

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, April 25, 2018

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Raul Barraza Jr, Arvin Community Services District
Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD
Royce Fast & Marty Milobar, KCWA
Supervisor David Couch, County of Kern
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District
Jason Selvidge & Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Ryan Fachin, Tejon-Castaic WD
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Rob Goff, Westside District Water Authority
Dennis Mullins, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

Scott Hurlbert, City of Shafter

OTHERS PRESENT

Alan Peake, Arvin Community Services District
Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Steve Collup, Arvin-Edison WSD
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD
Matthew Moyry, GEI Consultants
Michelle Ricker, GEI Consultants
Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD
Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD
Florn Core, Kern County Administration Office
Holly Melton, Kern County Water Agency
Gene Lundquist, ID4
Dave Beard, ID4
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Rich Tillema, Kern Delta WD
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD
Costas Cecero, Kern-Tulare WD
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Marinelle Duarosan, NKWSD
Valerie Kincaid, O'Laughlin, Paris, LLP

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
Bret Sill, Sill Properties
Greg Hammett, Westside District Water Authority
Tim Goble, Wonderful Orchards
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge
Scott Kuney, Young Wooldridge
Devon Yurosek, Yurosek Farming
Don Wright
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch, LLP
Jim Beck, Hallmark Group
Alan Doud, Young Wooldridge
Ron Kluge, McIntosh & Associates
Jeff, Barbich, Hooper, King, Dill, Hoffman

1. **Call to Order** – Director Mullins called the meeting to order at 8:03 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. March 28, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Fachin to approve the March 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 March 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018. Exhibit A of the Treasurer’s Report showed the beginning cash balance of \$17,198.08. Deposits received were in the amount of \$235,264, all related to General Account 2018 cash call #1. Billings went out to Members for Special Activities Agreement #1 & #4. After disbursement of expenses totaling \$222,153.66, the cash balance at the end of March was \$30,308.28 and a net asset balance of 539,293.39. An action was requested to approve the Treasurer’s report for the month of March and approve payables in the amount of \$51,094.77. A motion to approve treasurer’s report and payables was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Pascoe. The motion was unanimously carried.
 - b. **Presentation of 2016 Financial Audit** – Mr. Jeff King with BHK presented financial audit for 2016 and reviewed the governance letter provided to the

board with details of the audit process and included findings and recommendations. Mr. King stated his firm has performed the financial audit over the last couple of years. There were no issues or disagreements with the audit process or financial statements. Mr. King complemented the financial management system structure in place which includes an involved board and Provost and Pritchard as another layer of management. At the end of 2016 the current assets were \$270,703 and the unrestricted balance was \$46,608. A motion was made by Director Fast to accept the 2016 Financial Audit and seconded by Director Selvidge. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. **Approve proposal for the 2017 Financial Audit** – Mr. King reviewed the proposal provided to the board to perform financial audit for 2017. Mr. King stated the 2017 audit will cost \$6,000. A motion was made by Director Selvidge to approve the BHK proposal to perform 2017 financial audit and seconded by Director Andrew. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Basin Coordinator/ Planning Manager Report**

