable to attend the Advisory Committee Meeting at the City of Clovis Public Safety Room on November 8, 2024.

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA
NKGSA Advisory Committee – Regular Meeting
November 8, 2024, 1:30 PM

TELECONFERENCE and IN-PERSON MEETING

The NKGSA is offering its Advisory Committee meeting both via teleconference and in-person. Members of the public are encouraged to participate either in person at the City of Clovis Public Safety Community Room, 1233 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA, or virtually using the information provided below. All committee members participating in the meeting will be in person.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
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Written and Verbal Comments

- Members of the public participating virtually will have an opportunity to provide public comments during the meeting under Agenda Item No. 2 and following each agenda item discussion. No prior arrangements are required to be able to make public comment but comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

- Written Comments can also be provided up to one hour prior to the scheduled meeting. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be read onto the record during the public comment portion when the item is heard. Any portion of your comment extending past three (3) minutes may not be read aloud due to time restrictions but will be made part of the record of proceedings.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Public Presentations

3. Approval of Minutes:
    a. Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2024, Special Meeting

4. Financial Report
    a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Expense Reports for August and September 2024 (Koehn)
    b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Financial Statements as of September 30, 2024 (Koehn)
    c. Local Agency Investment Fund Update (Koehn)

5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update (Samuelian)

6. Administrative
    a. Discussion / Possible Action – Approval of the Advisory Committee Schedule of Meetings for 2025 (Chauhan)
    b. 2024 Well Permitting Update (Chauhan)
    c. Well Registration Progress Update (Chauhan)

7. Workgroup Updates and Actions
    a. Technical Workgroup Update (Claes)

8. Member Agency/Committee Member Reports
    a. Advisory Committee/Member Agency Reports/Updates
        i. Water Supply Update (Claes)
        ii. Others

9. Executive Officer Update (Chauhan)
    a. Kings Basin Special Studies Update
    b. NKGSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Revisions – Public Comment Period
    c. SGMA Implementation Projects Update
    d. Outreach / External Affairs Update
    e. Representative Monitoring Network Update
    f. Miscellaneous

10. Adjourn

Next Meeting: December 13, 2024

3.a – MEETING MINUTES – September 13, 2024

MINUTES
(Preliminary – Subject to Revision/Approval at Next Meeting)

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting
September 13, 2024

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)
*Roy Jimenez (Fresno County)
*Nick Keller (Garfield Water District)
*Jarrod Takemoto (Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District)
*Anthony White (City of Fresno)
Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)
Paul Armendariz (City of Clovis)
Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)
Lisa Koehn (Clovis)
Don Wright (Reporter)
†Andrew Aller (NKGSA legal counsel)
†Jonathan Abadesco (C.J. Brown & Company, CPAs)

** - Committee Chair
* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee
† - Joining via web conference

*__**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 p.m.

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	Anthony White
City of Kerman	Absent	---
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

Item 2. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Item 3a. Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously 6-0, 1 abstention - Member Takemoto (2 absent, 1 abstaining).

Item 3b. Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2024 Special Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Claes; second by member Keller. Motion passed unanimously 6-0, 1 abstention – Member Jimenez (2 absent, 1 abstaining).

Item 4. Financial Report

Item 4a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements
(Presented by Jonathan Abadesco – C.J. Brown & Company, CPAs)

The audit was recently completed by C.J. Brown & Company. Financial statements for the fiscal year were found to be in order. There was a decrease in net position of approximately $173,000, due to higher expenses and lower revenues compared to the previous year. The lower revenues (by approximately $363,000) are due to fewer member contributions than the previous year. Higher expenses (by approximately $26,000) are due to more engineering and consulting expenses, as well as basin coordination costs.

Motion to recommend approval of the 2023-2024 audited financial statements made by member Takemoto; second by member Jimenez. Motion passed unanimously 7-0 (2 absent).

Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Final Financial Statements as of June 30, 2024
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Total assets were at $1,301,160.66. Total expenses for the year $461,665.86.

Motion to recommend approval of the final financial statements as of June 30, 2024 made by member Claes; second by member Takemoto. Motion passed unanimously 7-0 (2 absent).

