

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, January 25, 2017

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD
Dave Fenn, Cawelo, Cawelo WD
Michael James, City of Shafter
Supervisor Couch, County of Kern
Royce Fast & Marty Milobar, KCWA
Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District
Jason Selvidge & Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD
Mark Franz, Shafter-Wasco ID
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Dennis Mullins & Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Jeff Siemens, Olcese WD
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
Joe MacIrvine, Westside District Water Authority
Dennis Atkinson, Tejon-Castaic WD

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Collup, Arvin-Edison WSD
Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Anna Dutton, Arvin-Edison WSD
Dave Ansolabehere, Cawelo WD
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD
Steve Dalke, Kern-Tulare WD
Jon Parker, KWBA
Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Dan Bartel, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Lori Honea, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic WSD
Roland Gross, SSJMUD
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Harry Starkey, West Kern WD
Greg Hammett, Westside District Water Authority
Valerie Kincaid, O'Laughlin, Paris, LLP
Maurice Etchechurry, Buena Vista WSD
Blair Knox, CIPA

Dee Jaspar, Dee Jaspar & Associates
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants
Patty Poire, Grimmway Farms
Florn Core, Kern County
Phil Hall, Kern County
Alan Christensen, Kern County
Holly Melton, KCWA
Dave Beard, ID4
Gene Lundquist, ID4
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD
Joe Hughes, Klein Law
Robert Kuhs, Kuhs Parker Law
Mark Bateman, LeBeau Thelon, LLP
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Justin Birch, Materra Farming
Alex Shafer, Materra Farming
Doug Nunneley, Oildale Water
Pres Brittan, Pacific Resources
Angelica Martin, Tejon-Castaic WD
Sunny Kapoor, West Kern WD
George Cappello, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Robert Goff, Wonderful Orchards
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge
Scott Kuney, Young Wooldridge
Don Wright
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch LLP

1. **Call to Order** – Director Couch called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. after it was confirmed there was a quorum. We meet the threshold under the JPA and will be operating under it.
2. **Public Comments** – None
3. **Minutes** – A motion was made by Director Taube and seconded by Director Morris to approve the December 19, 2016 special board meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
4. **Treasurer’s Report** –
 - a. **Accounts Payable/Receivable** - Mr. Diamond presented the Accounts Payable/Receivable to the Authority Board. A motion was made by Director Morris and seconded by Director Fenn to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented and authorize the disbursements of the accounts payable as of December 31, 2016. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act – Manager and Committee Reports**

- a. **Report on Amended and Restated Joint Powers Authority Agreement** –Mr. Averett reported that this has been circulated by action of the Board. This will be brought back at the February board meeting for everyone to decide and sign.
- b. **Update on Basin Modeling Effort** – Mr. Mulkay reported that Todd is redoing their funding agreement. He said that the approximate cost is \$440K and he anticipates that the Kern River GSA will approve at their next meeting. Mr. Averett reported that at the Coordination Committee a sub-committee consisting of KWBA, NKWSD, RRBWSD, Semitropic & AEWSD, was formed to discuss soliciting additional RFQ's for this work in order to choose the best modeler for everyone. Mr. Parker reported that the sub-committee met yesterday and they will be putting together the RFQ and soliciting different consultants for technical assistance for the modeling efforts. They anticipate to have the responses back in two weeks and will report to the Board the short list of recommendations. Mr. Averett reiterated the following points in regard to the final Basin Model for the Kern Subbasin:
 - 1) We need to make sure that we have transparency for all data being reported to DWR
 - 2) All data share between everyone is critical
 - 3) The modeling architecture will need to be the same – C2VSIM Model
- c. **Urban Committee Report** – No report.
- d. **Coordination Committee Report** – The meeting was 01/17/17.
 - 1. **DWR – Report on Water Available for Replenishment** –Mr. Averett said that DWR has put this report on their website. He reported that the numbers are of concern in regard to water supply. It creates a “glass ceiling” in regard to the GSP process and this is concerning. Since it is still in draft form Mr. Averett reported that ACWA has submitted comments. He suggested that the Coordination Committee do the same on behalf of the KGA. The comments are due in March.
- e. **GEI Update** – Mr. Rodriguez reported that they will be scheduling a detailed meeting in regard to the GSP Framework with the managers in late February or early March. He also reported that they are working on the ITRC data defining boundaries for each participating entity needed to partition the ET data.

