NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Advisory Committee SPECIAL Meeting – May 20, 2025

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 Special Advisory Committee Meeting at the City of Clovis Public Safety Room on May 20, 2025.

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

AGENDA
NKGSA Advisory Committee – Special Meeting
May 20, 2025, 3:00 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 of April 11, 2025, Regular Meeting

4. Financial Report
    a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Expense Reports for March 2025 (Koehn)
    b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Financial Statements as of March 31, 2025 (Koehn)
    c. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget (Koehn/Chauhan)

5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update (Samuelian)

6. Administrative
    a. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update (Chauhan)
    b. Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Update (Chauhan)
    c. 2025 Well Permitting Update (Chauhan)

7. Workgroup Updates and Actions
    a. Technical Workgroup Update (Claes)
    b. Kings Water Alliance Stakeholder Advisory Committee Update (Koehn)

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

9. Executive Officer Update (Chauhan)
    a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update
    b. Outreach / External Affairs Update
    c. Representative Monitoring Network Update
    d. Miscellaneous

10. Adjourn

Next Regular Meeting: June 13, 2025

3.a – MEETING MINUTES – April 11, 2025

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

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting
April 11, 2025

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)
*Jesus Gonzalez (City of Kerman)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)
*Roy Jimenez (Fresno County)
*Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)
*Nick Keller (Garfield Water District)
Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
Andrew Aller (NKGSA legal counsel)
Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)
Paul Armendariz (City of Clovis)
Kristen Freberg (City of Clovis)
Lisa Koehn (Clovis)
Stacie Ann Silva (Altum Aqua Logic, LLC)

** - Committee Chair
* - Voting Representative on Advisory Committee

*__**Note:__ To allow for stakeholder engagement and participation in this meeting, the 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	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	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Absent	---
Garfield Water District	Present	Nick Keller *

**Member Keller arrived at 1:41 PM, after item 4c. Vote counts reflect number of members present during each action item.*

Item 2. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Item 3a. Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2025 Meeting
** Item 3a was postponed and revisited after Item 4c to allow time for more voting members to arrive.*

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously 5-0, with 2 abstaining.

Item 4. Financial Report

Item 4a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Expense Reports for February 2025
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

Expenses for February 2025 totaled $42,336.20, including costs for ACWA, Constant Contact, FID, Intuit QuickBooks, and Provost & Pritchard.

Motion to recommend approval of the expense reports made by member Jimenez; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0, 3 absent.

Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Financial Statements as of February 28, 2025
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

The balance as of February 28, 2025 was $1,742,145.53. Expenses through February totaled $317,920.52, which is approximately 27% of the budget.

Motion to recommend approval of the financial statements made by member Claes; second by member Jimenez. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0, 3 absent.

Item 4c. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the FY 2024-2025 Revised Budget
(Presented by Lisa Koehn & Kassy Chauhan)

The existing approved budget is $1,183,000 and the proposed revision is $1,153,570. There was a reduction of $10,000 in legal costs, a slight increase in office supplies and public information costs, and a reduction in staffing costs. The increase for costs in public information reflects anticipated efforts in increased outreach for the well registration program.

Motion to recommend approval of the revised budget made by member Claes; second by member Bakman. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0, 3 absent.

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

DWR is not expected to respond to the revised/resubmitted GSP until the end of the calendar year.

There could be possible clean-up legislation in the future regarding land subsidence.

The allocation framework discussions were initiated at the Kings Subbasin Coordination Committee meeting. The efforts will take the better part of 2025 and the current schedule provides for the allocation framework to wrap up in Fall 2025. Each GSA was provided a decision matrix for each of the elements of the groundwater allocation to provide input on how the Kings Subbasin should account for each element of the allocation. Work will continue and updates will be made to the Advisory Committee and Board of Directors.

Item 6. Administrative

Item 6a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the North Kings GSA Advisory Committee Roster
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

The updated roster dated April 8th was included in the meeting packet. The only change was an additional alternate for Biola CSD.

Chairman Redelfs requested Nick Torstensen to be added as an alternate for the City of Clovis.

Motion to recommend approval of the updated committee roster made by member Claes; second by member Jimenez. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0, 2 absent.

Item 6b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of North Kings GSA Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Policy – NKGSA-2025-001
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

The voluntary program has been in place since March 2024. To date, 107 wells have been registered. It is estimated that there could be more than 8,000 wells within the NKGSA and there is a need for a policy requiring wells to be registered. The technical workgroup has been working on the creation of this policy.

