MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting
May 20, 2025

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)
*Nick Keller (Garfield Water District)
*Jarrod Takemoto (Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District)
*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Jesus Gonzalez (City of Kerman)
Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
Andrew Aller (NKGSA legal counsel)
Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)
Nick Torstensen (City of Clovis)
Kristen Freberg (City of Clovis)
Lisa Koehn (Clovis)

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

*__**Note:__ This meeting was conducted in-person at the City of Clovis Public Safety Community Room (1233 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA 93612) as well as via web conference for members of the public wishing to participate remotely.*

Item 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:03 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	Absent	---
City of Kerman	Present	Jesus Gonzalez
Fresno County	Absent	---
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Present	Jarrod Takemoto*
Garfield Water District	Present	Nick Keller

**Member Takemoto arrived at 3:07 PM, at the end of Item #4b. Vote counts reflect this.*

Item 2. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Item 3a. Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0; 4 absent.

Item 4. Financial Report

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

Expenses for March 2025 totaled $25,910.11, including payments to attorneys, Constant Contact, FID, Intuit QuickBooks, and Provost & Pritchard.

Motion to recommend approval of the expense reports for March 2025 made by member Claes; second by member Bakman. Motion approved unanimously, 5-0; 4 absent.

Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of Financial Statements as of March 31, 2025
(Presented by Lisa Koehn)

As of March 31st, assets were at $1,685,343.02. Expenses through March 31, 2025, totaled $343,830.63, which is 29% of the budget.

Motion to recommend approval of the financial statements as of March 31, 2025, made by member Claes; second by member Keller. Motion approved unanimously, 5-0; 4 absent.

Item 4c. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget
(Presented by Lisa Koehn & Kassy Chauhan)

The proposed budget is $1,804,100.00 in expenses, plus $179,410.00 in reserves, with $1,716,397.00 being generated from member agency participation funds. The remaining $250,000 is expected to be taken from reserves carried over from the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget line for the domestic well mitigation program.

Other line items include: $100,000 for professional services; $180,000 for public information (including stakeholder outreach and support services, as well as the well registration program); $130,000 for staff expenses; $1.23 million for project costs (including $1 million for the domestic well mitigation program, with $500,000 coming from the City of Clovis, City of Fresno, Fresno County, and FID; 25% coming from reserves from the past year, and 25% being covered per the existing approved participation percentages by all member agencies); $200,000 for

monitoring well improvements; and $30,000 for technical support for the well registration program.

There were questions regarding the percentages listed for member contributions and recent updates to the numbers. After further review and discussion, it was noted that the budgeting spreadsheet was incorrect. The total numbers are correct, but the breakdown of member contributions will be changed once the spreadsheet is corrected prior to the presentation to the Board of Directors.

Motion to recommend approval of the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget's total numbers as presented – with anticipated acceptance of subsequent updates to member contribution percentages – made by member Keller; second by member Claes. Motion approved unanimously, 6-0; 3 absent.

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

The main project currently is the allocation framework. DWR's comments on the periodic evaluation and revised GSPs aren't anticipated until December 2025. Work on the domestic well mitigation program is ongoing. We received an email comment from the Delta Mendota Basin regarding how our basin has set water levels and additional coordination between the Kings Basin and the Delta Mendota Basin will be needed. This might result in future meetings and discussion, as we share a border with Delta Mendota Basin.

The annual report was submitted on April 1st and there will be a press release coming out soon.

Item 6. Administrative

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

Very little activity has occurred here. One well is in process but the application has not been completed, and one well's application has declined due to the well failure being deemed to be related to something other than declining water levels.

Item 6b. Discussion / Possible Action – Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Update
(Presented by Kassy Chauhan)

The required program began May 1st. In 20 days, the amount of wells registered has nearly doubled. To date, 205 wells have been registered (101 of them between May 1st and May 20th). Provost & Pritchard reworked the application tool, which has prompted more attention for the program. This will also make reporting and tracking much easier. A press release was put out on May 1st, which prompted some media attention. The website has been launched and a number of resources have been translated for better accessibility.

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

Total number of permits for this year is trending downward, and is currently at 80 (compared to a total of 229 for all of 2024).

Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

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

The workgroup has not met since the last Advisory Committee meeting.

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

An online meeting took place on March 20th. About 3,300 applications have been submitted so far, and there are 750 properties currently on bottled water. There have been several outreach events in the past couple of months. They are currently focusing on Priority Zone 2, which is located in Kings County.

Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

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

i. Water Supply Update

(Presented by Member Claes)

There've been no changes in Friant allocations. Millerton is currently stable, but there might be changes in storage as the weather heats up. Pine Flat storage will probably peak around 900k AF in June. FID's deliveries began on April 1st. Rainfall amounts in the foothills and the Sierras continue to be extremely minimal due to dry weather in late April and in May. Almost half of the snowpack was lost between April and May. April – July runoff is forecasted to gradually decrease due to no precipitation, and may end up in the low 70% range.

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

Item 9a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update
A couple of projects are moving forward. Fresno State is making progress on their projects, and FID's Carter-Bybee Basin is nearing completion.

Item 9b. Outreach / External Affairs Update
Kassy spoke at a realtors forum in early May, with discussion focusing on liquid assets and how SGMA is affecting property values in the Central Valley.

Item 9c. Representative Monitoring Network Update
New easements are being obtained for 12 new wells, and bids have been received for the work on the representative monitoring network.

Item 9d. Miscellaneous
Kassy attended the ACWA conference last week, where there was a lot of discussion on SGMA and Proposition 4 bond funds. NRCS projects are encouraged to be submitted for the next round of funding. The next SWRCB hearing for the Kern Subbasin is set for June.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2025