

JPA Board Meeting Minutes  
Kern Groundwater Authority  
Wednesday, January 23, 2019

**JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD  
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD  
Chad Hathaway, Eastside Water Management Area (non-voting member)  
Royce Fast, Kern County Water Agency  
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  
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**

Bob Rodriguez, Arvin Community Services District  
Chad Givens, City of Shafter  
Jim Regan, SSJMUD  
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Raul Barraza JR, Arvin Community Services District  
Alan Peake, Arvin Community Services District  
Steve Collup, Arvin-Edison WSD  
Dan Raytis, Belden Blaine Raytis, LLP  
Brad DeBranch, Bolthouse Properties  
Dave Ansolabehere, Cawelo WD  
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD  
Michael James, City of Shafter  
Jance Moehnke, Chevron  
Steve Lewis, E&B  
Jim Beck, Eastside Water Management Agency  
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants  
Michelle Ricker, GEI Consultants  
Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD  
Alan Christensen, Kern County Administration Office  
Florin Core, Kern County Administration Office  
Marty Milobar, KCWA  
Gene Lundquist, KCWA ID4  
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD

Rich Tillema, Kern Delta WD  
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD  
Joe Huges, Klein Law  
Robert Kuhs, Kuhs Parker Law  
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth  
Dick Diamond, North Kern Water Storage District  
Marinelle Duarosan, North Kern Water Storage District  
Doug Nunneley, Oildale Water  
Valerie Kincaid, O'Laughlin Paris, LLC  
Pres Brittan, Pacific Resources  
Rebecca Gomez, Provost & Pritchard  
Terry Erlewine, Kern Groundwater Authority  
Patty Poire, Kern Groundwater Authority  
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD  
Dan Bartel, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD  
Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD  
Bret Sill, Sill Properties  
Todd Turley, South Valley Farms  
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  
Sheridan Nicholas, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD  
George Cappello, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD  
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD  
Tim Goble, Wonderful Orchards  
Garrett Busch, Wonderful Orchards  
Scot Kuney, Young Woodridge  
Alan Doud, Young Woodridge  
Don Wright  
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch, LLP  
Jim Beck  
Michael Roberts  
Molly Saso  
John Hancock  
Christine Dixor, Sentinel Peak  
Craig Wilson, City of Delano  
Tim Lovley, Macpherson  
Delores Salgado

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Mullins called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m., it was announced that a quorum had not been met. Decision was made to start with agenda items that did not require a vote until a quorum is achieved.
2. **Public Comments** – Don Wright with Water Wrights announced that Fresno State will be hosting Groundwater Markets Exchange Symposium, January 24, 2019, 8am.

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

- g. **Participating Percentages for 2019 Budget - Discussion** – Ms. Poire reviewed the 2019 draft Participating Percentages of the Budget reflecting the withdrawal of Kern County. She explained that there are still non-districted lands moving into districts and will work to provide a final version at the February Board meeting.
- h. **Update on Basin Boundary Adjustment** – Ms. Poire advised of notice from DWR on an update on the submitted Basin Boundary Adjustment from West Kern. Ms. Poire asked Mr. Lewis with E&B to provide the update. He reported that the Boundary Application to DWR has been partially approved, however Midway, Buena Vista and Elk Hills will remain within the Kern basin boundary. Approximately 10% of the acres submitted to DWR have been approved for the adjustment.

1. **The Board met the threshold for a quorum as of 8:12 a.m. under the JPA and operated under it. Decision was to continue the meeting at the top of the agenda.**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. December 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Ms. Poire made a recommendation to correct the December 19, 2018 meeting minutes to reflect Chad Givens, City of Shafter, was not in attendance
- b. October 24, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Ms. Poire made a recommendation to correct the October 24, 2018 meeting minutes to reflect Chad Hathaway, Eastside Water Management Area, as a non-voting member.  
A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve both the December 19, 2018 and the October 24, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes with recommended corrections. 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 December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Exhibit A of the Treasurer's Report showed the beginning cash balance of \$536,488.56. Deposits from cash calls were received in the amount of \$32,128.24. Disbursements for the month of December totaled \$226,246.42. The cash balance as of December 31, 2018 was \$342,370.38. Exhibit B reflects cash received and deposited from January 1, 2019 through January 16, 2019 totaling \$45,812.22. Accounts receivable of \$16,576.73 from KGA members are summarized in Exhibit C. Exhibit D reflects accounts receivable from grants totaling \$47,568.49. Accounts payable as of December 31, 2018 are detailed in Exhibit E. Outstanding payables total \$135,965.61, and the requested amount for payment approval was \$68,369.65. Invoices totaling \$67,595.96 remained on

hold pending further review. A motion to approve the treasurer's report and payables was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Andrew. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