A phased launch approach is being utilized. The past voluntary program has been identified as Phase 1. In Phase 2, the target for increased registration efforts will be high acreage landowners.

Well registration is important to demonstrate local control, provide better data for groundwater management decisions, locally manage groundwater, and implement management actions per the GSP.

The policy outlines certain deadlines. The Board of Directors will be considering the proposed policy at the April 24th meeting. The policy currently designates a registration deadline of November 30, 2025, to avoid late registration fees (the actual fee deadline and amount to be determined at the discretion of the Board). Per the policy's current form, the deadline would be applied regardless of size or purpose of the well, although a staggered deadline could be considered.

Chairman Redelfs inquired as to whether the policy would be used as a stepping stone for well metering; Kassy said it could be in the future. However, at this time, the requirement is just for well registration.

Motion to recommend approval of the policy made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0, 2 absent.

Item 6c. Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

In March, the Board approved the recommendation on year 2 funding for the program. The total budget is $1M, with $250,000 coming from the reserve from year 1 funding. There are currently two well owners seeking assistance for mitigating their domestic wells. The two applicants are going through the application process.

Item 6d. 2025 Well Permitting Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

To date, numbers for this year are trending much lower than they were last year, currently totaling 29. In 2024, there were a total of 229 well permits issued.

Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 7a. Technical Workgroup Update

(Presented by Adam Claes)

The well registration policy has been the main focus for the past few months, in addition to long-term funding alternatives for the domestic well mitigation program. There is also work being done on representative monitoring network improvements.

Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

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

i. **Water Supply Update**

(Presented by Member Claes)

Millerton Lake is currently at 368k AF. San Joaquin River releases are at 926 CFS. Friant Class 1 allocations were initially set at 45%, but over the following few weeks, were increased to 80% and then to 100%. There is currently no Friant Class 2 allocation.

Pine Flat is currently at 688,636 AF, and Pine Flat releases are gradually increasing.

FID's irrigation season started on April 1st.

Item 9. Executive Officer Update

(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

Item 9a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update

Biola CSD is on phase 3 of their project (basin excavation) and should be completed this spring/summer.

FID's Carter-Bybee Basin project is nearing completion and will hopefully be done this year.

There could be funding available for drought and water conservation projects via Proposition 4 bonds. It is not yet known how that funding will be granted or distributed.

Item 9b. Outreach / External Affairs Update
Social media and website contributions continue to be active. There have been two speaking engagements at Fresno State in the last 2 months, and another speaking engagement with realtors will be taking place in May.

Item 9c. Representative Monitoring Network Update
The plan set for the first set of dedicated monitoring wells (12 in total) is nearly complete. The plan is to eventually have the entire representative monitoring network be made up of dedicated monitoring wells. Data loggers for the first batch of wells have been purchased and are ready to be installed.

Item 9d. Miscellaneous
There have been minimal updates on the SWRCB probationary process.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM.

Next Meeting: May 9, 2025 *(subject to possible rescheduling)*

4 (a-b) - FINANCIAL REPORT –

Expense Reports – March 2025;

Financial Statements Through

March 31, 2025

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Advisory Committee Members

FROM: DeAnn Stork – Fiscal Agent

DATE: May 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Financial Update

ATTACHMENTS:
(A) NKGSA – Expense Report – March 2025
(B) Financial Statements as of March 31, 2025

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the Advisory Committee to recommend approval of the Expense Reports for March 2025, and Financial Statements as of March 31, 2025, to the NKGSA Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fiscal agent, DeAnn Stork, has prepared the monthly expense reports through March 2025 (Attachment A) and the financial statements as of March 31, 2025 (Attachment B). All expenses are within the budget amounts and the financial statements reflect the approved revised FY 2024-2025 budget approved by the NKGSA Board of Directors during the April 24 board meeting.

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 Revised 2024-2025 Budget, approved on April 24.

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 board meeting on May 22, 2025.

