

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, February 28, 2018

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Raul Barraza Jr, Arvin Community Services District
Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD
Michael James, City of Shafter
Royce Fast & Marty Milobar, KCWA
Bill Taube & Kim Brown, Kern Water Bank Authority
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District
Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
Mark Franz & Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Greg Hammett & Rob Goff, Westside District Water Authority
Dennis Mullins & Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

Supervisor David Couch, County of Kern
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Jeff Siemens, Olcese WD
Dennis Atkinson, Tejon-Castaic WD

OTHERS PRESENT

Alan Peake, Arvin Community Services District
Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Steve Collup, Arvin-Edison WSD
Tim Ashlock, Buena Vista WSD
Dave Ansolabehere, Cawelo WD
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD
Jon Parker, Kern Water Bank Authority
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants
Michelle Ricker, GEI Consultants
Matthew Moyry, GEI Consultants
Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD
Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD
Alan Christensen, Kern County Administration Office
Greg Fenton, Kern County Administration Office
Florn Core, Kern County Administration Office
Taylor Blakslee, Kern County Water Agency
Gene Lundquist, ID4
Dave Beard, ID4

Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD
Robert Kuhs, Kuhs Parker Law
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Alex Shafer, Materra Farming
Valerie Kincaid, O’Laughlin, Paris, LLP
Doug Nunneley, Oildale Water
Pres Brittan, Pacific Resources
Rebecca Gomez, Provost & Pritchard
Terry Erlewine, Provost & Pritchard
Patty Poire, Kern Groundwater Authority
Lori Honea, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Dan Bartel, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Roland Gross, Shafter-Wasco ID
Bret Sill, Sill Properties
Todd Turley, South Valley Farms
Clifton Lollar, Sun World
Wendy Adams-Rosenburger, West Kern WD
George Cappello, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Sheridan Nicholas, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Tim Gobler, Wonderful Orchards
Molly Saso, Wonderful Orchards
Alan Doud, Young Wooldridge
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge
Scott Kuney, Young Wooldridge
Don Wright
Brion Francom, Bank of America
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch, LLP
Jim Beck, Hallmark Group
Jeff Johnson, Chevron

1. **Call to Order** – Director Mullins called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. after it was confirmed there was a quorum. The Board met the threshold for a quorum under the JPA and operated under it. Director Mullins introduced Patty Poire as KGA’s Planning Manager.
2. **Public Comments** – None
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. December 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Director Taube and seconded by Director Andrew to approve the December 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.
4. **Treasurer’s Report**

- a. **Accounts Payable/Receivable**– Mr. Diamond presented the Treasurer’s Report Memo from November 2017 through January 2018. Mr. Diamond stated that funds were unavailable to satisfy all accounts payable. Mr. Diamond recommended approval of treasurer’s report for November 2017 through January 2018 and sought authorization to make payment on accounts payable for December 2017 in the amount of \$75,084.23 and accounts payable for January 2018 in the amount of \$190,213.45; remaining January payables to be paid as funds become available for a total of \$265,297.68. A motion was made by Director Andrew, seconded by Director Taube, and unanimously passed to approve Treasurer’s Reports for November 2017, December 2017 and January 2018 and authorize payment of accounts payable for the December 2017 period in the amount of \$75,084.23 and accounts payable for the January 2018 period of \$190,213.45, with initial January payments to be made as follows: Barbich Hooper King Dell Hoffman - \$1,055.00, GEI Consultants - \$21,847.68, Provost & Pritchard Consultants - \$20,283.80, RMC Woodard & Curran Company - \$20,000, and ITRC-Cal Poly \$55,000.00; remaining January payables to be paid as funds become available.

