

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD
Dave Fenn, Cawelo, Cawelo WD
Michael James, City of Shafter
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
Roger Riley, Shafter-Wasco ID
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Joe MacIrvine, Westside District Water Authority

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

Supervisor Couch, County of Kern
Dennis Atkinson, Tejon-Castaic WD

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Collup, Arvin-Edison WSD
Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Dave Ansolabehere, Cawelo WD
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD
Steve Dalke, Kern-Tulare WD
Jon Parker, Kern Water Bank Authority
Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Lori Honea, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Dan Bartel, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Harry Starkey, West Kern WD
Greg Hammett, Westside District Water Authority
Rob Kunde, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Valerie Kincaid, O'Laughlin & Paris, LLP
Stephanie Lucero, CCP (via conference line)
Dave Ceppos, CCP (via conference line)
Doug Gosling, BHG Law Firm
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants

Patty Poire, Grimmway Farms
Supervisor Mick Gleason, Kern County
Phil Hall, Kern County
Florn Core, Kern County
Beatris Sanders, Kern County Farm Bureau
Holly Melton, KCWA
Gene Lundquist, ID4
Dave Beard, ID4
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD
Joe Hughes, Klein Law
Ravi Patel, Klein Law
Robert Kuhs, Klein Law
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Justin Birch, Materra Farming
Alan Boyce, Materra Farming
David Halopoff, Provost & Pritchard
Matt Brady, South Valley Farms
Angelica Martin, Tehon-Castaic WD
Sunny Kapoor, West Kern WD
Wendy Adams-Rosengburger, West Kern WD
Melissa Poole, Wonderful Orchards
Robert Goff, Wonderful Orchards
Scott Kuney, Young Wooldridge
Devon Yurosek, Yurosek Farming
Don Wright
Bret Sill, Sil Properties
Joe Ashley, CRC (via conference line)
Phillip Peters

1. **Call to Order** – Director MacIvaine called the meeting to order at 8:00 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** – Mr. Averett reported that Kern Delta WD & ID4 asked if they can be relieved from future obligations in regard to budgetary billings. The Authority Board said they would look at the JPA Agreement and confer with legal counsel and put this on next month’s agenda for further discussion.
3. **Minutes** – A motion was made by Director Taube and seconded by Director Morris to approve the August 24, 2016 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 Treasurers Report and the Accounts Payable/Receivable to the Authority Board. A motion was made by Director Pascoe and seconded by Director Taube to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. A motion was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Regan to authorize the disbursements of the accounts payable as of August 31, 2016. The motions were unanimously carried.

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

- a. **Update on GSA Formation** –Mr. Averett reviewed the DWR response letter that provided further clarity with the Authority Board. He reviewed the following points:

1. GSAs have to be formed by June 30, 2017 – delinquent on July 1, 2017
2. Whole point is this needs to be a Basin effort
3. A GSP *WILL* be coordinated with EVERYONE in the Basin – EVERYONE has to *agree* on the fundamental components

Mr. Ceppos, from CCP, added that in regard to the GSP regulations for management areas – should develop a minimum threshold (undesirable results) but everybody still has to agree as a whole.

He also reported that according to SGMA it is completely agnostic. It will always look to collaborative areas as a singular GSP as a “collective agreement” and it must be sustainable.

- b. **Funding agreement with Kern River GSA for Groundwater Modeling** – Mr. Averett reviewed the Funding Participation Agreement with the Authority Board. He reported that the Coordination Committee has two sub-committees formed to further look into this agreement. This would be handled as a Special Project Activity Agreement. He reported that a DWR requirement is that we “will have a numerical model” for each Basin.

Mr. Mulkey reported that the Kern River GSA is using the Todd Engineering Model. This particular model uses the C2V Sim Model. He said that a meeting has been scheduled for October 11th at 1:30 PM at the KCWA for Todd Engineering to present and further discuss their model. He reported that the Kern River GSA is moving forward with this model for their area and would like everyone's input.

Discussion from the group questioned if other models were considered or not.

Mr. Averett reported that the Coordination Committee will look into this further and decide if the KGA will be going along with the KR GSA Todd Model for the whole Basin or not.

No action was taken at this meeting.

- c. **Update on ITRC METRIC Study** – Mr. Averett reported that the packet from ITRC has been received. GEI has a task order for this and will be reviewing the data and be bringing it to the Coordination Committee for review.

- d. **Urban Committee Report** – Mr. Starkey reported that there was no meeting. The next meeting has been scheduled for October 20th at 9 AM at Oildale Mutual.
 - e. **Coordination Committee Report**
 - i. **Task Order No. 11 – GSP Framework** – Mr. Averett reported that the Coordination Committee has reviewed Task Order No. 11 from GEI. Mr. Rodriguez will send it to the whole group for review. Under this TO, GEI will identify all required GSP elements and develop a GSP framework that recommends which element would be included in a KGA GSP (or “Umbrella GSP”) and in members’ “Chapter GSPs” as broadly described in the Amended and Restated JPA Agreement. All this work would be completed by December 31, 2017. Mr. Rodriguez said GEI will be going back through the DWR regulations and summarize the required roles and responsibilities. They will define the chapters and develop chapter descriptions for coordination. A motion was made by Director Morris and seconded by Director Fenn to authorize the Standard Professional Services Agreement Task Order No. 11 with GEI Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$34,000. The motion was unanimously carried.
 - ii. **Update on Stakeholder Issue Identification** – Mr. Averett reported that the Coordination Sub-Committee group has reviewed Work Order No. 3 regarding the CCP’s approach. He reported that DWR will fund everything and they will work for us under contract with DWR. Mr. Averett and Ms. Lucero reported that we will do a broad stroke with Workshops and then will do direct interviews with stakeholders. This will help us design the workshop agendas. Their tasks are outlined as:
 - 1. Task 1: Background Preparation
 - 2. Task 2: Stakeholder Assessment
 - 3. Task 3: Design and Conduct Public Workshops/Issue Identification
 - 4. Task 4: Prepare Report on Key Basin Issues and Final Next Step Recommendations
 - 5. Task 5: Project Management
 - f. **GEI Update** – Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the Activity Report with the Authority Board.
6. **Discussion on Approach to Implementation of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**
- a. **Kern Groundwater Authority – GSA & GSP** – Mr. Averett reported that there will need to be a general understanding and agreement with all the GSAs in Kern. This is *NOT NEGOTIABLE!*
 - b. **Groundwater Banking Projects** - No report
 - c. **Undesirable Results** - Mr. Averett reported that this is a “coordination” thing – what is acceptable/unacceptable in areas within GSAs.
 - d. **Basin Coordination – Numerical Model(s)** – This was covered under agenda 5b.

7. **Coordination Activities**
 - a. **SB4** – Mr. Averett reported that the State Board came down and gave a presentation at Rosedale’s office on SB4 monitoring requirements. They are open to coordination and want efficient monitoring.
 - b. **CASGEM** – No report
 - c. **ILRP** – No report
8. **Old or New Business** – None
9. **Attorney(s) Report** – No report
10. **Correspondence** - Mr. Averett reviewed the Correspondence letters received with the Authority Board.
11. **Adjournment** – Director MacIlvaine adjourned the board meeting at 9:35 a.m.