Prepared by: DeAnn Stork

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Transaction List with Splits

March 2025

Attachment A

DATE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo					
03/01/2025	743878	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo		Accounts Payable	979.65
			February 2025 Legal Services	Legal	979.65
Constant Contact, Inc.					
03/27/2025		Constant Contact, Inc.		Accounts Payable	56.00
				Public Information	56.00
Fresno Irrigation District					
03/10/2025	07564	Fresno Irrigation District		Accounts Payable	7,083.68
			February 2025 Hours	Staff Expense:Executive Officer	5,259.24
			February 2025 Fiscal Agent Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	296.53
			February 2025 Recording Secretary Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	17.82
			February 2025 Engineering Tech II Hours	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	1,109.13
			February 2025 Admin Fee 6%	Staff Expense:Supporting Staff (FID)	400.96
Intuit QuickBooks Online					
03/15/2025	10001380736238	Intuit QuickBooks Online		Accounts Payable	99.00
				Office Supplies	99.00
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group					
03/14/2025	118051	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	10,214.30
			On-going GEN February 2025 Services	Professional Services:Engineering Consultant	6,865.90
			On-going PUB February 2025 Services	Public Information	3,348.40
03/14/2025	118054	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	576.96
			North Kings GSA DWM 001 February 2025 Services	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	518.50
			North Kings GSA DWM APP February 2025 Services	Project Costs:Well Mitigation	58.46
03/14/2025	118064	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		Accounts Payable	6,900.52
			Kings Basin Coord COR January 2025 Services	Kings Basin Coordination	2,785.19
			Kings Basin Coord GWP January 2025 Services	Kings Basin Coordination	2,860.40
			Kings Basin Coord REP January 2025 Services	Kings Basin Coordination	1,254.93

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2025

Attachment B

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
BMO - Checking Account		226,347.27
BMO - Money Market Account		916,051.49
LAIF		542,944.26
Total Bank Accounts	**$**	**1,685,343.02**
Total Current Assets	**$**	**1,685,343.02**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$**	**1,685,343.02**
LIABILITIES & NET POSITION		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable		979.65
Total Accounts Payable	**$**	**979.65**
Total Current Liabilities	**$**	**979.65**
Total Liabilities	**$**	**979.65**
Net Position		
Net Investment		705,555.41
Reserves - Legal Fund		500,000.00
Reserves - Well Mitigation Program		25,000.00
Net Income		453,807.96
Total Net Position	**$**	**1,684,363.37**
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	**$**	**1,685,343.02**

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Budget vs. Actuals
July 2024 - March 2025

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Interested Party Contribution	7,113.20	7,113.20	0.00	100.00%
Member/Contracting Entity			0.00	
Bakman Water Company	5,145.29	5,145.29	0.00	100.00%
Biola Community Services Distr	1,393.16	1,393.16	0.00	100.00%
City of Clovis	39,554.47	39,554.47	0.00	100.00%
City of Fresno	186,897.93	186,897.93	0.00	100.00%
City of Kerman	5,386.49	5,386.49	0.00	100.00%
County of Fresno	100,333.31	100,333.31	0.00	100.00%
Fresno Irrigation District	430,696.93	430,696.93	0.00	100.00%
Garfield Water District	4,662.92	4,662.92	0.00	100.00%
International Water District	1,929.49	1,929.49	0.00	100.00%
Total Member/Contracting Entity	**$ 775,999.99**	**$ 775,999.99**	**$ 0.00**	**100.00%**
Total Income	**$ 783,113.19**	**$ 783,113.19**	**$ 0.00**	**100.00%**
Expenses				
Audit Expense	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Dues and Subscriptions	3,313.17	3,315.00	-1.83	99.94%
Insurance	2,069.00	2,085.00	-16.00	99.23%
Kings Basin Coordination	74,540.18	90,000.00	-15,459.82	82.82%
Legal	16,302.91	40,000.00	-23,697.09	40.76%
Office Supplies	833.99	600.00	233.99	139.00%
Professional Services		0.00	0.00	
Engineering Consultant	59,758.69	100,000.00	-40,241.31	59.76%
Security Services		1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
Total Professional Services	**$ 59,758.69**	**$ 101,000.00**	**-$ 41,241.31**	**59.17%**
Project Costs			0.00	
Well Mitigation	25,806.31	500,000.00	-474,193.69	5.16%
Well Monitoring	25,824.37	200,000.00	-174,175.63	12.91%
Total Project Costs	**$ 51,630.68**	**$ 700,000.00**	**-$ 648,369.32**	**7.38%**
Public Information	74,320.12	110,000.00	-35,679.88	67.56%
Staff Expense			0.00	
Executive Officer	43,928.04	100,000.00	-56,071.96	43.93%
Supporting Staff (FID)	11,133.85	30,000.00	-18,866.15	37.11%
Total Staff Expense	**$ 55,061.89**	**$ 130,000.00**	**-$ 74,938.11**	**42.36%**
Total Expenses	**$ 343,830.63**	**$ 1,183,000.00**	**-$ 839,169.37**	**29.06%**
Net Operating Income	**$ 439,282.56**	**-$ 399,886.81**	**$ 839,169.37**	**-109.85%**
Other Income				
Interest Income	12,593.19	25,000.00	-12,406.81	50.37%
Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,932.21		1,932.21	
Total Other Income	**$ 14,525.40**	**$ 25,000.00**	**-$ 10,474.60**	**58.10%**
Change in Net Position	**$ 453,807.96**	**-$ 374,886.81**	**$ 828,694.77**	**-121.05%**