5. **Basin Coordinator Report**

- a. **Budget for Calendar Year 2018 – Update** – Mr. Erlewine presented the updated 2018 budget. Mr. Erlewine explained that the Coordination Committee proposed three options for allocating costs and discussed them at the January & February meetings. The Coordination Committee recommended separating KGA costs into two primary categories – General and Administrative Costs (based on the budget definition in the KGA JPA) and GSP Preparation costs. General and Administrative costs would be the equal responsibility of all members of the KGA. GSP preparation costs would be allocated on a per acre base. The Urban areas (Shafter and Arvin) would have the ability to determine if they wanted to participate in the preparation of the GSP but would be required to participate in the general administrative costs to retain their seats on the KGA. The Coordination Committee also recommended that all costs be tracked and trued up to the appropriate budget at the end of the calendar year. A memo outlining the details was included in the meeting packet for reference. Mr. Erlewine explained that the current draft budget has been revised to include those activities that are planned for the remainder of the year to complete the draft GSP by early 2019. He provided and discussed the draft budget and the costs for those activities now included and presented a table of the costs for each member unit. Mr. Erlewine indicated to the Board that a cash call would be initiated to cover costs already incurred as well as for SAA#4. Mr. Erlewine requested the Board provide him any feedback they may have regarding the proposed draft budget and he planned to bring the budget back for Board approval at the March 2018 Board meeting.

- b. **Proposed Task Orders**

1. KGA Umbrella GSP Narrative – Mr. Erlewine described work that will be done to prepare the GSA umbrella basin setting section of the GSP. The basin setting work will be done at a high level for the entire basin. Proposal was included in the meeting packet for reference. The work will be prepared by GEI.
2. Technical Assistance, GEI – Mr. Erlewine described the GEI Task order proposed to continue technical and policy support as issues develop.
3. Coordination Assistance – Mr. Erlewine stated this task will provide continued administrative services, planning manager and technical support for approximately eight months. The work will be handled by Provost and Pritchard.

A motion was made by Rick Wegis, seconded by Gary Morris, and unanimously passed to approve task orders for GEI Consultants of \$110,000 to prepare sections of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, for GEI Consultants of \$20,000 to provide continued technical services and for Provost & Pritchard Consultants for \$230,000 to provide continued administrative services including a Basin Coordinator, Planning Manager and Administrative Assistant.

- c. **Proposed Special Activities Agreement #4** – Mr. Erlewine discussed the Coordination Committee’s recommendation on moving forward with the SAA#4 which includes the activities necessary to prepare a draft GSP in early 2019. This would include such activities as modeling and water budget. Mr. Erlewine explained that the Coordination Committee is also recommending the financial obligations from the members as reflected in the SAA#4. Ms. Kincaid described the difference between a Special Activity Agreement and an added line item in the budget for GSP with revised cost allocation for that budget. A motion was made by Bill Taube, seconded by Rick Wegis, and unanimously passed to authorize participating members to develop and enter into the Special Activity Agreement #4 for the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan, with budget amounts to be included for identified GSP preparation costs, and costs allocated among participating members as recommended by the Coordination Committee, with a true-up based on final district acreage figures when available. The motion was unanimously carried.
- d. **Accomplishments** – Mr. Erlewine reported on accomplishments. KGA was recommended for \$1.5 million from Prop 1 grant; Planning Manager Patty Poire was hired; the write-up on groundwater legal issues is nearly complete, with some further discussion and revisions to be considered, two meetings were held of Kern Policy Coordination Group including KGA, Kern River GSA and Buena Vista WSD; workshops are being planned and coordinated; our request for C2VSIM model to be made available has been granted and software will be made available this week or next week; and Patty is working with Self Help Enterprises on coordinating two workshops.
- e. **Forward Work Plan** – Mr. Erlewine’s memo reports that work is being done as follows: to finalize legal analysis of policy issues; discussions on Basin Setting for

GSPs; addressing White Area issues; refining scope and budget of KGA (umbrella) portion of GSP; management committee of Special Activities Agreement #2 on funding authority for Peer Review effort; and coordination of outreach program and defining schedule and approach for Spring 2018 stakeholder meetings.

6. **New Business** – None

7. **Correspondence** – None

8. **Attorney(s) Report**

- a. **Update on Legal Issues Writeup** - Ms. Kincaid reported on the status of the groundwater legal issues summary. A major outstanding issue without consensus is how to treat return flows from native appropriated surface water. A redraft of this section will be provided and a comment period will be given. The goal is to have it all finalized by the next meeting.

9. **Adjournment** – Director Mullins adjourned the board meeting at 9:13 a.m.