

JPA Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, September 27, 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
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
Patty Poire, Tejon-Castaic WD
Gary Morris & Harry Starkey, West Kern WD
Dennis Mullins & Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

Raul Barraza, Jr, Arvin Community Services District
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
Mark Franz, Shafter-Wasco ID
Joe MacIrvine, Westside District Water Authority

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Collup, Arvin-Edison WSD
Doug Gosling, Braun Gosling
Dave Ansolabehere, Cawelo WD
Jon Parker, Kern Water Bank Authority
Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD
Patrick Mize, North Kern WSD
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Lori Honea, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Dan Bartel, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic WSD
Roland Gross, SSJMUD
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Valerie Kincaid, O'Laughlin, Paris, LLP
Terry Erlewine, Provost & Pritchard
John Schaap, Provost & Pritchard
Rebecca Gomez, Provost & Pritchard
David Halopoff, Provost & Pritchard
Alan Peake, Arvin Community Services District

Tim Ashlock, Buena Vista WSD
Dee Jaspar, Dee Jaspar & Assoc
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants
Florn Core, Kern County
Alan Christensen, 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
Robert Kuhs, Kuhs Parker Law
Mark Tomlinson, Kuhs Parker Law
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Alex Shafer, Materra Farming
Doug Nunneley, Oildale Mutual
Pres Brittan, Pacific Resources
Todd Turley, South Valley Farms
George Cappello, Wheeler Ridge- Maricopa WSD
Robert Goff, Wonderful Orchards
Tim Gobler, Wonderful Orchards
Molly Saso, Wonderful Orchards
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge
Scott Kuney, Young Wooldridge
Devon Yurosek, Yurosek Farming
Don Wright
Jim Beck, Hallmark Group
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch, LLP
Brandon Spain, Farmland Management Services

1. Call to Order – Director Mullins 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. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Director Couch and seconded by Director Taube to approve the August 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Accounts Payable/Receivable – Mr. Mize presented the Accounts Payable/Receivable to the Authority Board. A motion was made by Director

Couch and seconded by Director Andrew to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize the disbursements as of August 31, 2017. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. Manager's Report

- a. KGA Coordination Agreement - Update– Mr. Averett reported that Ms. Kincaid drafted and circulated a redline version of the Coordination Agreement to the attorneys and she's received comments. All GSA's have weighed in as well. Ms. Kincaid reported that she will clean up the comments and re-circulate the latest version to the attorneys. The plan is to have at least an Interim Coordination Agreement to approve at the next meeting if it can't be in final form. Mr. Averett reiterated the following points:
 - We all need to have a clear understanding of what "Coordination" actually means!
 - We can't 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 – Mediation Effort Update – Mr. Averett reported that this is prepared and is in final form. It was decided to change the name from *mediation* to *facilitation service* because it isn't truly mediation. He has been in communication with Dave Ceppos from CCP and he is available to facilitate this effort. Mr. Averett is working with Mr. Erlewine to develop a scope of work and provide to Mr. Ceppos for review. Mr. Averett stated we can get this effort started without the full scope of work approval. He recommends getting the project description budget from DWR/CCP and get a calendar of meetings set up.
- c. Proposition 1 Project Solicitation Proposal – Mr. Averett reported that the KRGSA is acting as the lead agency to prepare and submit the grant proposal. Mr. Beard, representing the KRGSA, reported that they have solicited and contracted Horizon Water and Environmental to complete and submit the grant application. Horizon Water and Environmental's budget is \$80,000 to be completed in 9-10 weeks. It was agreed to submit projects in the proposal that benefit the whole Basin (i.e. Todd Groundwater Model and the Hydrologic Concept Model by RMC).
 - i. Cost Sharing – Budget Augmentation – Mr. Averett reported that the KGA budget will need to be increased to accommodate the KGA's portion of the grant preparation cost. The allocation will be split using the % from the ET study. Ms. Kincaid confirmed that a special activity agreement wouldn't be needed if all board members concurred with this motion. A motion was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Couch to

increase the budget authorization for an amount not to exceed \$70K. The motion was unanimously carried.

- ii. GEI Task Order – Mr. Rodriguez reviewed TO15 with the Board. He reported that this TO will be a collaborative process between GEI and Horizon on an “as-needed” basis to support the efforts in the preparation of the Prop 1 grant application, KGA workplans, project descriptions, and budgets. A motion was made by Director Couch and seconded by Director Taube to authorize the GEI Consultants Task Order No. 15 on a time and materials basis for an amount not to exceed \$10,000. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Coordinated Framework Update – Mr. Averett gave a brief update to the Board. He reported that Mr. Rodriguez gave a presentation at the 09/11/2017 Coordination Committee meeting. The document will be standardized with common information for coordinated items pertinent to everyone and “fill-in” information specific to everyone. Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Averett stated this effort will assist in the following:

- We need to make sure coordination efforts for our GSP And chapter levels
- There is technical and policy that will be for the “fill-in” blanks
- This will give us a list of “TO DO’s” to work on
- We can begin to sequence them and give us a task list to work on
- A lot of items need to be coordinated with others in the Basin – for example – we can’t develop a water budget in a vacuum

Mr. Rodriguez emphasized that this will provide a task list and sequencing so we can move forward. He will develop a check list to detail what will be needed now. The goal is to have the framework and checklist completed by the end of the year. All steps will be run through the Coordination Committee. Ms. Kincaid asked “how many chapters will there be?” These folks need to start talking and working together sooner than later.

6. Update on Cal Poly SLO Evapotranspiration Study – Mr. Averett reported that Dr. Howes from Cal Poly called into the 09/11/2017 Coordination Committee meeting. He reported that all data has been provided to GEI and the draft report has been circulated. There was an algorithm error for one of the years (2013) and he will be correcting it. Dr. Howes was asked to also perform an open water ET calculation. He reported that they are currently working on the calculation. Mr. Rodriguez reported that the KGA applied for a grant to cover 50% of the study, and we should be receiving the contract soon. Mr. Munn asked if we had any plans on keeping this data current going forward. Mr. Averett answered stating that DWR has a movement to do this going forward through Land IQ and all data will be made publicly available.
7. Old or New Business – Mr. Erlewine shared that there will be a SGMA Workshop on October 20th in Tulare. All GSA’s in our Basin are invited. He also reported that the

Southern San Joaquin Valley Coordination Group has meetings scheduled. He will send out the list of meetings to this group for anyone that would like to attend.

8. 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 will be working on the Issues List and would like to have the draft ready for next month.

9. Closed Session – At 8:57 a.m. the Board met in closed session along with legal counsel.

At 9:24 a.m. Director Mullins announced that there were no reportable actions in closed session.

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