

JPA Board Meeting Minutes  
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.  
Participation by Teleconference

**JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Maria Pantoja, Arvin Community Services District  
Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD  
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD  
Chad Givins, City of Shafter  
Royce Fast, Kern County Water Agency  
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD  
Kim Brown, Kern Water Bank Authority  
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District  
Jason Selvidge, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD  
Dan Waterhouse, Semitropic WSD  
Brandon Morris, Southern San Joaquin MUD  
Randy Bloemhof, Shafter-Wasco ID  
Gary Morris, West Kern WD  
Rob Goff, Westside District Water Authority  
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

**JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT**

Maddy Symm, Eastside Water Management Area (non-voting member)  
Ryan Fachin, Tejon-Castac WD

**OTHERS PRESENT/PARTICIPATING**

Valerie Kincaid, O’Laughlin Paris, LLC  
Patty Poire, Kern Groundwater Authority

1. **Roll Call – Quorum Determination** – Chairman Selvidge called meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. after it was confirmed there was a quorum and technical issues were addressed. The Board met the threshold for a quorum under the JPA and operated under it.
2. **Public Comments** – None
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. October Regular Board Meeting Minutes
4. A motion was made by Director Pascoe and seconded by Director Waterhouse to approve the October 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.
5. **Treasurer’s Report**
  - a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable (Ratify) – November** – Mrs. Duarosan

asked the board to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$69,758.94 for the month of October as detailed on Exhibit E. It was reported in Exhibit A from October 1, 2020 thru October 31, 2020, that the beginning cash balance was \$43,294.71 with deposits totaling \$238,142.89 and ending cash balance of \$102,614.13.

- b. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable (Ratify) – December** – Mrs. Duarosan asked the board to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$31,790.52 for the month of November as detailed on Exhibit C. It was reported in Exhibit A from November 1, 2020 thru November 30, 2020, that the beginning cash balance was \$102,614.93 with deposits totaling \$64,184.80 and ending cash balance of \$97,040.79.
  - c. **Financial Report and Accounts Payable (Approve) – January** – Mrs. Duarosan asked the board to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$41,668.48 for the month of December as detailed on Exhibit E. It was reported in Exhibit A from December 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020, that the beginning cash balance was \$97,040.79, no deposits received for December and ending cash balance was \$97,040.79, due to canceled Executive Committee Meeting in December. A motion was made by Director Blaine and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve and ratify the treasurer's report for October and November 2020 and to approve treasurer's report and disbursements for December 2020. The motion was unanimously carried.
6. **Attorney's Report** – Ms. Kincaid discussed communications with DWR regarding SIGMA regulations and compliance.
7. **Executive Director Report**
- a. **Discussion & approval for 2021 GEI Task Order #7 – General Technical Support** – Ms. Poire presented 2021 GEI Task Order #7, Amendment 5 for approval. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Brandon Morris to approve 2021 GEI Task Order #7. The motion was unanimously carried.
  - b. **Discussion & approval for 2021 P&P Contract** – Ms. Poire presented the proposed 2021 P&P Contract for approval to provide Management Services. A motion was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Pandol to approve 2021 Management Services Contract from P&P. The motion was unanimously carried.
  - c. **Discussion & approval for 2021 Cash Call – First Installment** – Ms. Poire presented first installment for 2021 Cash Call for approval. A motion was made by Director Pascoe and seconded by Director Pandol to approve the first installment for 2021 Cash Call. The motion was unanimously carried.
  - d. **Discussion & approval of cost share for work on the Prop 68 Grant** – Ms. Poire explained the process of working to submit the grant application for the Prop 68 that the Kern subbasin agreed upon with the C2VSim model update and the native yield study as the components of the grant unfortunately due to DWR's requirements under the grant program the agreed upon components did not fit under the program. She presented the cost for Todd Groundwater to work on

the Prop 68 Grant and advised that the work that was done would be available to use with future grant applications and thus is requesting for approval to cost share the current expense. It is a cost share with all the other GSAs agreeing to contribute. A motion was made by Director Gary Morris and seconded by Director Blaine to approve the cost share for Todd Groundwater to work on the Prop 68 Grant. The motion was unanimously carried.

- e. **Discussion on contribution of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint** – The Discussion on contribution of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint item was moved to next month’s agenda.
  - f. **Discussion & selection of the Data Management System Consultant** – Ms. Poire presented proposals for development of a Data Management System for approval and selection. Ms. Poire recommended that the selection of the consultant also include that an Ad Hoc committee with landowners and disadvantaged communities as well as managers participate. A motion was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Andres to approve and select GEI’s proposal to develop a Data Management System and to establish an Ad Hoc committee. The motion was unanimously carried.
  - g. **Discussion and selection of the 2021 Chair and Vice Chair** – Chairmen Selvidge started the discussion of selection of the 2021 Chair and Vice Chair. A motion was made by Director Pandol and seconded by Director Pascoe to appoint Director Waterhouse the 2021 Chair of KGA. The motion was unanimously carried. Next was a motion made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Pandol to appoint Director Brandon Morris the 2021 Vice Chair of KGA. The motion was unanimously carried. 2021 Chair Waterhouse took over running the meeting from 2020 Chair Selvidge.
  - h. **Discussion on Executive Committee** – Chair Waterhouse opened the discussion on the Executive Committee by providing items to be considered as far as commitment to the position. Chair Waterhouse received several names of those interested in a position on the Executive Committee.
  - i. **Update on the current status of the boundary adjustment** – Ms. Poire updated the board regarding the status of the boundary adjustment.
  - j. **Update on the current status of the remote sensor network** – Ms. Poire updated the board regarding the status of the remote sensor network.
  - k. **Accomplishments** –Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Accomplishments and Forward Work Plan in the board package.
  - l. **Forward Work Plan** – Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Forward Work Plan in the board package.
8. **New Business** – None
9. **Correspondence** – None
10. **Closed Session** – Staff was provided direction.
11. **Adjournment** – 10:08 a.m.