Item 4c. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Expense Reports for July 2024
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Expenses for July 2024 totaled $464.00, which primarily consisted of auditing expenses, as well as Constant Contact and Intuit QuickBooks.

Motion to recommend approval of the expense reports for July 2024 made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously 7-0 (2 absent).

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

As of July 31, total assets were at $2,036,671.80 and expenses were at $464.00.

Motion to recommend approval of the financial statements as of July 31, 2024 made by member Bakman; second by member Jimenez. Motion passed unanimously 7-0 (2 absent).

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

As of July 31, the fund was at $524,494 with an interest rate of 4.5%.

Item 4f. Member Agency Participation Invoices Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

As of July 31, all contributions have been received with the exception of City of Fresno and Fresno County.

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

The well mitigation program is due to begin on October 1st. A draft MOU is being developed for the coordinating entities (Madera County GSA, United States Bureau of Reclamation, Friant Water Authority, North Kings GSA and McMullin Area GSA) on interconnected surface water. Water allocation framework discussions are ongoing, but dedicated work on that will be on hold until GSP revisions are completed.

The State Board process is still being tracked for other basins. The hearing for Tule Basin is scheduled for September 17.

Comments from GSAs on the GSP revisions are due by September 18, and on September 20, a coordination meeting will be held to discuss comments. In October, the GSPs will be updated and sent to the GSAs for public review and comment. The public comments period will close in mid-November, and final GSP revisions will be completed for adoption by late December. There was a detailed look at the areas to be addressed in GSP revisions: groundwater levels, land subsidence, interconnected surface water, water quality, hydrogeologic conceptual model (basin condition), addressing groundwater conditions by the 5-year periodic update, water budget, groundwater storage, monitoring network, projects, management actions.

Item 6. Administrative

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

Through the end of August, there have been a total of 161 well permits approved. Fresno County will continue to monitor all of the well applications coming in.

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

There hasn't been much change in the number of wells being registered. Outreach and engagement on this topic will step back up after the GSP revision process is completed.

Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

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

There have been a couple of meetings within the last month, mostly focused on reviewing P&P's proposed revisions to the GSP. A major priority is ensuring consistency with other GSPs. A lot of attention is being paid to the management actions table and the project list.

Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

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

i. **Water Supply Update**
(Presented by Member Claes)

There hasn't been much change since the last report as precipitation rates have been low. Millerton Lake storage is currently at 263,000 AF. Friant Class 1 allocations are at 90% (reduced from 100% on July 9) and will probably stay there for the rest of the water year. Pine Flat storage is at 399,600 AF. FID shut off deliveries on August 31. The Enterprise Canal will be getting shut down this month for liner repairs.

ii. **Others**
There were no further reports.

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

Item 9a. Kings Basin Special Studies Update
This item was discussed as part of the Kings Basin Coordination report, Agenda Item 5. Nothing further to report.

Item 9b. NKGSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Revisions and Schedule
The public comment period for the NKGSA updated GSP will start on Friday, October 11, and end with a public hearing to be held immediately before the November 21 Board of Directors regular meeting. The public comment period will last for 45 days. All cities and Fresno County were noticed in July of the upcoming public comment period and possible action by the Board of Directors to approve updates to the GSP. Additionally, the interested parties will be notified of the public comment period.

Item 9c. SGMA Implementation Projects Update
The Biola CSD basin project was completed as was FID's Kenneson & Sanchez Basins project. The new FID basin adds ability to recharge an additional 960 af/year average annual and adds 47 acres of basins for FID. The City of Kerman

also is nearing completion of their metering project to measure water routed to the Lyons Park basin within the City of Kerman.

Ms. Chauhan reported she continues to meet monthly with Fresno State on their overdraft mitigation and reported that Fresno State plans to apply for the EQIP grant to help cover some of the costs of the needed improvements.

Item 9d. Outreach / External Affairs Update

Ms. Chauhan reported the social media presence remains strong including efforts to complete the next Growers Corner featuring Fairmont Elementary School Christine Torosian and the Grow the Legacy project. Additionally, there will be a feature on 10 years of SGMA including interviews with some stakeholders who have been integral in the success of the NKGSA, both past and current stakeholders.

