

JPA Board Meeting Minutes  
Kern Groundwater Authority  
Wednesday, March 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  
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD  
Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority  
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District  
Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD  
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD  
Jim Regan, SSJMUD  
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  
Ryan Fachin, 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 Hampton, Cawelo WD  
Jon Parker, Kern Water Bank Authority  
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants  
Michelle Ricker, GEI Consultants  
Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD  
Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD  
Alan Christensen, Kern County Administration Office  
Florn Core, Kern County Administration Office  
Gene Lundquist, ID4  
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD  
Jacob Easton, Klein Law  
Robert Kuhs, Kuhs Parker Law  
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth  
Marinelle Duarosan, NKWSD  
Valerie Kincaid, O'Laughlin, Paris, LLP

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  
Roland Gross, SSJMUD  
Sunny Kapoor, West Kern WD  
George Cappello, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD  
Tim Gobler, Wonderful Orchards  
Jeff Patrick, Young Wooldridge  
Devon Yurosek, Yurosek Farming  
Don Wright  
Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group  
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.
2. Public Comments – None
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. February 28, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
A motion was made by Director Taube and seconded by Director Andrew to approve the February 28, 2018 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 for the period from February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018. Exhibit A of the Treasurer's Report showed the KGA account balance for the month of February totaling \$210,469, no deposits were made in the month of February and disbursements were made in the amount of \$193,271 leaving a cash balance at the end of February of \$17,198. Exhibit C of the Treasurer's Report showed accounts receivables totaling \$317,693 and accounts payables of \$222,154, leaving a net asset balance of \$112,736 at the end of February. An action was requested to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February and approve payables in the amount of \$150,126.69. Motion to approve treasurer's report and payables was made by Director Pascoe and seconded by Director Fast. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. Basin Coordinator/ Planning Manager Report

- a. Budget for Calendar Year 2018 – Update – Mr. Erlewine reported that the bulk of the 2018 budget was presented at the February Board meeting, except for Tasks 4f through 4k of the SAA#4 which had not been quantified. Mr. Erlewine presented costs estimates and defined scopes of work for each of the tasks from 4f thru 4k. Kern Groundwater Authority has submitted invoices to receive money from the Stressed Counties Grant to assist with cost for work for meeting GSP requirements. Motion was made by Director Taube to approve the entire 2018 Budget and second by Director Morris. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. Special Activities Agreement #2
  - i. Cash Call or Develop a formal SAA#2 – Mr. Erlewine presented background on KGA’s action in 2017 to support a cost share with Kern River GSA for GSP Groundwater Modeling. Special Activities Agreement #2 was proposed at the time, but was not developed as a formal agreement. Instead it was retained as a budget line item. Mr. Erlewine recommended that an agreement or letter be prepared that defines the cost sharing relationship between KGA and Kern River. Additionally, participation percentages need to be reviewed to provide for invoicing of KGA members for the groundwater modeling activities. Director Fast reported that Kern County Water Agency’s Pioneer Project has wells in Kern River GSA and will likely be leaving the KGA GSP to be included in the Kern River GSA GSP. Mr. Erlewine will have updated percentages based on expressed participation to present on this matter at April’s board meeting. A cash call and approval of agreement between KGA and Kern River GSA are both expected at the April KGA Board meeting.
- c. Special Activities Agreement #4 Update – Mr. Erlewine reported that Special Activities Agreement #4 is ready and will be going out to agencies along with an invoice for tasks 4a – 4e totaling \$532,000 that was previously authorized by the KGA. Ms. Poire presented a proposal for workshop coordination and outreach events. The first two workshops have been scheduled for April 26 and May 21, with two other workshops to be scheduled in the fall of this year. Ms. Poire requested approval for budget of \$20,000 for Provost & Pritchard to coordinate required outreach events. Motion was made by Director Taube to approve \$20,000 Outreach Budget and was second by Director Barraza. The motion was unanimously carried.
- d. Data Request from GEI – Mr. Rodriguez of GEI reported that data has been compiled and requests have been made to KGA districts requesting assistance in obtaining missing data and reconciling some of the available data. Work is to be complete in April.
- e. DWR Agreement for use of the CV2SIM – Mr. Erlewine reported that Kern River GSA will be using DWR’s Fine Grid CV2SIM Model, the availability of which has