- a. **Cost Share Agreement – Woodard & Curran** – Ms. Poire reported invoices to the GSAs participating in the Woodard & Curran Cost Share Agreement will be issued at the end of month.
- b. **GEI Proposal – GSP Umbrella & Participating Percentages** – Ms. Poire reported that GEI has submitted a Proposal for the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Umbrella Plan. Larry Rodriguez with GEI presented the entire schedule and reviewed the proposal with the Board. Both Ms. Poire and Mr. Rodriguez stressed to the Board the importance of keeping to the schedule by each member. Ms. Poire advised the Board that participating percentages will be brought back to the Board for approval at the February Board meeting and will be shared equally by those members who are submitting a chapter for the GSP. A motion to approve GEI Proposal, was made by Director Wegis and seconded by Director Taube. The motion was unanimously carried.
- c. **GEI Proposal – Task Order #7 for 2018 Year Project Management**– Ms. Poire presented the GEI Task Order #7 for 2018 for approval and advised that this task order only covers those invoices that occurred in 2018 and the following item is for the Task Order that covers only the 2019 year. She reported that some of the invoices that have been held for further review in the financials were unable to move forward to payment because there was not a Board - approved task order to pay from. She requested that once the Board approves this 2018 Task Order, she will proceed to request the Board to approve payment of those task orders being held. The Board elected to handle the 2018 and 2019 Task Orders under one action.
- d. **GEI Proposal – Task Order #7 for 2019 Year Project Management**– Ms. Poire presented the GEI Task Order #7 for 2019 for approval. She explained that this Task Order only covers invoices for the 2019 year. A motion to approve GEI Task Order #7 for 2018 and 2019 was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Morris. The motion was unanimously carried. A motion to approve payment the GEI held invoices related to Task Orders #7 for 2018 and 2019 was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Fast. The motion was unanimously carried.
- e. **SAA#1 – ITRC Grant Refund amount of \$29,235.49** – Ms. Poire reported that the KGA received refunds from submittals #1 and #2 from the Water Use Efficiency Grant Program and seek approval to disburse those funds per the participating percentages in the original agreement. Ms. Poire provided to the KGA Board the original participating percentages, funds paid from those who participated, and the disbursement amounts based on the participating percentages. She also advised that the managers received a copy of the information and that she received no comments other than to move forward with the disbursement. A motion was made to approve refund disbursements based on the participants

list was made by Director Pascoe and seconded by Director Fast. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. **Adding an Oil Industry Representative to the KGA Board as a non-voting member** – Ms. Poire described a request to allow an oil industry advisor that represents the industry to work with the board and provide industry expertise. There was discussion whether this role would be an Advisor or an Associate non-voting member. Based on the discussion, no action was necessary to officially appoint someone in an advisory capacity. The Board gave general direction to allow the oil industry to choose someone to fit the advisor role.
  - i. **Update on the Prop 1 Grant sub-agreement with KRGSA** – Ms. Poire reported the KRGSA has signed the Prop 1 Grant Agreement and submitted it to DWR. Ms. Poire reported that the sub-agreement has been drafted and in working with KGA Consultant P&P and Ms. Kincaid, comments have been provided to KRGSA. Ms. Poire stated that her goal is to have the sub-agreement ready for the Board to approve at February’s Board Meeting.
  - j. **Urban Committee Meeting Update** – No reported update.
  - k. **Accomplishments** – Ms. Poire reported the Policy Committee met in January topics discussed included, Kern County’s withdrawal; the coordination agreement; the first basin model run results; moving forward on completing our water budget and staying coordinated for submittal of the water budget.
  - l. **Forward Work Plan** – Ms. Poire referred to the write-up in the board package. Ms. Poire reported the second draft of the basin setting was released. On-going meetings and discussions are being held with the oil industry. Process is complete with Kern County Environmental Health Department on the notification of new water well permits. Manager meetings are continuing to be held every Friday and are moving forward the coordination of the GSP’s. Ms. Poire reported she was approached by the Water Solutions Network to participate in the Water Solutions Network as a representative for the basin. The Board supported having Ms. Poire to serve as a representative for this Basin. Ms. Poire also asked if any landowner is interested in participating as well to let her know.
6. **New Business** – No new business to report.
7. **Correspondence** – None
8. **Attorney(s) Report** – Ms. Kincaid reported a draft coordination agreement remains under review with KRGSA. Ms. Kincaid reported meeting with the State Water Board staff and legal counsel regarding nondistricted irrigated acres and jurisdiction issues. Mr. Averett with Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District, who was also in the meeting, presented options for dealing with the nondistricted areas and noted that the Kern basin is out of time to add nondistricted irrigated acres.
9. **Closed Session** – No closed session.

10. **Closed Session Action** – None.

11. **Adjournment** – 9:35 a.m.