6. **Special Activity Reports**

- a. **Cal Poly ET Study** – The current Exhibit A is in the board packet showing the cost % for each District. Mr. Diamond will be sending the invoices to the Districts for their proportional share.

- b. **Kern Groundwater Authority Sustainability Agency**
 - i. **Report on Special Activity Agreement** – Mr. Averett reported that this was circulated separately to the Boards for individual adoption.
 - ii. **GEI Task Order No. 13** – Mr. Rodriguez reported that GEI is currently working on TO #13. He reported that a workshop was held to go over the various items. GEI is combining the information and will circulate the data in the next few weeks.
 - iii. **Workshop – Stakeholder Outreach on KGA/GSA Formation** – Mr. Rodriguez reported that they need proper boundaries. Mr. Ayres is working on the mapping efforts. They are planning on a public outreach in March or April on the efforts on the GSA formation. This will be in support of their GSA findings.
- 7. **Discussion on Approach to Implementation of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**
 - a. **Stakeholder Outreach Effort – Center for Collaborative Policy – Draft Report** – Mr. Averett reported that the report was included in the board packet. After discussion, the Board felt that the report was to “general” and they would like more specific comments because the findings in the report were too broad. The Board recommended that the Coordination Committee have CCP give them more specifics to the actual concerns/questions. When they receive this data the committee will take the list of issues and narrow them down. They can take the results and prepare a white paper to present to the Board showing the top issues and the goals to address and/or resolve these issues.
- 8. **Coordination Activities**
 - a. **SB4** – No report.
 - b. **CASGEM** – No report.
 - c. **ILRP** – No report.
- 9. **Correspondence** – A letter from Kern County Planning in regard to workshops planned for January and February, 2017.
- 10. **Old or New Business** – Mr. Averett reminded everyone that DWR and the State Board requires that GSAs to do outreach efforts in their separate Districts.
- 11. **Attorney(s) Report** – Ms. Kincaid reported that the next decision point is GSP coordination. She emphasized the following points:
 - 1) Have to have decision point – who’s signing it? Need signatory’s for all plans (GSP)
 - 2) One (1) Coordination Agreement for the Basin with chapters within
 - 3) Have to have Coordination Agreement before you can develop your plans
 - 4) How plans are going to talk to each other before you develop your own GSP

5) Plans need to be on a parallel track

The DWR requirements are:

1. Governance & Coordination – Intra & Inter Basin GSP
Coordination Land Use & County
2. Basin Setting – State of the Basin
3. SGM Planning – Sustainability Goal (Sustainable Yield, SGM),
Measureable Objectives & Undesirable Results, Water Budgets,
Data Collection & Monitoring Plan
4. Evaluation – Implementation & Reporting

These requirements will require a Coordination Agreement and a KGA Special Activity Agreement. There will need to be Stakeholder involvement as well.

She also addressed the following:

Coordination Agreement – (Coordination Agreement for Basin, Inter & Intrabasin Issues and Water Budgets): the draft will be circulated to the attorney group in early February, 2017.

SA-Project” or Memorandum of Agreement – (Establish Organizational Structure under KGA and Describes Members duties and responsibilities with respect to GSA and GSP requirements): a draft MOA for the Option 1 group on how to work together.

Special Activity Agreement (SA) – (Establish Organizational Structure under KGA and Enable members to engage consultants to assist in GSA Formation & Implementation of GSPs): A new, revised SA will be circulated to the group and there will be a workshop for Option 1 GSAs. There are a lot of gray areas in regard to “how does my chapter fit in?”, “vote work”, etc. She reported that the managers need to sit down and have a common understanding of GSA/GSP issues and discuss any outstanding questions.

12. **Adjournment** – Director Couch adjourned the board meeting at 9:18 a.m.