MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting
October 17, 2025

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)
*Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)
*Jarrod Takemoto (Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Jesus Gonzalez (City of Kerman)
*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)
Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
Andrew Aller (NKGSA legal counsel)
Ronnie Samuelian (Provost & Pritchard)
Nick Torstenson (City of Clovis)
Anthony White (City of Fresno)
Sean Ray (Bakman Water Company)
Lisa Koehn (Clovis)
Sayre Miller (Ag)

** - 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	Present	Jesus Gonzalez
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 from July 11, 2025 Meeting

This item was continued from the previous meeting on September 12, 2025 due to a lack of quorum for approval.

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Claes; second by member Bakman. Motion passed (5-0, 1 abstention, 3 absent).

Item 3b. Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2025 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Claes; second by member Takemoto. Motion passed (5-0, 1 abstention, 3 absent).

Item 4. Financial Report

Item 4a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements
(CJ Brown 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 an increase in net position of approximately 19.63% or $241,614 to $1,472,169. The total revenues increased by 186.09% (from $525,391 to $9807,726) compared to FY 2024 because of the domestic well mitigation program funds. Additionally, the expenses increased by about 24.17% (from $110,178 to $566,112) due to higher engineering and consulting expenses, as well as basin coordination costs and the domestic well mitigation program expesnses.

Motion to recommend approval of the 2024-2025 audited financial statements made by member Pavic; second by member Claes. Motion passed (6-0, 3 absent).

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

Expenses for the month of June totaled $101,720.56.

Item 4c. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Final Financial Statements as of June 30, 2025
(Koehn)

On the June 2025 balance sheet, total assets were $1,571,985.09 and total expenses through the month of June were $1,196,685.92, which is approximately 103.74% of the annual budget. The balance sheet also reflects the well mitigation reserves and well monitoring reserves that were carried over. The $92,000 that was approved in October has not been carried over yet but will be for next year.

Motion to recommend approval of the final expense report for June 2025 and the final financial statements as of June 30, 2025 made by member Claes; second by member Bakman. Motion approved (6-0, 3 absent).

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

Expenses for the month of August included attorney fees, Constant Contact, Fresno Irrigation District, Intuit Quickbooks, Print Shack, and Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, and totaled $71,114.95.

Motion to recommend approval for the August 2025 expense report made by member Pavic; second by member Claes. Motion passed (6-0, 3 absent).

Item 4e. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of August 31, 2025
(Koehn)

As of August 31, 2025, total assets were $3,133,539.68. Expenses through August 31st totaled $71,391.95.

Motion to recommend approval of the financial statements as of August 31, 2025 made by member Takemoto; second by member Gonzalez. Motion passed (6-0, 3 absent).

Item 4f. Local Agency Investment Fund Update
(Koehn)

Interest in the last quarter totaled $6,062.80 with a rate of 4.34%.

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

All funds have been received except for Fresno.

Item 5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update
(Samuelian)

Allocation framework discussions continue and some revisions are being made at the request of a few GSAs. This will become a standalone document.

DWR released the subsidence BMP.

DWR's comments on the Periodic Evaluation and revised GSPs are expected in December.

The Annual Report is being reviewed by DWR. The importance of getting complete well measurement data was stressed.

The Domestic Well Mitigation Program is ongoing.

Coordinated work continues on Interconnected Surface Water.

The GSA continues to consider lobbyist consultation services.

Item 6. Administrative

Item 6a. Discussion / Possible Action – Approve Schedule of Meetings in 2026 for the NKGSA Advisory Committee
(Chauhan)

A schedule with proposed days was provided, which holds to the same schedule as typical (second Friday of each month, to be held in Clovis). The proposed schedule will be presented to the Board.

Motion to recommend approval of the proposed schedule made by member Claes; second by member Takemoto. Motion approved (6-0, 3 absent).

Item 6b. Discussion / Possible Action – Domestic Well Mitigation Program Update
(Chauhan)

After a full year after the launch of the program, a total of 8 applications were received. None of those applications were eligible after review. A news release is planned to continue educating about the program. Work is being done on the budgeting for Year 3.

Item 6c. Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Update
(Chauhan)

To date, 1,193 wells have been registered. An interesting trend in registration is seeing large amounts of wells being registered at once. The requirement to register began on May 1st. There are more than 8,000 wells within NKGSA, so it is important to continue to get more wells registered. There will be some discussion with the Board about a potential grace period for the requirement. Next steps to increase registration are landowner workshops, white area landowner outreach, individual meetings, public water system outreach, and school outreach. Postcards will be sent to individual well owners who have not registered yet as a reminder.

Currently, if a well is not registered by the end of November, future registration will cost $100 rather than being free of cost. Each agency is responsible for getting their own wells registered, and this can be done individually or through a “bulk” registration.

Item 6d. 2025 Well Permitting Update
(Chauhan)

There were fewer well permits issued this year than in the previous year. In 2024, there were 229 permits issued. This year, the total is currently 153.

Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 7a. Technical Workgroup Update
(Claes)

The workgroup met on September 29th. There was a brief discussion on the monitoring well improvement update. There was also discussion on the domestic well mitigation program, primarily on the cost share issue. There has been preliminary negotiation on years 1 and 2, and they are beginning to discuss year 3. The goal is to finalize a year 3+ cost share plan by the end of this calendar year

so member agencies can begin planning for it. There will soon be a meeting with the four agencies that share the bulk of the cost. There will also be a future meeting for the Technical Workgroup to discuss the Kings Basin Groundwater Allocation Framework, with the goal to get Board approval by the end of this calendar year.

Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

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

i. Water Supply Update

(Claes)

A new water year has started as of October 1st. The previous water year ended at about 70% of average on the Kings River and 70% of average on the San Joaquin River. Millerton Lake is at about 253,000 AF of storage and Pine Flat storage is at about 247,000 AF. The Friant-Kern Canal has varied a lot and is currently at about 200 CFS (it was about 800 CFS a week ago).

ii. Others

There were no further reports.

Item 9. Executive Officer Update

(Chauhan)

Item 9a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update

Fresno State has a couple of projects which were going well but have been stalled due to the government shutdown. There is another solicitation period to apply for the NRCS funds that will have a deadline of November 14th, although the deadline could potentially change due to the shutdown. There is a push for the Prop 4 funds to be released sooner than later. Agencies are encouraged to plan and have projects ready for when the funding becomes available. Fresno Irrigation District is up for an Excellence in Innovation award for a project done in coordination with FMFCD.

Item 9b. Outreach / External Affairs Update

The bulk of recent outreach effort has been on well registration. Water Professionals Week was last week, so a short video was created to highlight that week. Kassy spoke at the Western Groundwater Congress in early October in San

Diego and provided a presentation on the well registration program and creating change and interest in similar programs.

Item 9c. Representative Monitoring Network Update
Reserve funds were approved for improvements to the representative monitoring network. A contract was awarded to Bradley & Sons for new wells, which will be started soon. They will hopefully be in place in time for the spring readings.

Item 9d. Miscellaneous
With regards to legislation, AB293 has passed. AB1413 is now inactive, and AB1466 is pending hearing on the Senate floor.

On September 17th, the State Water Board made approval to return the Kern Basin to DWR as it relates to SGMA compliance. The Kaweah Basin staff report has been released and is out for public comment, and it recommends that the Kaweah Basin also be returned to DWR. That hearing will take place on December 10th.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2025