been delayed. Originally the model was to be available for use at the end of 2017, then it was to be calibrated and available early this year. Both of those deadlines have now passed, and the model has not been made available yet. After formal written request by KGA and Kern River GSA, DWR agreed to release an early version of the CV2SIM model. Parties seeking to use the CV2SIM model before its official release will be required to sign an agreement acknowledging that the model is not in final format and data will not be shared outside of the basin. Mr. Erlewine requested approval to sign DWR's Data Release Agreement on behalf of KGA and approval to request the model on behalf of individual Districts within KGA. Motion was made by Director Unruh to approve Mr. Erlewine to sign DWR's Data Release Agreement and approve to request CV2SIM Model on behalf of Districts within KGA, motion was second by Director Pandol. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. TODD Groundwater – A workshop on the hydrogeologic conceptual model by TODD Groundwater was scheduled in Bakersfield for April 5 at the Kern River GSA Board meeting. This is a public meeting; anyone interested is welcome to sit in on this meeting. Once TODD has a chance to familiarize itself with the model and has used it for some time, the KGA will invite them to make a presentation at a future KGA meeting.
  - g. Policy Coordination Meeting Update – Mr. Erlewine reported that the Policy Coordination Meeting met on March 21. The Policy Coordination Group includes representatives from the GSA's that are preparing their own Groundwater Sustainability Plans, including KGA, Kern River GSA, Buena Vista, and Henry Miller. Potential additional participants include Olcese WD and the City of McFarland. Meeting topics included selecting a Plan Manager (primarily, a single point of contact for DWR), outreach, data management system, and modeling.
  - h. Accomplishments – Mr. Erlewine briefly summarized the accomplishments memo included in the board package.
  - i. Forward Work Plan – Mr. Erlewine reported that GEI will continue to work on the basin setting narrative for the umbrella GSP and KGA is continuing to coordinate with the county on stakeholders on the undistricted areas. KGA will be working on updated percentages for cost allocation for the Special Activities Agreement #2 and developing a formal or informal agreement with Kern River GSA for the modeling and peer review.
6. Update on Undistricted Northeast Area – Jim Beck, Hallmark Group, reviewed the status of efforts to organize undistricted lands in the northeast portion of the KGA, located generally north of the Kern River and east of Cawelo WD and Tulare-Kern WD. This area is roughly 153,000 acres, with about 15,000 acres currently being irrigated. Hallmark Group is working with landowners in the area to determine how they can most effectively represent themselves. An initial workshop was held and a second workshop will be held in early April. The goal is to represent their own group for GSP development. Initially, this area is organizing as a non-profit group with expected cost of

approximately \$10 to \$15 per acre. The first board meeting will be at the end of the month. Participants are oil producers, grazers, irrigators and residential land owners. The proposed budget of \$153,000 would get them through January 2020.

7. Correspondence – Mr. Erlewine reported that a letter from Olcese Water District dated January 26, 2018 was received on March 7, 2018 providing notice of withdrawal from the KGA Joint Powers Agreement. Jeff Siemens also sent a letter resigning from the KGA Board of Directors, which was also dated January 26, 2018.
8. Attorney(s) Report
  - a. Update on Legal Issues Write-up – Ms. Kincaid noted that the legal issues paper is final as of March 26 and will be distributed to KGA members. The legal issues paper is a summary of groundwater allocation precedents. A large number of attorneys participated in development of this summary, which is about 60 pages in length. Ms. Poire stated that the Legal Issues paper will be distributed to stakeholders via email. President Mullins thanked Ms. Kincaid and her team for a job well done and accepted the report on behalf of the board.
  - b. Report on Grant Agreement for Prop 1 Funding - Ms. Kincaid discussed the distribution of Prop 1 funding. DWR announced its preliminary allocation of grant proceeds and is expected to finalize the recommendations soon. For the Kern Subbasin, some kind of agreement should be developed documenting fund allocation among the Kern River GSA (the applicant) and other participating GSAs, including KGA.
9. Adjournment – Director Mullins adjourned the board meeting at 9:24 a.m.