

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Derek Yurosek, Arvin-Edison WSD
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD
Royce Fast, Kern County Water Agency
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District
Gary Unruh, 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

Bob Rodriguez, Arvin Community Services District
Chad Givens, City of Shafter
Chad Hathaway, Eastside Water Management Area (non-voting member)

OTHERS PRESENT

Alan Peake, Arvin Community Services District
Raul Barraza Jr, Arvin Community Services District
Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Dave Ansolabehere, Cawelo WD
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD
Michael James, City of Shafter
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants
Max Bricker, Henry Miller
Florn Core, Kern County Administration Office
Marty Milobar, Kern County Water Agency
Holly Melton, Kern County Water Agency
Gene Lundquist, KCWA ID4
Dave Beard, KCWA ID4
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Rich Tillema, Kern Delta WD
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD
Robert Kuhs, Kuhs Parker Law
Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD

Doug Nunneley, Oildale Water
Valerie Kincaid, O’Laughlin Paris, LLC
Pres Brittan, Pacific Resources
Rebecca Gomez, Provost & Pritchard
Patty Poire, Kern Groundwater Authority
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Greg Hammett, West Kern WD
Sunny Kapoor, West Kern WD
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Sheridan Nicholas, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Don Wright
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch, LLP
Jasmene Del Aguila – LCJA
Kristine Boyer, CAMS
Matthew Owens, DWR

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman 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** – Jasmene Del Aguila, with the Leadership Counsel for Justice & Accountability, introduced herself and her organization to the Board and reported that she submitted a comment letter on June 25, 2019 as well as provided a copy of the letter to the Board. Ms. Poire notified the Board that the comment letter was received via email on June 25th the day before the meeting therefore it is not a part of the meeting material. Ms. Poire did advise that the letter will appear on the next month agenda as received correspondence.

3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **May 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**
Ms. Poire made a recommendation to correct the May 22, 2019 meeting minutes to reflect that Director Goff did arrive on time for the meeting.

 - b. Mr. Robert Kuhs, attorney for Greenfield County Water District and McFarland County Water District made a recommendation for the meeting minutes to reflect that the representatives from Greenfield County Water District, McFarland County Water District and Cawelo Water District requested to be allowed to sign the coordination agreement as parties knowing that they would not be able to participate as members of the coordination committee.

A motion was made by Director Goff and seconded by Director Taube to approve the May 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes with recommended corrections. 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, 2019 through May 31, 2019. Exhibit A of the Treasurer's Report showed the beginning cash balance of \$280,907.35. Deposits for the month of May, in the amount of \$90,565.48. Disbursements for the month of May totaled \$110,809.71. The ending cash balance as of May 31, 2019 was \$260,663.12. Exhibit B reflects cash received and deposited from June 1, 2019 through June 20, 2019 totaling \$33,267.75. Accounts receivable totaling \$50,958.21 are summarized in Exhibit C. Exhibit D reflects grant details totaling \$767,580.04. Accounts payable as of May 31, 2019 are detailed in Exhibit E, totaling \$226,168.50. Requested amount for payment approval was \$148,207.93 with invoices totaling \$77,960.57 to remain on hold pending further review. A motion to approve the treasurer's report and payables was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Unruh. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

- a. **Second Cash Call – Todd Modeling Second Phase** – Ms. Poire presented the second cash call for the second phase for tasks 5-8 for approval. A motion was made to approve the second cash call for Todd Modeling's second phase by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Morris. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **AB 1755 – Presentation by Eric Averett** – Mr. Averett presented information on AB 1755. This is a pilot project for water data to be uploaded to a storage bank for regulating agencies to access on an as needed basis thus reducing the redundancy of having to upload the same data requirements to several agencies. He explained that this type of project has been in discussion for several years and with the passing of AB 1755 it now has the support of the legislators. A discussion about a cost share agreement with the other GSAs in the basin for the AB 1755 pilot project occurred with the recommendation to come back to the KGA board for consideration.
- c. **Kern GSAs Coordination Meeting** – Chairman Mullins reported that the GSA Coordination Group met last week and discussed the monitoring network that is currently in draft form. He also reported that the coordination agreement has been signed by three of the five GSA's. It was also reported that there are water budget checkbook issues, but they are being addressed.
- d. **Presentation of GSP schedule - GEI** – Ms. Poire and Mr. Rodriguez presented the updated GSP Schedule. Ms. Poire informed the Board that at the August board meeting, each member will present their chapter to the board for their consideration into the GSP. There was a discussion about whether there should be one special meeting or two separate meetings. Board decided to discuss at the July meeting to make a final determination
- e. **Accomplishments** – Ms. Poire referred to the memo in the board package. She provided updated information on the non-districted landowner mailer that went

out the first week of June. She advised that both the KGA and DWR had received many phone calls from landowners that had not heard of SGMA. Ms. Poire reported that the Open House workshop initiated additional ag stakeholder surveys and in the board package there is the results of those stakeholder surveys.

- f. **Forward Work Plan** – Ms. Poire referred the Board and the public to the memo regarding Forward Work Plan in the board package.
6. **New Business** – Ms. Poire reminded the members that the Second Amended and Restated JPA agreement needs to be executed by all members as soon as possible.
7. **Correspondence** – The following correspondence was received and filed.
 - a. Friant Water Authority – Notice of Requirement of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Identify the Effects of subsidence on the Friant-Kern Canal Due to Groundwater Pumping as “Undesirable Result” and to Implement Measures to Avoid and Address such Undesirable Result dated May 28, 2019
8. **Attorney Report** – Ms. Kincaid updated the Board on the status of the following agreements below.
 - a. Coordination Agreement – As mentioned by Chairman Mullins, the Coordination Agreement was been executed by three of the five necessary parties. Ms. Kincaid reminded the board plans cannot be submitted without signatures from all parties that are adopting the GSP. She also reported that she is working with GSAs that are not adopting a GSP that are signing on as Parties.
 - b. KGA JPA Agreement – Ms. Kincaid confirmed that we are at 75% approved, most of the districts have executed the second amended KGA JPA Agreement.
 - c. Jurisdiction Agreement - Ms. Kincaid stated that the next step of the chain of agreements is that once the maps are final and once we have jurisdictional coverage, we have a template of a district KGA agreement that was approved at the last meeting and we will begin to specify those agreements with those specific districts, and execute those in August. The attorneys for each member that will be exercising jurisdiction outside of its boundary will be receiving those template agreements. Ms. Kincaid also reported that a similar agreement is being developed for the Eastside Management Area and will be reviewed by the attorney group and may be ready for approval at the August meeting.
9. **Adjournment** – 9:00 a.m.