

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, June 27, 2018

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Bob Rodriguez, Arvin Community Services District
Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD
Chad Givins, City of Shafter
Royce Fast, KCWA
Supervisor David Couch, County of Kern
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority
Jason Selvidge & Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD
Ryan Fachin, Tejon-Castac WD
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Dennis Mullins & Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
Mark Franz, Shafter-Wasco ID
Harry Starkey, West Kern WD
Rob Goff, Westside District Water Authority

OTHERS PRESENT

Alan Peake, Arvin Community Services District
Raul Barraza Jr., Arvin Community Services District
Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Doug Goling, Braug Goling
Michael James, City of Shafter
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants
Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD
Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD
Alan Christensen, Kern County Administration Office
Florn Core, Kern County Administration Office
Aujanette Simon, Kern County
Karneena Morales, Kern County
Dave Beard, KCWA ID4
Gene Lundquist, KCWA ID4
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD
Costas Cecero, Kern-Tulare WD

John Parker, Kern Water Bank Authority
Dan Raytis, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Alex Shafter, Materra Farming
Dick Diamond, NKWSD
Doug Nunneley, Oildale Water
Valerie Kincaid, O'Laughlin, Paris, LLP
Pres Brittan, Pacific Resources
Rebecca Gomez, Provost & Pritchard
Terry Erlewine, Provost & Pritchard
Patty Poire, Kern Groundwater Authority
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic Water Storage District
Roland Gross, SSJMUD
Wendy Adams-Rosenburger, West Kern WD
George Cappello, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
John Reiter, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Tim Gobler, Wonderful Orchards
Allen Doud, Young Wooldridge
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge
Devon Yurosek, Yurosek Farming
Don Wright
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch, LLP
Jim Beck, Hallmark Group
Ron Kluge, McIntosh & Associates
Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Milk Producers Council
Steve Lewis, E B Natural Resources
Monique Roberts, AECOM

1. **Call to Order** – Director Mullins called the meeting to order at 8:04 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. May 23, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Director Couch and seconded by Director Taube to approve the May 23, 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 May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018. Exhibit A of the Treasurer's Report showed the beginning cash balance of \$75,122.48. Deposits received were in the amount of \$349,749.64, associated with SAA#4, SAA#1 and

General Cash Call funds. Disbursements for the month of May total \$97,906.49. The cash balance at the end of May was \$326,965.63. Exhibit B summarizes activity for the first part of June which included deposits in the amount of \$370,498.88 for the Prop 1 Grant and the KGA Cash Calls. Exhibit C is the detail of the aged accounts receivable. Exhibit D lists all the accounts payable detail needing approval today, totaling \$128,201.84. Note there is an invoice for GEI for \$1,415.20 that is being evaluated and is not included in the recommended list of payables for approval. A motion to approve treasurer's report and payables was made by Director Couch and seconded by Director Wegis. The motion was unanimously carried. Ms. Poire reported that the 2017 field audit has been completed and the audit findings should be available at the August board meeting.

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

- a. **SAA#4 – Activity Agreement Management Committee**– Mr. Erlewine reported that Special Activities Agreement #4 provides for a Management Committee of district representatives that are required to approve tasks and cash calls related to GSP preparation. Participating districts in SAA#4 will need to appoint a representative to serve on the SAA#4 Management Committee. Ms. Poire reported that KGA received executed SAA#4 agreements from Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD, Arvin Community Services District, Arvin-Edison WSD, Cawelo WD, Westside District Water Authority and North Kern WSD. Representatives to the Management Committee have been appointed for North Kern WSD, Wheeler Ridge Maricopa WSD and Arvin-Edison WSD, but the number of appointed representatives is short of the required quorum. Until a larger number of management representatives are appointed and the KGA is notified, contract approvals will be delayed.
- b. **Update on Communication Outreach – Stakeholder Surveys**– Ms. Poire reported receiving 99 Stakeholder Surveys back. A summary of the received surveys is provided in the board packet. Currently, Ms. Poire is working with the outreach consultant to provide to districts stakeholder surveys received from their stakeholders to inform them of what their stakeholders are stating on the surveys.
- c. **Prop 1 – Grant Revisions and Management Contract** – Ms. Poire reported that Prop 1 grant funding application revisions have been submitted and are included in the meeting packet along with a cost breakdown spreadsheet of the Prop. 1 activities. These revisions were submitted in conjunction with Kern River GSA. DWR has received the submittal and will take approximately 45 days to review and comment. Once DWR has approved the revisions, DWR will issue its Grant Agreement to KRGSA. KGA will then work with KRGSA on an agreement to oversee the grant process.
- d. **Information on Boundary Adjustments:**
 - i. Lamont Public Utility District Area – KRGSA & KGA Boundary Adjustment-- Ms. Poire described a boundary adjustment in the Lamont area. KGA