The website has been updated to include the Minimum Well Depth Mapping Tool which allows stakeholders to input their address and find the minimum well depth based on the lowest minimum threshold in the section of land where the address is located.

There are several upcoming and recent speaking engagements which Ms. Chauhan reported on including the September 4 discussion on 10 years of SGMA at the Ag Summit held at Fresno State; September 5 discussion at the Fresno County Farm Bureau meeting; October 3 discussion at the San Joaquin River Parkway Conservancy Roundtable; and the October 9 panel discussion at the Groundwater Resource Association's Western Groundwater Congress in Olympic Village/Lake Tahoe.

Item 9e. Representative Monitoring Network Update

Work is underway to identify the areas within the NKGSA boundary where additional monitoring points are most needed. The survey will result in the list of recommended new monitoring wells and locations where we should proceed with the installation of telemetry to ensure data is obtained at least twice per year during the dedicated monitoring events.

Item 9f. Miscellaneous

Ms. Chauhan reported on a joint comment letter on the AQAUATERR Water Bank

Project for McMullin Area GSA along with a data request received from MAGSA General Manager, Matt Hurley during the October Kings Basin Coordination Committee. MAGSA is completing an environmental impact report (EIR) which will include a groundwater model, and the data is intended to support the modelling efforts.

If a board meeting is needed in September, the date has been moved to September 19 due to scheduling conflicts.

An update on AB 828 was provided. AB 828 is being considered by the Governor for signature.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2024

4 (a-c) - FINANCIAL REPORT – Expense Reports – August and September 2024; Financial Statements Through September 30, 2024

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO:	**4 (a-c)**
Executive Officer:	KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Advisory Committee Members

FROM: DeAnn Stork – Fiscal Agent

DATE: November 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Financial Update

ATTACHMENTS:
(A) NKGSA – Expense Report – August and September 2024
(B) Financial Statements as of September 30, 2024
(C) Local Agency Investment Fund Update

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the Advisory Committee to recommend approval of the Expense Reports for August and September 2024 and Financial Statements as of September 30, 2024, to the NKGSA Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fiscal agent, DeAnn Hailey, has prepared the monthly expense reports through September 2024 (Attachment A) and the financial statements as of September 30, 2024 (Attachment B). All expenses are within the budget amounts and no unexpected expenses were noted.

The inclusion of the financial reports for consideration by the NKGSA Advisory Committee is a procedural change implemented in October 2020 to allow for review prior to submittal to the NKGSA Board of Directors for approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is shown on the attached reports. Expenses are in line with the amounts included in the NKGSA 2024-2025 Budget.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The reports represent expenses and revenues for the NKGSA for this reporting period.

ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The expense reports and financial statements will be provided to the NKGSA Board of Directors for approval at its special board meeting on November 21, 2024.

Prepared by: DeAnn Stork

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Transaction List with Splits

August 2024

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo					
08/01/2024	721512	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo		Accounts Payable	984.91
			July 2024 Legal Services	Legal	984.91
Constant Contact, Inc.					
08/27/2024		Constant Contact, Inc.		BMO - Checking Account	(52.00)
				Public Information	52.00
Fresno Irrigation District					
08/20/2024	7475	Fresno Irrigation District		Accounts Payable	5,461.38
			July 2024 Hours	Staff Expense:Executive Officer	4,448.95
			July 2024 Fiscal Agent Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	376.53
			July 2024 Recording Secretary Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	288.58
			July 2024 GIS Specialist Surveyor Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	38.19
			July 2024 Admin Fee 6%	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	309.13
Intuit QuickBooks Online					
08/16/2024		Intuit QuickBooks Online		BMO - Checking Account	(90.00)
				Office Supplies	90.00
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group					
08/30/2024	112511	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	10,443.90
			On-going GEN	Professional Services:Engineering Consultant	2,070.00
			On-going PUB	Public Information	8,373.90
08/30/2024	112536	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	1,796.33
			Kings Basin DGS KIN	Professional Services	242.41
			Kings Basin DGS SJR	Professional Services	1,046.40
			Kings Basin DGS SUB	Professional Services	507.52
08/30/2024	112551	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	15,465.00
			Kings Basin Coord COR	Kings Basin Coordination	14,917.00
			Kings Basin Coord REP	Kings Basin Coordination	548.00

