

JPA Board Meeting Minutes  
Kern Groundwater Authority  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019

**JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Bob Rodriguez, Arvin Community Services District  
Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD  
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD  
Royce Fast, Kern County Water Agency  
Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority  
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District  
Gary Unruh, 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**

Chad Givens, City of Shafter  
Jim Regan, SSJMUD  
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD  
Chad Hathaway, Eastside Water Management Area (non-voting member)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Alan Peake, Arvin Community Services District  
Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD  
Steve Collup, Arvin-Edison WSD  
Dan Raytis, Belden Blaine Raytis, LLP  
Brad DeBranch, Bolthouse Properties  
Tim Ashlock, Buena Vista WSD  
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD  
Michael James, City of Shafter  
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants  
Michelle Ricker, GEI Consultants  
Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD  
Florin Core, Kern County Administration Office  
Gene Lundquist, KCWA ID4  
Dave, Beard, KCWA ID4  
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD  
Steve Dalke, Kern-Tulare WD  
Robert Kuhs, Kuhs Parker Law  
Scott Taylor, Lamont Public Utilities  
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth

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  
Patty Poire, Kern Groundwater Authority  
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD  
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID  
Bret Sill, Sill Properties  
Roland Gross, SSJMUD  
Angelica Martin, Tejon-Castaic WD  
Harry Starkey, West Kern WD  
Wendy Rosenberger, West Kern WD  
Sheridan Nicholas, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD  
George Cappello, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD  
Garrett Busch, Wonderful Orchards  
Scot Kuney, Young Woodridge  
Alan Doud, Young Wooldridge  
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch, LLP  
Mark Merritt, AC-Foods  
Matt Feaver, Agricare  
Scott Hamilton, Hamilton Resource Econ.  
Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Milk Producers Council  
Alan Becker, Sun World International  
Ken Bonesteel, Provost & Pritchard

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman 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. January 23, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
A motion was made by Director Taube and seconded by Director Wegis to approve the January 23, 2019 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 January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019. Exhibit A of the Treasurer’s Report showed the beginning cash balance of \$342,370.38. Disbursements for the month of January totaled \$109,277.51. The ending cash balance as of January 31, 2019 was \$278,905.09. Exhibit B reflects cash received and deposited from February 1, 2019 through February 21, 2019 totaling \$1,380.22. Accounts receivable totaling \$13,777.31 from GSAs to participate in

the second phase of the Peer Review cost share agreement are summarized in Exhibit C. Exhibit D reflects accounts receivable from grants totaling \$18,593.44. Accounts payable as of January 31, 2019 are detailed in Exhibit E, payables totaling \$168,178.12. Requested amount for payment approval was \$131,389.84 with invoices totaling \$36,789.12 to remain on hold pending further review. A motion to approve the treasurer's report and payables was made by Director Taube and seconded by Director Wegis. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

- a. **GEI GSP Contract – GSP Umbrella Participating Percentages** – Ms. Poire presented the list of GSP Umbrella Participating Percentages for preparation of the GSP and asked if participants would prefer a single invoice or split invoice for their portion of the cost. A motion was made to approve of the GSP Umbrella Participation Percentages and split bill was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Gaugel. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Prop 1 Grant sub-agreement with KRGSA** – Ms. Poire reported the Prop 1 Grant sub-agreement with KRGSA is delayed for approval. Ms. Poire updated the board that the delay is due to DWR revising the workplan. DWR will revise the workplan to allow for KGA's admin cost to be included in KGA's components of the Prop 1 Grant workplan. The workplan is a component of the sub-agreement. Ms. Poire is working to have the agreement finalized to the board for approval at the March board meeting.
- c. **GEI Amendment 2 Task Order #17**– Ms. Poire presented GEI Amendment 2 Task Order #17 GEI will no longer provide services for Project, Management Actions and Adaptive Managements under the task order. This will result in a reduction of \$5,000 to the task order. These activities are being provided by the members/managers in their chapters. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Unruh to approve GEI Amendment 2 to Task Order #17 reducing the amount to \$140,000. The motion was unanimously carried.
- d. **Venue Agreement with Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce**– Ms. Poire presented the Venue Agreements for use of the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce facility for January and February along with the Invoice of \$150 for each board meeting. Ms. Poire explained that the Greater Bakersfield Chamber issued a separate agreement for each month that the facility is rented for the same amount of \$150.00. Ms. Poire requested also that the Board consider approving the remainder of 2019 agreements with the Chamber. A motion was made to approve the current agreements and fees and allow Ms. Poire to authorize future agreements and facility fees on behalf of KGA for use of the facility. This motion was made by Director Morris and seconded by Director Fast. The motion was unanimously carried.
- e. **Presentation on setting Minimum Thresholds** – Ms. Poire requested that Larry Rodriguez with GEI present on setting Minimum Thresholds and Sustainable

Management Criteria. Mr. Rodriguez presented and answered questions from the presentation.

- f. **Update on DWR Final on Basin Boundary Adjustment** – Ms. Poire presented a boundary map as a visual aid to inform the board of DWR’s final decision regarding West Kern’s request for boundary adjustment. This agenda item will no longer be reported on for it is now complete.
  - g. **Urban Committee Meeting Update** – No reported update.
  - h. **GSA’s Policy Coordination Meeting Update** – Chairman Mullins reported the Policy Coordination Committee met and discussed the coordination agreement, white areas within the basin and the process of setting minimum thresholds.
  - i. **Accomplishments** – Ms. Poire referred to the write-up in the board package.
  - j. **Forward Work Plan** – Ms. Poire referred to the write-up in the board package. Ms. Poire reported Manager GSA meetings are continuing to be held every Friday and are moving forward the coordination of the GSP. Ms. Poire also noted the Ag Stakeholder Survey summary is included in the board package and summarized the responses received to date. Ms. Poire advised of an Open House that she is working on with DWR and the State. Ms. Poire is working to have it held in April for landowners to obtain data from each district they own land in. No confirmed date has been set for the Open House at this time.
6. **New Business** – No new business to report.
7. **Correspondence** – The following correspondence was received and filed.
- a. SGMA Research – Michael Roberts, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
8. **Attorney(s) Report** – Ms. Kincaid thanked Kern County Water Agency for their willingness to work with the Kern Groundwater Authority to cover non-districted lands. Ms. Kincaid reported work has continued with the Kern County Water Agency on the jurisdiction issue, however no decision has been made. Ms. Kincaid presented a draft updated map that reflects non-districted lands having agreements with KGA members. Ms. Kincaid reported the requirements under SGMA to cover the lands located in the basin so as to prevent a probationary status. Ms. Kincaid reported the Landowner Agreement template has been distributed to the attorney’s group to be finalized. Ms. Kincaid also reported the Coordination Agreement with KRGSA is in draft form and distributed to KGA’s Attorneys and still needs to be agreed upon by counsel of participating districts. The Landowner Monitoring Well Access Agreement is still being worked on.
9. **Closed Session** – The board and legal counsel went into closed session at 9:27 am.
10. **Closed Session Action** – Out of closed session, the Board reported it took action to adjust compensation for Planning Manager after annual review.
11. **Adjournment** – 9:48 a.m.