MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting
September 12, 2025

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)
*Jarrod Takemoto (Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)
*Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)
Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)
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 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	Dejan Pavic
City of Kerman	Absent	---
Fresno County	Absent	---
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Present	Jarrod Takemoto
Garfield Water District	Absent	---

Item 2. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Item 3a. Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2025 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Claes; second by member Bakman. Due to abstaining members, there were not enough Committee members present and voting to pass the motion. This item will be continued to the next Advisory Committee meeting.

Item 4. Financial Report

Item 4a. Discussion – Review of Draft Expense Report for June 2025
(Koehn)

Expenses for the month of June totaled $101,740.88, which included payments to attorneys, Constant Contact, Fresno Irrigation District, Intuit QuickBooks, Print Shack, and Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group.

Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Expense Report for July 2025
(Koehn)

Expenses for the month of July totaled $277.00, which included payments to ACWA, Constant Contact, and Intuit QuickBooks.

Motion to recommend approval of the expense report for July 2025 made by member Claes; second by member Takemoto. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Item 4c. Discussion – Review Draft Financial Statements as of June 30, 2025
(Koehn)

As of June 30, 2025, total assets are at $1,571,985.09, with total expenses at $92,702.94 (approximately 103.7% of budget).

Item 4d. Discussion – Review Draft Financial Statements as of July 31, 2025
(Koehn)

The draft financial statements as of July 31, 2025, were presented by Lisa Koehn and reflected minimal spending given it being early in the new fiscal year. The final financial statements will be presented for approval after the audited financials as of June 30, 2025 are approved.

Item 4e. Discussion / Possible Action – Establish a Reserve Fund for Representative Monitoring Network Well Improvements
(Chauhan / Stork)

In the previous fiscal year, an amount of $200,000 was set aside in the budget for the representative monitoring network. Only a small amount of that has been used (less than $30,000 was spent in the last year). It is now being recommended to put the remainder of that line item ($171,600.63) in a reserve fund for the representative monitoring network, rather than being put in with general expense funds. The money rolled over from the previous year would be combined with the amount budgeted for the new fiscal year, along with member agency participation balances.

Motion to recommend the establishment of a reserve fund for the representative monitoring network made by member Claes; second by member Bakman. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Item 4f. Financial Institution Transition Update
(Stork)

The account at Five Star Bank has been set up and $1 million has been moved over. There is still about $900,000 left over in the old account at BMO. The setup of the new account has gone smoothly. The money market account is currently earning interest at a rate of 4.251%.

Item 4g. Member Agency Participation Invoices Update
(Koehn / Chauhan)

All member agencies have been invoiced for their 2025/2026 participation balances and all except City of Fresno and Fresno County have been paid. Member Pavic requested the invoice be resent given some transitions at the City of Fresno. Fiscal Agent DeAnn Stork agreed to resend the invoice to the City for payment.

Item 4h. Update on FY 2024-2025 Audit
(Stork)

Everything has been sent over to the CPA. The audit should be ready for the Advisory Committee in October.

Item 5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update
(Samuelian)

Allocation framework discussions continue and the different groups are in the process of reviewing the framework documents.

DWR released a draft subsidence BMP. This will not be significantly impactful to the North Kings, but there will be minor comments on it.

We still waiting for DWR's comments on the periodic evaluation and revised GSPs, which probably will not be available until December. We did receive a review on the annual report, which stressed the importance of well measurement data.

The domestic well mitigation program is ongoing.

A letter has been sent requesting that Prop 4 funding be pushed out sooner.

The possibility of hiring a lobbyist is still being considered and discussed.

Item 6. Administrative

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

The application roll-in has been very slow. Self-Help Enterprises has been referring some potential applicants to the GSA for assistance. There is an outreach event being planned for stakeholders.

Item 6b. Well Registration Progress Update
(Chauhan)

To date, 823 wells have been registered, which is a large improvement on previously reported numbers. Of the total 823 registered, 451 are agricultural; 291 are domestic. The requirement to register wells became effective in May. There was a workshop held in Kerman on August 27th, and future workshops are planned for Easton on October 29th and Clovis in mid-November. There has also been participation at other organization-led events in the past few months, and there will be more in the coming months. There is still a long way to go with regards to getting wells registered, as it is estimated there are more than 8,000 wells within the NKGSA.

Item 6c. 2025 Well Permitting Update
(Chauhan)

We are trending far below where we were in previous years – so far, 153 well permits have been issued in 2025.

Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 7a. Technical Workgroup Update
(Claes)

The workgroup has not met since the last Advisory Committee meeting. The next "trigger" for the technical workgroup will be the finalization of the memo on the allocation framework. The workgroup will then be reviewing that memo to ensure they understand the framework, and will be bringing it to the Advisory Committee for possible approval.

Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

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

i. Water Supply Update
(Claes)

We are currently at the end of the water year. The Kings River will likely end at around 70% of historic average. The Friant Class 1 allocation continues to stay at 100% of contract amounts. FID has been able to take advantage of 3 blocks of unreleased restoration flows available to Class 2 contractors.

ii. Others
There were no further reports.

Item 9. Executive Officer Update
(Chauhan)

Item 9a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update

A reminder was given to make sure any projects are queued up and ready to go once grant funding becomes available. There is another round of funding coming out and the deadline to apply is November 14th. This is a smaller round of funding so it would be best suited to smaller projects. There will likely be a trailer bill for Prop 4 to help with expediting those funds.

Item 9b. Outreach / External Affairs Update
The GSA continues to stay engaged online and via the website.

Water Professionals Week is October 4-12, 2025.

Kassy will be participating in the Western Groundwater Conference on October 6th – 10th.

Item 9c. Representative Monitoring Network Update

Pending final approval from the Advisory Board, a contract is being awarded to Bradley & Sons for new wells.

Data loggers have been purchased and are ready to install.

Item 9d. Miscellaneous

A legislative update was provided on a few relevant bills: AB 293 has passed and is awaiting signature by the governor. AB 293 is significant because it would require GSAs to have certain information listed on their websites, which could impact GSAs that have smaller websites or none at all.

AB 1413 had to do with groundwater adjudications and how they interact with any kind of determinations in the GSP. This bill is now inactive for this year.

AB 1466 is similar to AB 1413, but it would require that the GSA redo their water budget and is still pending hearing on the Senate floor.

The Kern Basin's second hearing has been scheduled for September 17th. The staff report and the revised GSP are both out for public comment now.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 10, 2025