4 (c) – FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Chair and Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Kassy D. Chauhan – Executive Officer

DATE: May 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

ATTACHMENTS: (A) FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

RECOMMENDATION

For the Advisory Committee to recommend to the NKGSA Board of Directors to adopt the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NKGSA) Board of Directors approves the operating budget annually for the NKGSA. In coordination with the prior Administration/Fiscal Committee Chair, Lisa Koehn, and the Fiscal Agent, DeAnn Stork, the proposed budget for FY 2025-2026 has been prepared. The FY 2025-2026 proposed budget includes considerations for continued Kings Subbasin coordination efforts, project costs including $750,000 to fund the second year of the domestic well mitigation costs, funding for changes to the representative monitoring network, continued work on studies needed to address data gaps as outlined in the updated GSP, continued outreach and engagement with stakeholders, extensive outreach and stakeholder engagement related to the well registration requirements, and other routine administrative tasks. Additionally, the proposed budget includes engineering consultant technical services for ongoing technical support.

Income:

The North Kings GSA typically assesses each member agency for their portion of the budget based on the acreage in their service area as previously approved by the Board of Directors beginning February 1, 2020. The FY 2025-2026 budget is proposed to be $1,624,100.00 in expenses plus $86,410 in reserves with $1,468,397.00 being generated from member agency participation amounts and $17,133 in other revenue.. It is expected that the remaining $250,000.00 will be taken from reserves from the initial year of funding for the domestic well mitigation program given minimal expenditures were incurred during FY 2024-2025. Funding for Year 2 of the domestic well mitigation program expenses was budgeted to be $1,000,000.00 with the administrative portion of the program, $250,000.00, being funded by the member agencies at their current participation percentages, $250,000.00 being covered by reserves and the remaining $500,000.00 being collected from City of Clovis, City of Fresno, Fresno County and Fresno Irrigation District, as described below.

Non-operating income is anticipated from the interested parties who were invoiced based on their acreage within the NKGSA boundary or a minimum of $250.00 in April 2025. Interested parties' voluntary contributions collected in FY 2024-2025 were applied to the FY 2025-2026 budget as discussed below.

Expenses:

Professional Services:

The total expenses for engineering consultant are expected to be $100,000.00 which includes engineering consultant services to assist with the following:

Phase	Description
General	Ongoing technical assistance and meeting participation, GSP responses and support

Kings Subbasin coordination efforts including development of the annual report are expected to be $100,000.00 in FY 2025-2026. The costs for the Kings Subbasin coordination activities are split amongst the seven GSAs within the Kings Subbasin. There is a slight increase of $10,000 for this line item for FY 2025-2026 given the amount of remaining work needed on the interconnected surface water data gap analysis on the San Joaquin River. These costs include the following:

Phase	Description	NKGSA Portion
COR	Basin Coordination, GSP Revisions	$40,000.00
GWP	Groundwater Pumping Estimation	$10,000.00
REP	Annual Report due to DWR by April 1	$20,000.00
KIN	Kings ISW Study	$5,000.00
SJR	SJR ISW Efforts	$25,000.00

Public Information/Public Affairs:

The Public Information line item includes all public affairs and outreach/stakeholder engagement expenses for the Provost & Pritchard External Affairs Group to be able to continue to provide assistance with maintaining the website, social media management, creation of news releases and development of resources for the stakeholders in the NKGSA. This line item also includes the costs associated with the upkeep of the web platform, the email distribution software (Constant Contacts), hosting of webinars and distribution of Stakeholder resources. There is an increase in anticipated expenses in this budget line item given the amount of stakeholder outreach and support services anticipated for the well registration program. The total proposed budget for these activities is $180,000.00. The NKGSA will continue to coordinate with the Kings Subbasin GSAs on opportunities to collaborate on development of resources and other outreach activities which could result in cost savings for the NKGSA.

