MINUTES

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