MINUTES

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)*