

**JPA Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Raul Barraza, Jr, Arvin Community Services District
Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD
Dave Fenn, Cawelo, Cawelo WD
Michael James, City of Shafter
Supervisor Couch, County of Kern
Marty Milobar, KCWA
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District
Jeff Siemens, Olcese WD
Jason Selvidge, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
Mark Franz, Shafter-Wasco ID
Patty Poire, Tejon-Castaic WD
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Dennis Mullins & Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Joe MacIlvaine, Westside District Water Authority, via conference call

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Collup, Arvin-Edison WSD
Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Anona Dutton, Arvin-Edison WSD
Doug Gosling, BHG Law Firm
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD
Dave Ansolabehere, Cawelo WD
Jon Parker, Kern Water Bank Authority
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Lori Honea, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Patrick Mize, North Kern WSD
Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic WSD
Roland Gross, SSJMUD
Harry Starkey, West Kern WD
Valerie Kincaid, O'Laughlin, Paris, LLP
Brad DeBranch, Bolthouse
Joe Ashley, CRC
Dee Jaspar, Dee Jaspar & Assoc
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants

Florn Core, Kern County
Phil Hall, Kern County
Beatris Sanders, Kern County Farm Bureau
Dave Beard, ID4
Gene Lundquist, ID4
Holly Melton, Kern County Water Agency
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Rich Tillema, Kern Delta WD
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD
Costas Cecero, Kern-Tulare WD
Joe Hughes, Klein Law
Mark Tomlinson, Kuhs Parker Law
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Dan Raytis, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Pres Brittan, Pacific Resources
David Halopoff, Provost & Pritchard
Bret Sill, Sill Properties
Todd Turley, South Valley Farms
Sunny Kapoor, West Kern WD
Wendy Adams-Rosenburger, West Kern WD
George Cappello, Wheeler Ridge- Maricopa WSD
Robert Goff, Wonderful Orchards
Tim Gobler, Wonderful Orchards
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge
Scott Kuney, Young Wooldridge
Julie Bell, Providence Consulting
Devon Yurosek, Yurosek Farming
Don Wright
Jim Beck, Hallmark Group
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch, LLP
Rob Baker
Brandon Spain, Farmland Management Services
Alan Peake, Wall, Wall & Peake

1. **Call to Order** – Director Couch called the meeting to order at 8:01 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. **Appointment of Board Chairperson** – Mr. Averett reported that Director MacIvaine will be stepping down as the Chairman of the KGA but will remain a Director for the Westside District Water Authority. Mr. Averett reported the Executive Committee met on 08/21 to discuss a successor. It was recommended that Dennis Mullins, the Director from Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District, take over as Chairman. A motion was made by Director Wegis and seconded by Director Taube to accept the Executive

Committees recommendation and have Director Mullins become the new Chairman of the Kern Groundwater Authority effective immediately. The motion was unanimously carried.

Director Mullins took his seat and ran the meeting as Chairman.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

a. July 19, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Director Morris and seconded by Director Andrew to approve the July 19, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. **Accounts Payable/Receivable** – Mr. Mize presented the Accounts Payable/Receivable to the Authority Board. After discussion regarding the Special Activity costs and the GEI TO 12 Amendment 1, NKWSD (fiscal agent) will be billing for the Special Activities in August to reimburse the budget for the work performed. A motion was made by Director Taube and seconded by Director Andrew to authorize the disbursements as of July 31, 2017 and authorize billing for the Special Activities 1,2, & 3. The motion included approving the GEI Task Order 12 Amendment 1 revising the budget from \$30,000 to \$47,000. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **Manager's Report**

- a. **KGA Coordination Agreement** – Mr. Averett reported that Ms. Kincaid drafted and circulated the Coordination Agreement three (3) months ago and has received comments back. A policy group was formed consisting of the KGA, KRGSA & the BVGSA to discuss this further. Their plan is to meet on a monthly basis to discuss coordination.

Mr. Averett reiterated the following points:

- We all need to have a clear understanding of what "Coordination" actually means!
- We can't even start a GSP until we've coordinated on issues such as *Water Budgets, Sustainability Goals, etc.*
- ALL issues need to be addressed because they drive what's in our GSP's
- The Coordination Agreement needs to be done first before moving forward
- Will put together a list of issues and will work on dwindling them down to move forward

- b. **KGA Issues List** – Ms. Kincaid reported the latest list was circulated, comments have been received and they are ready to make this list final to advance resolving the issues.

Mr. Averett suggested bringing in an outside mediator to get this list resolved. He reported that Dave Ceppos from CCP is available. He can reach out to him and see if he is interested/available. Mr. Ceppos has worked on these efforts with other Basins. There are DWR grant funds available for this effort as well. Everyone needs to begin to prioritize these issues so we can individually move to doing our own GSP chapters.

The Board is familiar with Dave Ceppos and recommends soliciting him.

