

MINUTES

(Preliminary – Subject to Revision/Approval at next meeting)

NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting

March 9, 2018

Clovis Public Safety Building

In attendance:

*Chair Luke Serpa – Clovis	Dejan Pavic - Fresno
*Vice Chair Bill Stretch – FID	Sarge Green – Fresno State
*Tommy Esqueda - Fresno	Phil Larsen – Holland Farming
*Bernard Jimenez – Fresno County	Ronnie Samuelian – Provost and Pritchard
*Nick Keller – Garfield WD	Craig Moyle – Stantec
*Ken Moore – Kerman	Amanda-Peisch-Derby – DWR
*Alan Hoffman – FMFCD	Kevin Peterson - CUSD
*Shay Bakman – Bakman Water Company	Brandy Swisher - FMFCD
Gary Serrato – FID	Sue Ruiz – Self Help Enterprises
Adam Claes - FID	Mike Prandini – BIA
Scott Redelfs – Clovis	Michael Moore – F-M Farm Credit
Paul Armendariz – Clovis	Don A. Wright – Reporter
Lisa Koehn – Clovis (Ret.)	

* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

Item 1 - Called to order at 1:33 PM

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from 1/12/2018 Meeting

Motion by Vice Char Bill Stretch to approve, second by Tommy Esqueda.
Approved 7-0 with FMFCD abstaining, and Biola was absent.

Item 3 – Approve Recommended Outreach Plan

Copies of the Outreach Plan prepared by the Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee were provided as part of the agenda package, and was presented to the Advisory Committee by Subcommittee members. Subcommittee members Brandy Swisher and Craig Moyle gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Outreach Plan that included details regarding the preparation of the plan, the purpose of the outreach, and how the outreach would be accomplished. Significant discussion was on the Interested Party Database, website, key messages, and the different

needs for the different groups of stakeholders. It was discussed that service clubs need to receive presentations and outreach. Property owners within the City limits that have onsite wells used for landscape or agriculture need to be added to the interested parties list. Subcommittee member Sue Ruiz also participated in the presentation and discussion. Motion by Bernard Jimenez to approve the Outreach Plan for recommendation to the NKGSA Board, second by Nick Keller; approved unanimously.

Item 4 – Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates

Item 4a – Technical Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Bill Stretch discussed FID outreach including newsletter and 3 upcoming grower meetings. Bill indicated that until the most recent storms in the Kings River drainage, 2018 was on track to be the driest year on record, but that the recent storms made a significant difference and that FID was now looking at running for 2 to 3 months.

Bill provided an update on the Kings Basin Coordination progress indicating that the first drafts of the storage change and boundary flow conditions were complete. A long-time estimate of overdraft in the Kings sub-basin had been 125,000 AF per year, but the new numbers indicate that it is over 200,000 AF. Bill also indicated that Subcommittee work is ongoing to develop the Sustainable Management Objectives for the GSP.

Consultant Ronnie Samuelian indicated that Basin Coordination group was continuing progress on dispute resolution process and looking at draft numbers for basin-wide overdraft. Due to the tight timeline it appears that it will be necessary to develop Water Budget, Sustainable Management Objectives, and Data Management System in parallel, and that we will need to have consistency on all of these issues across all GSAs in the basin. Scopes of work will be provided by the consultant for these parallel tasks.

Bill indicated that the Technical Subcommittee's goal was to have the draft GSP completed by January 2019. Gary Serrato indicated that two GSAs in the sub-basin were trying to determine how they fund their GSP; North Fork Kings GSA was looking at a Prop 218 election, and the Kings River East GSA undertook a Prop 26 election. Nick Keller provided an update on the Kings River East GSA Prop 26 progress. Significant discussion occurred by the entire group of the different election processes and possible ways of eventually funding the GSA.

Item 4b – Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Lisa Koehn indicated that the Subcommittee has not met recently. Lisa reported that the DWR released draft funding recommendations for its Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program. The draft funding recommendations included \$1.5 million for GSP development in the Kings Subbasin under the name of North Fork Kings GSA, of which NKGSA would receive \$214,000. Biola CSD was recommended to receive a Severely Disadvantaged Community grant for a recharge project. Sue Ruiz reported that Self Help Enterprises received a grant funding recommendation for SGMA outreach and is working with several small communities in several GSAs.

Discussion occurred on the timeline to get the budget for next fiscal year approved by the NKGSA Board. Based on that timeline, it was determined that FID will send out the copies of the current multi-year budget estimate as a refresher for all parties and that any requested changes should be submitted to the Admin/Fiscal subcommittee for consideration by April 15.

Item 4c – Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee

The Membership/Outreach/Communications Subcommittee's agenda items were already covered in the Outreach Plan presentation.

Item 5 – Public Comments

Phil Larsen reported that he is frequently asked by growers if the State is going to limit their groundwater use. In response, Gary Serrato discussed the importance of local agencies achieving sustainability so that the State will not have to get involved. Gary also described his recent discussions with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff regarding how the State will deal with "bad actors" if other GSAs are achieving sustainability, the need to recognize groundwater recharge as a beneficial use of surface water, and that tributary waters should remain in their native basin at least until that basin achieves sustainability. Tommy Esqueda pointed out that the purpose of SGMA was not to "control groundwater", it was to eliminate undesirable effects of groundwater use.

Item 6 – Member Comments

No further member comments

Item 7 – Adjourn

Motion by Vice Chair Bill Stretch, second by Bernard Jimenez; approved unanimously. Adjourned at 3:05 PM.