

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

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
Chad Hathaway, Eastside Water Management Area (non-voting member)
Royce Fast, Kern County Water Agency
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Jason Selvidge, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
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

Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District

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
Brad DeBranch, Bolthouse Properties
Dave Ansolabehere, Cawelo WD
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD
Michael James, City of Shafter
Jim Beck, Eastside Water Management Area
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants
Alan Christensen, Kern County Administration Office
Holly Melton, Kern County Water Agency
Marty Milobar, Kern County Water Agency
Gene Lundquist, KCWA ID4
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Rich Tillema, Kern Delta WD
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD
Steve Dalke, Kern-Tulare WD
John Parker, Kern Water Bank Authority

Robert Kuhs, Kuhs Parker Law
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD
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
Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Bret Sill, Sill Properties
Todd Turley, South Valley Farms
Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic WSD
Van Grayer, Vaughn Water
Greg Hammett, West Kern WD
Harry Starkey, West Kern WD
Wendy Rosenberger, West Kern WD
Phil Nixon, Westside District Water Authority
Kris Lawrence, Westside District Water Authority
Sheridan Nicholas, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa
Alan Doud, Young Wooldridge
Don Wright
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch, LLP
Matt Feaver, Agricare
John Ocana, CRC
Stacy Ann Silva, NCWL
Randy Wombile
Jasmene del Agnila - LCJA
Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Milk Producers Council

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Mullins called the meeting to order at 8:02 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. February 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Director Goff and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve the February 27, 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 February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019. Exhibit A of the Treasurer's Report showed the beginning cash balance of \$278,905.09.

Disbursements for the month of February totaled \$131,539.84. The ending cash balance as of February 28, 2019 was \$150,864.21. Exhibit B reflects cash received and deposited from March 1, 2019 through March 21, 2019 totaling \$143,611.66. Accounts receivable totaling \$260,278.35 are summarized in Exhibit C. Exhibit D reflects accounts receivable from grants totaling \$18,593.44. Accounts payable as of February 28, 2019 are detailed in Exhibit E, payables totaling \$83,088.09. Requested amount for payment approval was \$77,134.49 with invoices totaling \$5,953.60 to remain on hold pending further review. A motion to approve the treasurer's report and payables was made by Director Pandol and seconded by Director Fast. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

- a. **Selection of Vice-Chair** – Chairman Mullins reported Director Jason Selvidge volunteered to be Vice Chair. A motion was made to approve Director Jason Selvidge as Vice Chair by Director Pandol and seconded by Director Morris. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Prop 1 Grant sub-agreement with KRGSA** – Ms. Poire reported that the Prop 1 Grant sub-agreement with KRGSA is delayed due to DWR working on approving the revised Workplan. Ms. Poire updated the board that she is working closely with Kern River GSA. Ms. Poire is working to have the agreement to the board for approval at the April board meeting
- c. **P&P SMC Contract – amendment** – Ms. Poire presented P&P Amendment for reduced scope of work and contract amount. These activities are being provided/handled by the members/managers in their chapters. A motion was made by Director Pascoe and seconded by Director Wegis to approve P&P Amendment reducing the commitment amount to \$46,442. The motion was unanimously carried.
- d. **Robert Gailey's SMC Contract – amendment** – Ms. Poire presented Robert Gailey's Amendment for reduced scope of work and contract amount. These activities are being provided/handled by the members/managers and their consultants in their chapters. A motion was made by Director Pascoe and seconded by Director Wegis to approve Robert Gailey's Amendment. The motion was unanimously carried.
- e. **KRGSA Cost Share Agreement Todd Groundwater Modeling – approve task 5-8** Ms. Poire presented Todd Groundwater Modeling tasks 5 – 8 for approval. She reported that tasks 1-4 were already approved by the board and the managers have reviewed tasks 5-8 for approval. A motion was made by Director Pascoe and seconded by Director Goff to approve tasks 5-8. The motion was unanimously carried.
- f. **Presentation of GSP schedule – GEI** – Ms. Poire and Mr. Rodriguez updated the board of the GSP schedule and milestones. An updated map and project schedule were provided as a hand out for reference.

- g. **Kern GSA's Coordination Meeting Update** – Chairman Mullins reported the Policy Coordination Committee met and reviewed the basin model provided by Todd Groundwater.

- 6. **Accomplishments** – Ms. Poire referred to the write-up in the board package.
 - a. **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 reported on a meeting she arranged with new Congressman TJ Cox; Semitropic and Arvin Edison managers attended the meeting to provide information regarding the water needs in Kern County. Ms. Poire also noted the Ag Stakeholder Survey summary is included in the board package and summarizes the responses received to date. Ms. Poire advised of an Open House Workshop on May 14th, at which DWR and the State Water Board will be in attendance and available to answer questions. All the other GSAs are participating.

- 7. **New Business** – Don Wright invited all to Fresno State Technical Center for support regarding water issues.

- 8. **Correspondence** – The following correspondence was received and filed.
 - a. Groundwater Resources Association – Tara Moran. Ms. Poire reported that Tara Moran approached her to participate in a panel discussion at Fresno State on June 5th & 6th. Ms. Poire recommended participating in the panel discussion along with a district manager from the basin and the board agreed.

- 9. **Attorney Report** – Ms. Kincaid reported that Kern County Water Agency has agreed to work with the KGA for SGMA jurisdictional purposes. Ms. Kincaid reported she is working with KCWA to draft an Indemnity Agreement and an update to the JPA Agreement to add Kern County Water Agency as a cooperating member. Drafts of the JPA Agreement and Indemnity Agreement will be provided to the KGA attorney working group next week for review and approval. Ms. Kincaid reported the Coordination Agreement with the other GSAs is in final form and has been accepted by the KGA attorney group. Several other GSAs have accepted the Coordination Agreement; she is waiting on one final GSA to provide comments/approval.
 - a. Ms. Kincaid presented the Landowner-District Agreement template for the board to approve and file and use as a resource. A motion was made by Director Pascoe and seconded by Director Wegis to approve and file the Landowner District Agreement. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Kincaid reported that the KGA-District Indemnification Agreement has been prepared and was sent to the KGA attorney group for review and comment and she is working to present to the board at the April board meeting. Ms. Kincaid reported the Monitoring and Access Agreement was submitted to the KGA attorney group for review and working to present to the board at the April board meeting. Ms. Kincaid updated

the board regarding the status of an updated boundary map to reflect the basin boundary and revised GSA boundaries.

10. **Adjournment** – 8:46 a.m.