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Transaction List with Splits

September 2024

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority					
09/01/2024	O-0001000147	ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority		Accounts Payable	100.00
			Cyber Security Insurance 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	Insurance	100.00
C.J. Brown & Company CPAs					
09/01/2024	20240831	C.J. Brown & Company CPAs		Accounts Payable	4,238.00
			August 2024 Audit Services	Audit Expense	4,238.00
09/30/2024	20240930	C.J. Brown & Company CPAs		Accounts Payable	1,140.00
			September 2024 Audit Services	Audit Expense	1,140.00
Constant Contact, Inc.					
09/27/2024		Constant Contact, Inc.		BMO - Checking Account	(52.00)
				Public Information	52.00
Fresno Irrigation District					
09/12/2024	7485	Fresno Irrigation District		Accounts Payable	6,529.55
			August 2024 Hours	Staff Expense:Executive Officer	4,853.40
			August 2024 Fiscal Agent Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	627.55
			August 2024 Recording Secretary Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	679.00
			August 2024 Admin Fee 6%	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	369.60
Intuit QuickBooks Online					
09/16/2024		Intuit QuickBooks Online		BMO - Checking Account	(90.00)
				Office Supplies	90.00
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group					
09/27/2024	113409	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	12,975.75
			2024-2025 On-going GEN	Professional Services:Engineering Consultant	8,159.10
			2024-2025 On-going PUB	Public Information	4,816.65
09/27/2024	113413	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	1,647.64
			Kings Basin DGS KIN	Professional Services	364.66
			Kings Basin DGS SJR	Professional Services	1,084.54
			Kings Basin DGS SUB	Professional Services	153.98
			Kings Basin DGS WMP	Professional Services	44.46
09/27/2024	113421	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	12,210.00
			Kings Basin Coord COR	Kings Basin Coordination	11,905.00
			Kings Basin Coord REP	Kings Basin Coordination	305.00
09/30/2024	113496	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	1,880.25
			North Kings GSA DWM 001 Admin Prep	Project Costs	1,880.25

Attachment B

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2024

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
BMO - Checking Account		423,097.87
BMO - Money Market Account		916,005.87
LAIF		530,412.14
Total Bank Accounts	$	**1,869,515.88**
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable		100,333.31
Total Accounts Receivable	$	**100,333.31**
Total Current Assets	$	**1,969,849.19**
TOTAL ASSETS	$	**1,969,849.19**
LIABILITIES & NET POSITION		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable		29,853.64
Total Accounts Payable	$	**29,853.64**
Total Current Liabilities	$	**29,853.64**
Total Liabilities	$	**29,853.64**
Net Position		
Legal Reserves Fund		500,000.00
Net Investment		730,555.41
Net Income		709,440.14
Total Net Position	$	**1,939,995.55**
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	$	**1,969,849.19**

Attachment B

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Budget vs. Actuals
July - September, 2024