Staff Expense:

The FY 2025-2026 proposed budget includes expenses for the executive officer ($100,000.00) and supporting staff ($30,000.00). Support staff includes costs for FID staff for NKGSA activities including costs for the fiscal agent, executive assistant and engineering technicians. The staff expenses are anticipated to be the same as those approved in the FY 2024-2025 budget and will include additional work related to the implementation of the domestic well mitigation program, updating the water budgets for the individual agencies/entities within the NKGSA boundary, tasks related to the mandatory well registration program including assisting with well registration and analyzing the well registration information, outreach to domestic well owners, responding to and tracking the well permit applications received from the well permitting agencies, and responding to inquiries from the media and agencies.

Project Costs:

The project costs are split amongst three priority projects for the NKGSA: the domestic well mitigation program, the representative monitoring network improvements, and the well registration program. A total of $1.23M is included for this budget line item. Each is discussed further below:

Domestic Well Mitigation Program:

The Board of Directors considered the staff, Technical Workgroup and Advisory Committee recommendation to fund Year 2 of the domestic well mitigation program at $1M, to ensure there is adequate funding to implement the domestic well mitigation program. The Board provided staff direction to proceed with the recommendation presented by the Advisory Committee which included 25% of the program expense being collected based on the current member agency participation percentages to cover the administrative portion of the program costs. In addition, the Board supported the recommendation to use excess from the Year 1 funding for the domestic well mitigation program towards Year 2 expenses and the excess is estimated to be $250,000.00. The remaining balance of $500,000 would be shared by City of Clovis ($7,700), City of Fresno

($38,200.00), Fresno County ($168,800.00) and Fresno Irrigation District ($285,300.00). Any unused funds from FY 2025-2026 will be rolled over to the Domestic Well Mitigation Program Revolving Fund to be used to fund domestic well mitigation efforts in future years per the NKGSA Policy ACCT-511, adopted by the Board of Directors on March 27, 2025. The program is being implemented in accordance with the rules and regulations developed in coordination with the Kings Basin GSA managers. The NKGSA will continue to report out each month on the spending associated with the domestic well mitigation program.

Monitoring Network Improvements:

Staff and the Technical Workgroup are also recommending the inclusion of funds to continue with upgrading and improving the representative monitoring network. The proposed amount included for the monitoring network improvements is $200,000.000 which will allow for the addition of about 10 more dedicated monitoring wells in the representative monitoring network within the NKGSA boundary. The overall monitoring network improvement program includes the drilling of 48 dedicated monitoring wells over the next four to five year period to create a network on a 3-mile grid, and commenced in FY 2024-2025. Currently, the NKGSA has a project out to bid which will include the addition of eight dedicated monitoring wells with another bid package to go out prior to the end of the fiscal year. As has been previously discussed, the monitoring network provides critical information on groundwater levels and bad readings or no readings at these monitoring well during the dedicated monitoring periods is viewed as a well that has declined to below the minimum threshold per the Department of Water Resources. The investment into the monitoring network helps to ensure the data is reliable and a good representation on the condition of the groundwater level in that section.

Well Registration Program:

Staff and the Fiscal Workgroup are recommending the inclusion of funds to continue to support the well registration program efforts including the transition to mandatory registration. The proposed amount is $30,000.000 which includes the technical support and the web application support for the well registration program. The outreach and engagement as well as support services costs for the well registration program are separate and are included in the public relations expenses as discussed above.

Member Agency Assessments:

The member agency assessments are calculated based on percentages determined by the overall acreage in the NKGSA boundary. The percentages were revised in February 2020, based on the approval of the NKGSA Board. NKGSA Policy ACCT- 506 NKGSA Operating Reserves Policy requires the NKGSA maintain a minimum operating reserves equivalent to one year of operating expenses. If the reserves are used as approved by the Board of Directors, a plan will be developed and implemented to replenish the funds used.

Interested party voluntary contributions received from Malaga County Water District, Pinedale County Water District and EJ Gallo Winery in FY 2024-2025. As approved by

the Board of Directors, voluntary contributions from the Pinedale County Water District were agreed to be credited to the City of Fresno since the Pinedale County Water District acreage is included in calculation for the City of Fresno's participation amount. Likewise, fees collected from Malaga County Water District were approved to be credited to Fresno Irrigation District given FID's participation amount includes the acreage within the Malaga County Water District. Should any voluntary contributions received from the California State University, Fresno, those fees would be credited to FID since they are charged for the CSUF acreage in their member agency participation amount. The voluntary contribution of $250.00 provided by EJ Gallo Winery is identified as additional income and credited to City of Fresno since they are located within FID's service area.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 shows a total income from member agency contributions of $1,468,397.00. The total expenses for FY 2025-2026 are estimated to be $1,624,100.00 with reserves of $86,410.00. The balance of approximately $250,000.000 is proposed to be covered from excess funds collected for the domestic well mitigation program in FY 2024-2025. In the future, excess funds collected for the domestic well mitigation program expenses will be rolled over into the Domestic Well Mitigation Program Revolving Funds and used to cover future year's domestic well mitigation program expenses per the NKGSA Policy for the Domestic Well Mitigation Program Revolving Fund (NKGSA-ACCT-511).

