

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, October 24, 2018

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Bob Rodriguez, Arvin Community Services District
Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD
Chad Givens, City of Shafter
Supervisor David Couch, County of Kern
Chad Hathaway, Eastside Water Management Area (non-voting member)
Royce Fast, Kern County Water Agency
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District
Jason Selvidge, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD
Mark Franz, Shafter-Wasco ID
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
Ryan Fachin, Tejon-Castac WD
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Rob Goff, Westside District Water Authority
Dennis Mullins, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Alan Peake, Arvin Community Services District
Raul Barraza Jr., Arvin Community Services District
Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Steve Collup, Arvin-Edison WSD
Monique Roberts, AECOM
Michael James, City of Shafter
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD
Steve Lewis, E&B
Jim Beck, East Water Management Agency
Matt Mayry, GEI Consultants
Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD
Megan Chicoine, John Hancock
Alan Christensen, Kern County Administration Office
Florin Core, Kern County Administration Office
Marty Milobar, KCWA
Holly Melton, KCWA
Dave Beard, KCWA ID4
Gene Lundquist, KCWA ID4
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD

Steve Dalke, Kern-Tulare WD
Joe Hughes, Klein Law
Dan Raytis, Belden Blaine Raytis, LLP
Jon Parker, Kern Water Bank Authority
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Alex Shafer, Materra Farming
Marinelle Duarosan, North Kern Water Storage District
Dick Diamond, North Kern Water Storage District
Valerie Kincaid, O’Laughlin Paris, LLC
Doug Nunneley, Oildale Water
Pres Brittan, Pacific Resources
Rebecca Gomez, Provost & Pritchard
Terry Erlewine, Provost & Pritchard –
Patty Poire, Kern Groundwater Authority
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Bret Sill, Sill Properties
Todd Turley, South Valley Farms
Alan Becker, Sun World
Angelica Martin, Tejon-Castaic WD
Harry Starkey, West Kern WD
Sunny Kapoor, West Kern WD
Wendy Rosenberger, West Kern WD
Greg Hammett, Westside District Water Authority
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Sheridan Nicholas, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
George Cappello, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Tim Gobler, Wonderful Orchards
Alan Doud, Young Wooldridge
Devon Yurosek, Yurosek Farming
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch, LLP
Jasmene de Aguila, Leadership Counsel for Justice & Accountability
Dan Raytis, Belden, Blaine Raytis

1. **Call to Order** – Director Mullins called the meeting to order at 8:05 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. September 24, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Mr. Erlewine made a recommendation to correct the September 24, 2018 meeting minutes to reflect that Bob Rodriguez, Arvin Community Services District board member was present. A motion was made by Director Pascoe and

seconded by Director Taube to approve the corrected September 24, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. **Accounts Payable/Receivable** – Mrs. Duarosan presented the Treasurer's Report Memo for the period from September 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018. Exhibit A of the Treasurer's Report showed the beginning cash balance of \$474,323.95. Deposits from cash calls were received in the amount of \$122,982.03. Disbursements for the month of September totaled \$62,651.69. The cash balance as of September 30, 2018 was \$534,654.29. Exhibit B reflects cash received and deposited from October 1 through October 16, 2018 totaling \$30,098.75. Accounts Receivable for KGA members are summarized in Exhibit C. Exhibit D summarized accounts payables as of September 30, 2018. Outstanding payables totaled \$130,535.73 and the requested amount for payment approval was \$78,972.68. Invoices totaling \$51,563.05 remained on hold pending further review. A motion to approve the treasurer's report and payables was made by Director Gaugel and seconded by Director Goff. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Draft 2019 Budget** – Ms. Poire reviewed the Draft 2019 Budget which included \$563,750 General and Administration costs and \$800,368 Special Activity costs, the draft 2019 budget handout was included in the meeting board packet. Ms. Poire explained that there were still outstanding consultant contracts for Umbrella GSP Preparation and GSP Coordination Support to consider. The draft 2019 Budget will be presented to the board for approval at the December Board Meeting.
- c. **SAA#4 – Second invoice of \$110,000 going out October 30th** – Ms. Poire reported the second cash call for SSA#4 invoice will be sent to participating members on October 30th totaling \$110,000.

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

- a. **Adjust (cancel or move) KGA Board November and December meeting dates** – Chairman Mullins recommended cancelling November's Board Meeting due to the number of district managers and district staff attending the ACWA Conference in San Diego. It was also recommended that December's Board Meeting remain on the calendar for December 19th. A motion to approve canceling November's meeting and keep the December 19th meeting date was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Wegis. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Letter of support for West Kern Basin Boundary Adjustment** – Harry Starkey, West Kern Water District and Steve Lewis, E&B Resources presented the basin boundary adjustment submitted to DWR. The boundary adjustment would remove lands located mostly in the West Kern Water District, but also areas within Belridge Water Storage District, Lost Hills Water District, Berenda Mesa Water District, Elk Hills and some white lands area. The lands being removed

from the Kern Sub basin are lands that follow the Quaternary alluvium and older rock formation. Mr. Lewis reported the lands being removed do not function as part of the groundwater subbasin as there is little to no beneficial use of groundwater in the proposed deletion area due to poor water quality and the inability to recharge fresh water. Mr. Hammett of Westside District Water Authority also supported submittal of the boundary changes to DWR. A motion was made to authorize KGA to send a letter of support for Groundwater Basin Boundary Adjustment for the Kern County Subbasin by Director Goff and seconded by Director Taube. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. **Non-districted Area Update** – Nothing to report.
 - d. **Water trading Concept – Presentation by Eric Averett**– Mr. Averett presented SGMA strategy on “Groundwater Transfers” as part of GSPs. The concept is that groundwater can be an asset if it is managed but could be a liability if it is stranded and not used to its maximum potential. The concept would allow for water to be moved between districts to maximize the total economic value. Several options were discussed, and Mr. Averett suggested that conversations on these kinds of mechanisms need to start happening now for every district.
 - e. **Urban Committee Meeting Update** – Nothing to report.
 - f. **Policy Coordination Meeting Update** – Ms. Poire reported that the Policy Coordination Committee met last Wednesday. The Committee discussed the October 5 letter from Kern County Counsel. The Committee also discussed preparation of the Coordination Agreement, with agreement that the Kern River GSA will prepare the first draft and have the preliminary draft possibly available as early as December. The Committee discussed at the managers meetings that are occurring every Friday to coordinate and finalize the water budget, undesirable results definitions and sustainable management criteria.
 - g. **Accomplishments** – Ms. Poire referred to the write-up in the board package.
 - h. **Forward Work Plan** – Ms. Poire reported that Olcese Water District will participate in the Friday Manager’s Meeting and the Policy Coordination Group going forward.
6. **New Business** – No new business to report.
7. **Correspondence** – All the following correspondence received and filed.
- a. County Counsel of Kern County Letter dated October 5, 2018
 - b. West Kern Water District – Completed Basin Modification October 3, 2018
8. **Attorney(s) Report** – Ms. Kincaid had nothing to report.
9. **Closed Session** – Closed session 9:09 a.m. Direction was given to staff.
10. **Adjournment** – 10:02 a.m.