	Actual	Budget	Remaining	% Remaining
Income				
Interested Party Contribution	7,113.20	7,113.20	0.00	0.00%
Member/Contracting Entity			0.00	
Bakman Water Company	5,145.29	5,145.29	0.00	0.00%
Biola Community Services Distr	1,393.16	1,393.16	0.00	0.00%
City of Clovis	39,554.47	39,554.47	0.00	0.00%
City of Fresno	186,897.93	186,897.93	0.00	0.00%
City of Kerman	5,386.49	5,386.49	0.00	0.00%
County of Fresno	100,333.31	100,333.31	0.00	0.00%
Fresno Irrigation District	430,696.93	430,696.93	0.00	0.00%
Garfield Water District	4,662.92	4,662.92	0.00	0.00%
International Water District	1,929.49	1,929.49	0.00	0.00%
Total Member/Contracting Entity	**$ 775,999.99**	**$ 775,999.99**	**$ 0.00**	**0.00%**
Total Income	**$ 783,113.19**	**$ 783,113.19**	**$ 0.00**	**0.00%**
Expenses				
Audit Expense	5,700.00	6,000.00	300.00	5.00%
Dues and Subscriptions		3,315.00	3,315.00	100.00%
Insurance	100.00	2,085.00	1,985.00	95.20%
Kings Basin Coordination	27,675.00	90,000.00	62,325.00	69.25%
Legal	984.91	40,000.00	39,015.09	97.54%
Office Supplies	270.00	600.00	330.00	55.00%
Professional Services	3,443.97	0.00	-3,443.97	
Engineering Consultant	10,229.10	100,000.00	89,770.90	89.77%
Security Services		1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
Total Professional Services	**$ 13,673.07**	**$ 101,000.00**	**$ 87,326.93**	**86.46%**
Project Costs	1,880.25	700,000.00	698,119.75	99.73%
Public Information	13,346.55	110,000.00	96,653.45	87.87%
Staff Expense			0.00	
Executive Officer	9,302.35	100,000.00	90,697.65	90.70%
Supporting Staff (FID)	2,688.58	30,000.00	27,311.42	91.04%
Total Staff Expense	**$ 11,990.93**	**$ 130,000.00**	**$ 118,009.07**	**90.78%**
Total Expenses	**$ 75,620.71**	**$ 1,183,000.00**	**$ 1,107,379.29**	**93.61%**
Other Income				
Interest Income	15.45	25,000.00	24,984.55	99.94%
Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,932.21		-1,932.21	
Total Other Income	**$ 1,947.66**	**$ 25,000.00**	**$ 23,052.34**	**92.21%**
Net Other Income	**$ 1,947.66**	**$ 25,000.00**	**$ 23,052.34**	**92.21%**
Change in Net Position	**$ 709,440.14**	**-$ 374,886.81**	**-$ 1,084,326.95**	**289.24%**

6 (a) – NKGSA Advisory Committee – Schedule of Meetings in 2025

NORTH KINGS GSA

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PROPOSED 2025 SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Subject to Change with Proper Notice

January 10, 2025	**1:30 p.m.**	**Advisory Committee Meeting**
February 14, 2025	**1:30 p.m.**	**Advisory Committee Meeting**
March 14, 2025	**1:30 p.m.**	**Advisory Committee Meeting**
April 11, 2025	**1:30 p.m.**	**Advisory Committee Meeting**
May 9, 2025	**1:30 p.m.**	**Advisory Committee Meeting**
June 13, 2025	**1:30 p.m.**	**Advisory Committee Meeting**
July 11, 2025	**1:30 p.m.**	**Advisory Committee Meeting**
August 8, 2025	**1:30 p.m.**	**Advisory Committee Meeting**
September 12, 2025	**1:30 p.m.**	**Advisory Committee Meeting**
October 10, 2025	**1:30 p.m.**	**Advisory Committee Meeting**
November 14, 2025	**1:30 p.m.**	**Advisory Committee Meeting**
December 12, 2025	**1:30 p.m.**	**Advisory Committee Meeting**

9 (a - f) – Executive Officer Report

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM NO:	**9 (a) - (f)**
Executive Officer:	KDC

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TO: Chair and Committee Members

FROM: Executive Officer – Kassy Chauhan

DATE: November 5, 2024

SUBJECT: NKGSA Executive Officer Report

ATTACHMENTS: None

Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Revisions and Schedule

Provost & Pritchard completed updates to the GSPs for each of the seven GSAs in the Kings Subbasin and distributed the final draft of the updated GSPs to each GSA. The public comment period for the updated NKGSA GSP is from October 11 through November 21, 2024, at the conclusion of a public hearing to be held right before the regular board of directors meeting of the NKGSA. The final GSP will be presented to the Board of Directors for possible adoption at a special meeting in January 2025, to allow for the revised GSP and the periodic evaluation to be submitted to DWR ahead of the January 31, 2025, deadline. Significant updates have been made to address the DWR deficiencies and recommended corrective actions including updates to the water budgets, project list, management action triggers and the base period used in the GSP to establish water demands. To date, there have not been any comments received. Comments are being accepted through a form on the website, by email and also through written comments mailed to the NKGSA. All comments will be considered prior to finalizing the updated GSP.