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The proposed budget was prepared for consideration by the Advisory Committee and the NKGSA Board of Directors to manage the finances for FY 2025-2026. The total expenses have increased given the need to fully fund the domestic well mitigation program in FY 2025-2026, the well registration requirements and the need to continue to make improvements to the representative monitoring network.

ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The proposed budget will be submitted to the Board for approval at its regular board meeting on May 22, 2025.

Prepared by: Kassy D. Chauhan

North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Budget vs. Actuals

	Jul '24 - Mar '25 Actual	4/24/2025 Approved 2024-2025 Budget	% of Budget	5/22/2025 Proposed 2025-2026 Budget	% of Budget
Income					
Interested Party Contribution	7,113.20	7,113.20	100%	7,113.20	100%
Member/Contracting Entity					
Bakman Water Company	5,145.29	5,145.29	100%	6,153.82	84%
Biola Community Services Distr	1,393.16	1,393.16	100%	269.23	517%
City of Clovis	39,554.47	39,554.47	100%	55,007.46	72%
City of Fresno	186,897.93	186,897.93	100%	278,725.91	67%
City of Kerman	5,386.49	5,386.49	100%	6,442.27	84%
County of Fresno	100,333.31	100,333.31	100%	288,799.39	35%
Fresno Irrigation District	430,696.93	430,696.94	100%	825,114.14	52%
Garfield Water District	4,662.92	4,662.92	100%	5,576.91	84%
International Water District	1,929.49	1,929.49	100%	2,307.67	84%
Total Member/Contracting Entity	775,999.99	776,000.00	100%	1,468,396.80	53%
Total Income	783,113.19	783,113.20	100%	1,475,510.00	53%
Expenses					
Audit Expense	6,000.00	6,000.00	100%	6,000.00	100%
Dues and Subscriptions	3,313.17	3,315.00	100%	3,315.00	100%
Insurance	2,069.00	2,085.00	99%	2,085.00	99%
Kings Basin Coordination	74,540.18	90,000.00	83%	100,000.00	75%
Legal	16,302.91	30,000.00	54%	50,000.00	33%
Office Supplies	833.99	1,170.00	71%	1,500.00	56%
Professional Services		10,000.00			
Engineering Consultant	59,758.69	90,000.00	66%	100,000.00	60%
Security Services	0.00	1,000.00	0%	1,200.00	0%
Total Professional Services	$ 59,758.69	$ 101,000.00	59%	101,200.00	59%
Project Costs					
Well Mitigation	25,806.31	500,000.00	5%	1,000,000.00	3%
Well Monitoring	25,824.37	200,000.00	13%	200,000.00	13%
Well Registration	0.00	0.00	0%	30,000.00	0%
Total Project Costs	$ 25,806.31	$ 700,000.00	4%	1,230,000.00	2%
Public Information			0%		0%
General Outreach/PR	74,320.12	130,000.00	57%	90,000.00	83%
Well Registration	0.00	0.00	0%	40,000.00	0%
Well Registration Support Staff	0.00	0.00	0%	50,000.00	0%
Total Public Information	$ 74,320.12	$ 130,000.00	57%	180,000.00	41%
Staff Expense					
Executive Officer	43,928.04	70,000.00	63%	100,000.00	44%
Supporting Staff (FID)	11,133.85	20,000.00	56%	30,000.00	37%
Total Staff Expense	$ 55,061.89	$ 90,000.00	61%	130,000.00	42%
Total Expenses	$ 243,686.14	$ 1,153,570.00	21%	$ 1,624,100.00	15%
Net Operating Income	$ 539,427.05	$ (370,456.80)	-146%	$ (148,590.00)	-363%
Other Income					
Interest Income	12,593.19	25,000.00	50%	10,000.00	126%
Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,932.21	0.00	100%	0.00	100%
Total Other Income	$ 14,525.40	$ 25,000.00	58%	$ 10,000.00	145%
Change in Net Position	**$ 553,952.45**	**$ (345,456.80)**	**-160%**	**$ (138,590.00)**	

9 (a - d) – Executive Officer Report

NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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

NKGSA-
REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TO: Chair and Committee Members

FROM: Executive Officer – Kassy Chauhan

DATE: May 12, 2025

SUBJECT: NKGSA Executive Officer Report

ATTACHMENTS: None

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.