worked with Mark Mulkey and the boundary adjustment has been completed and adjustment has been approved by DWR.

- ii. West Kern Water District – Basin Boundary Adjustment – Ms. Poire reported that West Kern Water District submitted a request to DWR for a basin boundary adjustment. Steve Lewis with EB Natural Resources reported that lands within the Tulare formation have minimal usable groundwater and are proposed for removal from the basin boundary in the Kern Subbasin. This adjustment is similar to a boundary adjustment request previously approved by DWR for the Tulare Lake Subbasin. The adjustment will make the Kern Subbasin boundary definition consistent with the adjacent Tulare Lake Subbasin.
- iii. Future Boundary Adjustments – For informational purposes, Ms. Poire described an annexation of land next to Arvin–Edison WSD that is proposed by Tejon Castac WD. The lands in the annexation are owned by one owner, Tejon Ranch. Currently, this land is in an un-districted area. The annexation will change the land from un-districted to districted within Tejon–Castac WD.
- e. **Urban Committee Meeting Update** – Ms. Poire reported that an Urban Committee established approximately one year ago met again recently. Assembly Bill 1668 and Senate Bill 606 triggered the reestablishment of the Urban Committee. Harry Starkey with West Kern WD is the chair and the committee will meet monthly. First meeting topics had to do with the new legislative bills regarding usage limits of urban water and how the bills would fall into play under the SGMA regulation.
- f. **Policy Coordination Meeting Update** – Mr. Erlewine reported that the Policy Coordination Committee, including representatives from Kern River GSA, KGA, Henry Miller and Buena Vista Water District, met in June, addressing several issues including the legal issues writeup. Kern River GSA discussed a presentation that was given by Phyllis Stanin with Todd Groundwater at their last KRGSA meeting which was well received, recommending that the KGA have Todd GW do a similar presentation for its members to understand the groundwater modeling. Phyllis Stanin with Todd GW has been confirmed to come to the August KGA Coordination Committee meeting to talk to KGA members regarding the basin modeling. There was discussion about the status of GSP chapters, the status of coordination agreement and next steps for proceeding with coordination efforts. Coordination on the description of what is an undesirable result under SGMA for the Kern Subbasin is being started.
- g. **Accomplishments** – Mr. Erlewine reported that a working draft Basin Settings description for the KGA umbrella GSP was received from GEI.
- h. **Forward Work Plan** – Mr. Erlewine reported KGA will start engaging on the sustainable management criteria and GEI will also work on documenting potential management actions for KGA members to use to develop their sustainable management criteria. Ms. Poire will be working with Kern River

GSA on Prop 1 Grant Agreement. Modeling and analysis on the GSP that will incorporate climate change and future water supplies for fifty years in the future with the goal to be sustainable will be coming forward at the next management committee meeting at the end of July.

6. **New Business** – No new business to report.
7. **Correspondence** – No correspondence to report.
8. **Attorney(s) Report** – Ms. Kincaid stated a draft has been received from Kern River GSA of the agreement regarding the prop 1 grant administration. There are minor changes will be made and final agreement should be to the board for approval next month.
9. **Adjournment** – 8:46 AM

Reconvened: SAA#4 Activity Agreement Management Committee – Director Mullins did not call to meeting on SAA#4 due to not having a quorum from the participating districts.