

## MINUTES

### **NKGSA Advisory Committee Meeting April 12, 2019 Clovis Public Safety Building**

#### **In attendance:**

*Chair Scott Redelfs – City of Clovis	Amanda Peisch-Derby – DWR
*Adam Claes – FID	Andy Gordus – CDFW
*Ken Moore – City of Kerman	Jason Franklin – Pinedale County Water District
*Alan Hofmann – FMFCD	Lisa Koehn – Clovis
*Glenn Allen – County of Fresno	Michael Moore – FMFCD
*Dejan Pavic – City of Fresno (Alternate)	Michael Carbajal – City of Fresno
Brandy Swisher – FMFCD	Ronnie Samuelian – Provost & Pritchard
Dao Lor – ABIRC	Tim Bakman – Bakman Water Co.
Joshua Xiong – ABIRC	Jim Anderson – Malaga County Water District
Don Wright –Reporter	Diane Merrill – League of Women Voters
Peter Baloian – Baloian Fars	Gary Serrato – FID
Mary Perich – League of Women Voters	Maria Rodriguez
Andrew Nabors – CUSD	
Paul Armendariz – City of Clovis	
Rebecca Quist – KRCD	

\* - Voting representative on Advisory Committee

### **Item 1 – Called to order at 1:32 pm**

### **Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from 01/11/2019 Meeting**

Motion by Alan Hofmann to approve; second by Dejan Pavic. Approved unanimously.

### **Item 3 – Receive – Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates**

#### **Item 3a – Technical Subcommittee**

(Subcommittee update presented by Adam Claes)

The subcommittee is working on developing its sustainability plan. Plans are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The draft plan continues to be developed now with a goal to complete the plan by mid-summer, at which point (hopefully around July) public workshops will be held to provide updates. The 2 main focuses right now are (1) the water budget and (2) sustainable management criteria.

With regards to the water budget, the subcommittee is working on identifying which entities will be responsible for overdrafts and for how much overdraft. The NKGSA will be breaking down overdrafts agency by agency. The baseline time period has been selected (1997-2011), and there will be a second set of budget numbers based on current and projected data.

With regards to the SMC, the subcommittee is working on identifying goals and long-term objectives (such as groundwater levels, water quality, etc.). Most of the time is being spent on groundwater levels, utilizing the monitoring network of 50 wells (referred to as “indicator wells”) throughout the GSA. For water quality, the subcommittee has been working with Trevor Joseph from DWR – who helped develop SGMA regulations – to develop language.

#### **Item 3b – Administrative/Fiscal Subcommittee**

(Subcommittee update provided by Lisa Koehn)

The revised Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget went to the Board in March and was approved. The subcommittee will now be working on adjusting the memo on cost share, which should be completed soon (hopefully by next month).

#### **Item 3c – Membership/Outreach/Communications (MOC) Subcommittee**

(Subcommittee update provided by Brandy Swisher)

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with local growers, hosted by the UC Cooperative Extension. Adam Claes presented at this meeting. The focus was on practical actions growers can take to use their water wisely, including by increasing their use of surface water for irrigation. UCCE provided a map of southeast Asian farms within the NKGSA and neighboring GSAs.

The second public workshop is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be held at the West Park School District. The target audience is rural-residential properties under 5 acres within FID's service area. (Most of these properties will be west of Highway 99.)

The outline of the working GSP has been posted to the website, and the Interested Parties Database (used to send meeting notices and other updates) is currently at 439 people.

Gary Serrato also mentioned that there will be a town hall meeting on Channel 26, which will reach from Merced to Bakersfield. It will be a panel-style meeting (members to be determined). There will be a meeting in 2 weeks to go over details.

#### **Item 4 – Receive – Basin Coordination Update**

(Update presented by Ronnie Samuelian)

All GSAs are progressing with their GSPs. A common outline is being used among all of them, and language is being edited for use by all GSAs. The cooperation agreement is also nearly complete. DWR has indicated that submission can't happen until all of the GSAs have completed their plans, and the plans & cooperation agreement are a "package deal."

The estimate of confined aquifer flows has been completed and will help us determine how much water is moving from our area into neighboring areas. The summary water budget has been completed, but the McMullin and North Kings boundary flows are still being looked at. The sustainable yield for the overall Basin has been identified, but it will not be applicable to each GSA.

It was noted that one of the criteria the plans will be evaluated on (per DWR) is if the plan impacts a neighboring basin and whether it will affect the neighboring basin's ability to reach sustainability. We are not required to coordinate our plans with these other basins, but we will consult.

**Item 5 – Public Comments**

None.

**Item 6 – Member Comments**

Gary Serrato from FID noted that interviews will be happening as early as next week for the next Executive Officer for the GSA. This will be the first phase of the interview process, as the Ad-Hoc Committee must select someone and then bring them back to the Board for approval, at which point negotiations can begin. The goal is to have someone selected in June.

**Item 7 – Adjourn**

Motion by Alan Hofmann to adjourn; second by Glenn Allen. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 2:10 pm.