Fresno State and Fresno Irrigation District submitted applications to the NRCS for a list of projects they hope will qualify for EQIP funding from NRCS. The projects are aimed at helping both Fresno State and FID reach their sustainability goals.

Efforts continue with Fresno State to identify mitigation projects on their campus including identifying recharge locations, installation of groundwater meters and conservation measures like new sprinkler systems resulting in water savings. Fresno State hopes to secure NRCS funds to complete these projects.

Outreach and External Affairs

The NKGSA remains active on social media. 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.

Since the last Advisory Committee meeting on April 11, the Executive Officer, Kassy Chauhan, has participated in the following speaking engagements to share information

about the North Kings GSA, the current status of the agency, the well registration program and other important updates:

- April 29, April 30 and May 1: Fresno Irrigation District Grower Meetings
- May 7: The Big Think hosted by Realty Concepts discussing Liquid Assets and how SGMA is affecting property values in the Central Valley.

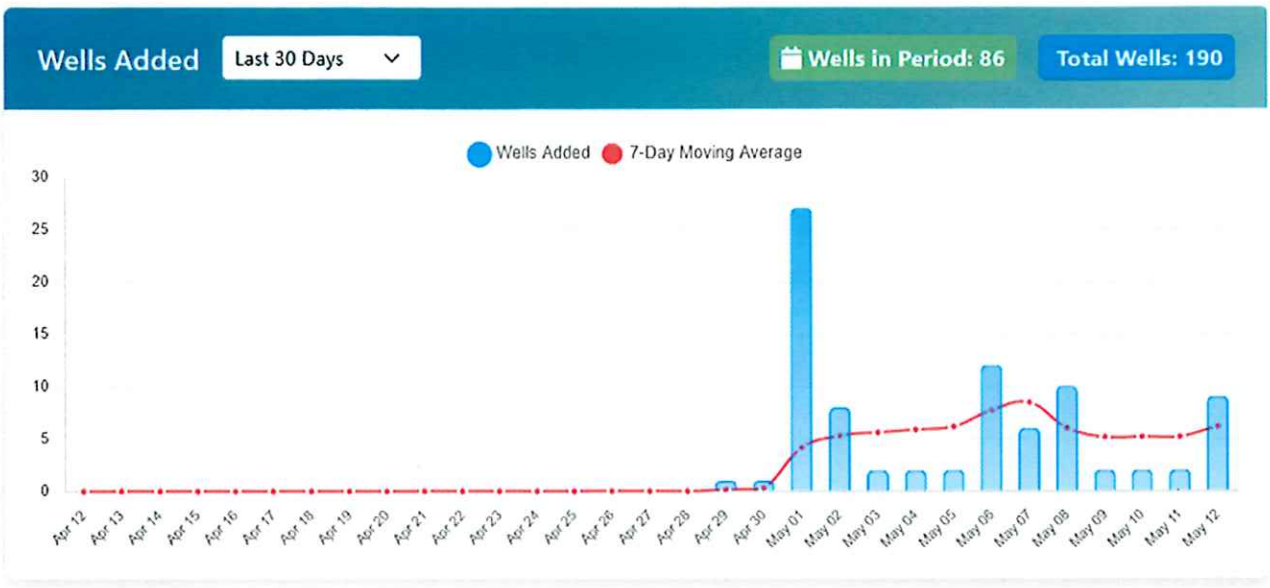
In June, Ms. Chauhan will participate in an American Public Works Association lunch meeting to give an update on SGMA and the road to sustainability.