SGMA Implementation Project Updates

Progress continues on the projects being constructed under the Round 1 SGMA implementation grant funds. These projects include Fresno Irrigation District's (FID's) Carter-Bybee Basin, along with projects for Consolidated Irrigation District, James Irrigation District and Riverdale Irrigation District. The total grant award was $7.6 million. The Carter-Bybee Basin project also has federal grant dollars and FID plans to proceed to construction this fall.

There have been several coordination meetings with Fresno State to discuss their overdraft and mitigation responsibility. Fresno State is working with NRCS to develop a list of projects to be included in the EQIP application due by November 15.

Outreach and External Affairs

The NKGSA remains active on social media including posts recently to celebrate 10 years of SGMA and to recognize individuals doing work for the NKGSA during Water Professionals Week in October. Additionally, the NKGSA actively engages with stakeholders via e-blogs and by providing information on the website. Participation in the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, the Collaborative Action Plan and the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley continues.

During the Fall 2024 ACWA conference, I will be speaking on a panel to discuss SGMA and how critical stakeholder engagement is during SGMA Implementation.

Miscellaneous

State Water Resources Control Board Hearings and Workshops

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) held the probationary hearing for the Tule Subbasin on September 17, 2024, and approved placing the Tule Subbasin in probation but excluded Delano Earlimart Irrigation District and Kern Tulare Irrigation District from being subject to the extraction fees and reporting.

The probationary hearing for the Kaweah Subbasin is scheduled for January 7, 2025, and they are gearing up to submit their revised GSP which they are confident addresses the previous comments and concerns included in the SWRCB staff report on their previous GSP. They are hopeful that the GSP will be deemed complete, and they can avoid moving into probation but will be able to continue with implementing their GSP under the direction of the Department of Water Resources.

The Kern Basin is scheduled for their probationary hearing in February 2025.

Well Intake Portal Launch

The well registration tool is live and can be accessed on the NKGSA website. The NKGSA continues to encourage well owners to register their wells. It is expected that well owners will be able to provide information on their wells throughout the remainder of 2024. To date, there has been limited participation so efforts are underway to increase the total number of wells registered with the NKGSA. Starting in 2025, there will be more effort including potentially holding workshops, doing more outreach and education and providing support to get wells registered.

For those farmers with multiple wells, there is an option for a batch upload of well information especially if it's been summarized in a table to eliminate the need for inputting the information individually.

ICARP Regional Resiliency Grant Program – Sub Recipient

Fresno State's California Water Institute (CWI) was awarded the ICARP Regional Resiliency Grant for their Climate Resiliency through Regional Water Recharge I the San Joaquin Valley project to create a stakeholder informed plan for using surface and groundwater collaboratively in handling both prolonged droughts and extreme runoff events effectively, ensuring long-term sustainability in San Joaquin Valley counties. The goal of the project is the harnessing of extreme runoff events to recharge groundwater by mapping existing and potential recharge locations, including strategically selected new basins, and Flood Managed Aquifer Recharge (FloodMAR) sites. A comprehensive regional water management plan will be created that includes coordinating operations among Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), local irrigation/water districts, and flood control agencies during excess runoff events.

The NKGSA is a sub-recipient of the grant and will be assisting CWI by providing information to help inform the study. The identified tasks include:

- **Task 1: Mapping**
- **Task 2: Education for recharge basin developers and rural Communities**
- **Task 3: Development of Regional Recharge Response Teams**
- **Task 4: Determine key recharge areas that could take flood water**
- **Task 5: Development of Regional Recharge Response Team Plan (document)**

NKGSA staff will provide periodic updates throughout project development which must be completed by November 30, 2026, per the grant criteria.

Well Permit Review:

The NKGSA continues to review each of the well permit applications submitted to permitting agencies for wells being drilled within the NKGSA boundary. Data obtained from the well permit applications is compiled to facilitate ease of review and tracking. The NKGSA has been reviewing all new well permit applications submitted to Fresno County. The locations of the proposed new wells (including replacement wells) are being mapped to enable the NKGSA to identify any areas of concerns. In addition, the NKGSA is notified by the State of California any time there is a report of a well going dry through the My Well Went Dry portal housed on DWR's website.

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