MINUTES

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting
May 8, 2026

IN-PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

In attendance:

**Scott Redelfs (City of Clovis)
*Adam Claes (Fresno Irrigation District)
*Dejan Pavic (City of Fresno)
*Adan Ortiz (Fresno County)
*Shay Bakman (Bakman Water Company)
*Nick Keller (Garfield Water District)
*Carmen Zamora (Biola CSD)
Kassy Chauhan (NKGSA)
Andrew Aller (NKGSA legal counsel)
Nick Torstensen (City of Clovis)
Kristen Freberg (City of Clovis)
DeAnn Stork – Fiscal Agent (Fresno Irrigation District)
Andrea Ball (Fresno Irrigation District)
Lisa Koehn (Clovis)
Sayre Miller

** - 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 1:32 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	Present	Carmen Zamora*
City of Clovis	Present	Scott Redelfs
City of Fresno	Present	Dejan Pavic
City of Kerman	Absent	---
Fresno County	Present	Adan Ortiz
Fresno Irrigation District	Present	Adam Claes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Absent	---
Garfield Water District	Present	Nick Keller

**The representative for Biola CSD arrived during the consideration/discussion of Item 4c. Voting totals reflect number of voting members for each individual item.*

Item 2. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Item 3a. Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by member Claes; second by member Bakman. Motion passed 4-0 with 3 abstaining.

Item 4. Financial Report

Item 4a. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Expense Reports for March 2026
(Koehn)

Expenses for March 2026 totaled $41,527.18, including payments to attorneys, Constant Contact, Falcon Security Services, Intuit QuickBooks, Kings River Conservation District, Provost & Pritchard, and one miscellaneous payment related to well registration.

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

Item 4b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Financial Statements as of March 31, 2026
(Koehn)

As of March 31, 2026, the balance sheet shows $2,396,431.50 in assets. Expenses through that date were $670,258.51, which is approximately 37% of the budget.

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

Item 4c. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Budget
(Chauhan / Koehn)

The budget includes $500,000 to fund the third year of the domestic well mitigation program, as well as $750,000 in funding for more representative monitoring wells.

The total budget is $1,868,100 for expenses, with $1,965,297.80 estimated income from member contributions. $184,500 is earmarked for professional services, including an engineering consultant and coalition participation. $1,250,000 is dedicated to project costs, including well mitigation and well monitoring, and $180,000 is set aside for public information and outreach.

There was discussion regarding the adjustments in member contributions. More documentation will be provided to further explain the member agency splits for the domestic well mitigation program and other expenses.

Motion to recommend approval of the proposed budget (with backup documentation to be provided) made by member Bakman; second by member Claes. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Item 5. Receive – Basin Coordination Update
(Chauhan)

With the Kings Subbasin Allocation framework being adopted by 6 of the 7 groundwater sustainability agencies in the Kings Subbasin, attention is shifting towards working with individual agencies to establish specific allocations.

DWR is currently reviewing the periodic evaluations, but it will likely be several more months before the Kings Subbasin receives feedback on its periodic evaluation.

Item 6. Administrative

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

8,225 wells have been registered to date. The late registration fee of $100 per wellhead has been implemented since February 1st. Phase 2 efforts are underway, focusing on the candidate list of parcels with currently no wells registered. Notices to those landowners will be sent out beginning as soon as June 2026.

Item 6b. Discussion / Possible Action – Recommend Approval of North Kings GSA Policy No. 2026-001 – Enforcement Policy
(Chauhan)

This is further discussion of NKGSA 2026-001, which was introduced during the last NKGSA Advisory Committee meeting. Feedback has been received by member agencies.

The policy reflects the max allowable fees/penalties listed in the California Water Code. There would be a 90-day period for those who receive a notice of violation to pay the associated fee before the policy enforcement escalates.

The first draft of the policy was finalized in March 2026 and was reviewed/discussed with the Technical Workgroup and Technical Committee in March and April, with possible consideration by the Board in May/June of 2026.

Chairman Redelfs commented that there was still further discussion and review to do on the policy, particularly in light of municipal code considerations, and projected that it would potentially be ready for Board review in July.

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

There was no further information to report on this item.

Item 6d. 2026 Well Permitting Update
(Chauhan)

To date in 2026, 66 agriculture and/or domestic well permits have been issued. The number of well permits is trending lower than in previous years (with 229 in 2024 and 242 in 2025).

Item 7. Workgroup Updates and Actions

Item 7a. Technical Workgroup Update
(Claes)

The group last met on April 27th. The enforcement policy was a major topic of discussion, as well as proposed new monitoring wells. There has been discussion on groundwater levels, considering a shift in the utilization of surface water in the North Kings GSA boundary.

Item 8. Member Agency / Committee Member Reports

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

i. Water Supply Update
(Claes)

April storms slowed the snow melt down to some degree. Millerton Lake is approximately 475,000 AF as of today (it is anticipated to peak around 500,000 AF). The airborne snow observatory flights are becoming more valuable in terms of the data they provide, especially in an unusual year. Friant-Kern deliveries are approximately 1600 cfs. Friant Class 1 should be remaining at 100% for a while.

Pine Flat is about 852,000 AF (expected to peak at around 900,000 AF). FID's Pine Flat storage is just above max. FID demands have been lower than normal but should be picking up in the next week due to warmer weather.

April was about average in precipitation. Nothing more is projected for the rest of May. Snow in the Northern Sierra is almost gone; there is slightly more moving further south. Water content was dropping rapidly in March but leveled out somewhat in April due to storms and cooler weather.

Per the May 1 snow survey, the Kings River showed 29% of average. The runoff forecast is lower than DWR's and NWS's forecasts. A significant amount of runoff occurred earlier in the year than usual.

ii. Others
There were no further reports.

Item 9. Executive Officer Update
(Chauhan)

Item 9a. SGMA Implementation Projects Update

Biola CSD is very close to getting water in their basin. Some last-minute construction issues are being worked out prior to FID releasing water.

Member agencies are encouraged to get their Prop 4 projects ready to go. Guidelines are expected to come out later this year, with a solicitation expected early next year (2027). A lot of demand is expected for this program's funding.

Item 9b. Outreach / External Affairs Update

The Biola project will be showcased on the website and social media once it is completed. Routine social media posts continue to occur at a frequency of approximately two per week.

Item 9c. Representative Monitoring Network Update

Phase 2 planning is underway. Site identification is priority right now, and pre-construction activity will hopefully be wrapped up in June or July so drilling can begin in the fall.

The DWR Technical Support Services monitoring well at Peach & Copper has been completed and will be equipped with the data logger to allow for real time monitoring by the North Kings GSA.

Item 9d. Miscellaneous

There has been less legislation this year that could affect NKGSA, but there are a few items that are being monitored.

Interested parties invoices went out at the beginning of April. Any revenue received will be applied to the next fiscal year's budget.

Item 10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2026