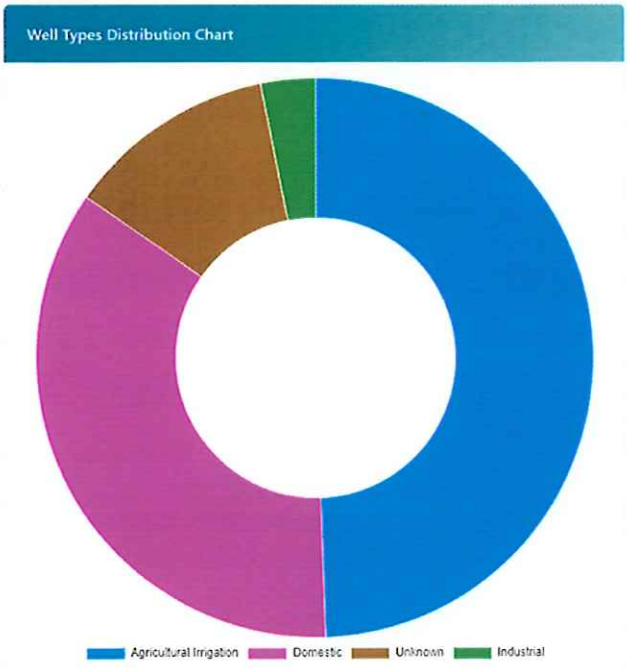
Well Registration Program:

The NKGSA unanimously approved the NKGSA Policy 2025-001 Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Policy at its April 24 board meeting requiring all wells within the NKGSA boundary to be registered. The policy became effective on May 1, 2025, and was the news was shared by a news release issued to the local media contacts. KMJ and SJV Water News ran stories on the program including an interview on KMJ with Ms. Chauhan discussing the purpose of requiring well registration. Additionally, the information was shared via an email blast to all North Kings GSA and Fresno Irrigation District email subscribers, via social media and also posted to the NKGSA website. The news has resulted in a number of landowners registering their wells increasing the total number of wells to 190 as of the writing of this report. This is about an 85% increase in registered wells in just the first 12 days, but only a small fraction of the total estimated number of wells.

The focus moving forward will be to conduct a series of workshops in the coming weeks and to ensure each landowner/entity is aware of the requirement to register their wells. The first set of workshops will be geared towards larger growers/entities who may have several ways and may benefit from the batch upload option on the well registration application. Those workshops are being planned and will be held in early summer followed by several more events. Additionally, the NKGSA is looking for opportunities to join in other events happening with shared stakeholders such as those hosted by the Punjabi American Grower Association, Asian Business Institute and Resource Center and the UC Cooperative Extension. The full support team is available for assistance.

The following shows the increase in the total number of registered wells along with the types of wells being registered. The well registration policy requires all wells regardless of type to be registered with the NKGSA by the November 30 deadline to avoid a late registration fee.





Well Types Distribution Table

Well Type	Count	Percentage	Distribution
Agricultural Irrigation	94	49.5%	
Domestic	67	35.3%	
Unknown	23	12.1%	
Industrial	6	3.2%	
Total	**190**	**100%**	

Miscellaneous

State Water Resources Control Board Hearings and Workshops

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has continued its probationary process for those basins recommended for probation by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) including the Tulare Lake, Tule, Kaweah, and Kern Subbasins. As of October 2024, the Tulare Lake and Tule Subbasins have been placed in probation. The Kaweah Subbasin was set to have its probationary hearing on January 7, 2025, but

the State Board cancelled the hearing, and no new date has been established. The probationary hearing with the SWRCB for the Kern Groundwater Basin scheduled was held on February 20, 2025, and after a full day of hearings, the SWRCB unanimously approved allowing the Kern Groundwater Basin additional time to implement and develop their GSP. The new hearing is set to occur in September 2025. No additional hearings have been scheduled to date.

The Kings County Farm Bureau sued the SWRCB over its decision to put the Tulare Lake subbasin on probation following the probationary hearing. The lawsuit was scheduled for a case management trial in January 2025 but no additional hearings have been held in this matter.

Water Allocation Framework:

The Kings Subbasin is working towards development of the water allocation framework, an effort being driven by the North Fork Kings GSA. One of the key components of the framework will be river seepage and how it is accounted for. While the framework will be adopted at the Kings Subbasin level to stay coordinated, each GSA will have discretion on if and when to implement pumping restrictions in accordance with the water allocation framework. The native sustainable yield represents the amount of groundwater that can be pumped and considers precipitation, natural seepage of local supplies from rivers and streams and mountain front runoff. Each component needs to be considered and methodology for calculating amounts of precipitation and how river seepage is distributed is needed to develop the native sustainable yield. Additional information will be provided as the discussions at the Kings Subbasin coordination meetings continue. The information will be filtered through the NKGSA Technical Workgroup chaired by FID's Adam Claes. North Fork Kings GSA is leading this effort and transmitted a letter to Kings River Water Authority seeking input on how the KRWA handles seepage losses, which will be one of the categories needed for the allocation framework.

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 concern. 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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