Mr. Averett will solicit a proposal from Dave Ceppos and bring it back to the Board next month. If all gets approved we'd like to have him be present by October, 2017 to start the process.

- c. **Preparation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans** – Mr. Rodriguez reported that GEI is working on the efforts to develop a GSP outline both at a Basin-wide and Chapter level under TO 11. There are key coordination issues at both levels. He will be presenting at the next Coordination Meeting on 09/11.
 - d. **CASGEM Compliance** – Mr. Averett gave a brief update to the Board. He reported that there are grant funds available but a Basin can't apply if they're not CASGEM compliant.
There was a discussion concerning the white areas and getting ourselves compliant/coordinated. DWR has been in communication with Mr. Averett on the issues and said that coordination needs to be done before the awarding of funds. If the Basin isn't compliant then no funds will be awarded.
7. **Update on Cal Poly SLO Evapotranspiration Study** – Mr. Averett reported that there has been additional work done from GEI on the ET Study due to discrepancies – 5-7% increase in ET. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the data has been sent to the Districts to do quality checks and some have been doing comparative data. Mr. Averett said that he would like to bring Dr. Howes from Cal Poly in for a discussion/Q&A. Mr. Mulkay stated that Todd GW would like the data sooner than later even if it is in draft form.
8. **Groundwater Sharing – An Approach to Groundwater Management**– Mr. Averett gave a synopsis of the 08/03 Mike Young presentation to the Board. He reiterated some of the points to include:
- What is being proposed is NOT creating a water market – it creates a common set of accounting principles
 - This proposes a system of accounting – a standardized system of accounting that allows us to more efficiently manage water
 - This can have us track water use by well or APN for our system of accounting for our GSP's
 - The terms we use are negotiable - "shares" can be referred to as "accounts"
 - Banking rules will be developed in your own GSP chapters and by Agreement

Mr. Averett reiterated that we ALL have to come up with something no matter what methodology we use. This is a SGMA requirement. There HAS to be a system of accounting, period!

Mr. Averett said that this will be added to the Coordination Committee agenda to discuss further whether Kern can incorporate this methodology or not.

9. **Old or New Business** – None

10. **Attorney(s) Report** – Ms. Kincaid reiterated that the Coordination Agreement needs to be in place with or before the GSP's and also for Prop 1 funding. She encourage the policy folks to get this put together sooner rather than later.

Mr. Mulkay reported on behalf of the KRGSA that his group will be reviewing the Coordination Agreement and the Issues List on 09/07 and respond accordingly to get this going.

11. **Closed Session** – At 9:03 a.m. the Board met in closed session along with legal counsel.

At 9:24 a.m. Director Mullins announced that there was one reportable action in closed session.

A motion was made by Director Wegis and seconded by Director Taube to engage Provost & Pritchard to hire Terry Erlewine for the Basin Coordinator position and have them advertise for a Planning Manager position. The motion was unanimously carried.

12. **Adjournment** – Director Mullins adjourned the board meeting at 9:25 a.m.



**STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
AGREEMENT NO. KGMC-0001**

**EXHIBIT A
TASK ORDER NO. 15**

Kern Groundwater Authority
2017 Proposition 1 Grant Support

The scope of work, schedule and project budget have been developed to provide the Kern Groundwater Authority (KGA and CLIENT) support and technical assistance for the preparation of a grant application to the 2017 Proposition 1: Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant program. All efforts undertaken under this Task Order will be at the direction of the KGA Basin Coordinator.

SCOPE OF WORK

Development of the Prop 1 Grant Application is being led by the Kern River GSA and their consultant Horizon Water and Environment. GEI will assist Horizon in the preparation of the Prop 1 grant application to support the inclusion of KGA workplans, project descriptions and budgets. The grant application is due on November 13, 2017.

At the direction of the KGA Basin Coordinator, GEI will provide support and coordination for the development of Category 1, Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDACs), and Category 2, Groundwater Sustainability Plans, for the KGA planning area. GEI's support could include the following efforts:

- Development of proposal summaries or project descriptions
- Development of technical needs statements
- Identification of project support
- Development of work plans
- Development of project budgets and schedules

GEI will coordinate the development of all work products with Horizon to ensure consistency to grant submittal templates and formats.

SCHEDULE

Work on this Task Order will begin upon execution by the CLIENT and GEI and continue through November 30, 2017.



BUDGET

Time and materials for this Task Order are not to exceed **\$10,000**. The CLIENT shall pay GEI in accordance with Exhibit B of the Professional Services Agreement.

Should GEI anticipate that additional monies or additional time is needed to complete this Task Order, GEI shall notify the CLIENT at least 30 days prior to the depletion of funds or expiration of this Task Order in order to begin an amendment to this Task Order.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

GEI and the CLIENT agree that the services described in this Task Order will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Professional Services Agreement.

For CLIENT:

For GEI:

By:

By:

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Print Name)

(Title)

(Title)

(Date)

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