- a. **Special Activities Agreement** – Ms. Poire reported that the KRGSA provided a cost share letter agreement for the TODD groundwater model for the Kern basin. Mr. Mullins stated costs were originally anticipated back on January 17, 2017 with the proposal from TODD Groundwater to the KRGSA, Attachment 1 of the cost share letter. The cost share letter participation percentages are based on acreage, Attachment 2. Flexibility is needed for acreage numbers to be adjusted as the process of SGMA continues thus a “true up” is recommended at the end of the process. Preliminary numbers could change up to 2% depending on acre fluctuation due to confirmation of Greenfield, McFarland and Lamont. A motion was made by Director Selvidge to authorize the execution of Todd Groundwater’s Agreement for cost sharing, approve participation in the percentages that are subject to change up to 2% and approve cash call for cost sharing of \$432,000 with a “true-up” at the end of the process, seconded by Director Wegis. Motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Approval to submit Agreement to KRGSA for RMC Peer Review cost sharing** – Ms. Poire presented a cost share letter agreement from KGA to KRGSA to participate in Woodard & Curran RMC Peer Review for costs of \$44,928. This cost share letter agreement is for the proposal dated June 19, 2017 under Subtask 1.2 Review of Todd’s Scope, Identify Gaps and Develop Coordination Plan. Participation is based on acreage, currently Greenfield, McFarland and Lamont need to have confirmation. Preliminary numbers can change up to 2% depending on acre fluctuations. A motion was made by Director Fast to approve execution of agreement on behalf of KGA for Peer Review and cost of \$44,928 and seconded by Director Taube subject to confirmation of acreage and to send to KRGSA, Buena Vista, and Olcese for their board approval to participate The motion was unanimously carried.
- c. **Approval of boundary adjustment with KRGSA & Lamont PUD** – Ms. Poire presented request for boundary adjustment to take Lamont PUD lands out of

KGA boundary and move them to KRGSA. Request will be submitted to DWR from KGA to remove lands from KGA boundary once the KRGSA submits a request to DWR to allow Lamont PUD lands be added to their boundary. A motion was made by Director Pascoe to submit boundary adjustment request to DWR and seconded by Director Barraza once KRGSA has submitted their request to add. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. **GSP Development Schedule Status** – Mr. Erlewine reviewed the GSP schedule. GSP background information is currently being prepared including groundwater fundamentals on a basin level that is scheduled to be completed in a month. Over the next 6 months, the contents of “chapters” will be drafted by individual KGA members, with information on sustainable management criteria, managements plans and supply projects. “Chapters” for districts will need to be drafted by the end of the year and public drafts will need to be available by July 2019. Plans will be submitted to DWR January 2020.
 - e. **Policy Coordination Meeting Update** – Director Mullins reported that the various GSA’s meet together monthly. Last month’s meeting focus was workshops and outreach. Kern River is working on having a workshop scheduled in their area this summer. Ms. Poire reported that at the policy coordination meetings, the various GSA’s agreed to coordinate and collaborate on communication, outreach and engagement, it is important that everyone is on the same page and the same message is being delivered to the public at all of workshops. KGA’s first workshop will be tomorrow night, April 26th in Shafter at the Veteran’s Hall. Self Help assisted in preparation and coordination. Outreach is a major component of the SGMA process. All GSA’s are required to participate in outreach. The Outreach & Communication Plan will be available for review at the Coordination Committee meeting for comments prior to the KGA Board meeting. Workshops are advertised through email blast and posts; City of Shafter has posted the workshop all over Shafter and Wasco. Kern County Farm Bureau and Water Association of Kern County sent an email blast to over 3,000 of their members notifying them of the workshop. Self Help has reached out to the Spanish speaking community as well. The outreach and communications plan will be available for review at the next board meeting.
 - f. **Accomplishments** – Mr. Erlewine stated the accomplishments memo included in the board package for reference.
 - g. **Forward Work Plan** – Mr. Erlewine stated the forward work plan is included in the board package for reference.
6. **GSP Basin Setting Narrative** – Matt Mayry with GEI stated the basin setting draft is done and has gone through senior review. Sections to be finalized this week include water level data, seasonal high contour map for Spring of 2015 and seasonal low map, change in storage calculations based on KCWA and CASGEM water level data for calculations. Over all completed data include geology regional basin settings, the physical properties of the principal aquifers the mapping physical characteristics of the

basin including lateral extents in base of the aquifers, soils, recharge areas, surface water bodies, topography and groundwater and eco-systems.

7. **New Business** – No new business to report.
8. **Correspondence** – No correspondence to report.
9. **Attorney(s) Report** – Ms. Kincaid stated that work will continue with Kern River GSA on the Prop 1 cost sharing agreements.
10. **Adjournment** – Director Mullins adjourned the board meeting at 8:58 a.m.