

JPA Board Meeting Minutes  
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.  
Participation by Teleconference/ZOOM

**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  
Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD  
Dan Waterhouse, Semitropic WSD  
Brandon Morris, Southern San Joaquin MUD  
Randy Bloemhof, Shafter-Wasco ID  
Mark Valpredo, Tejon-Castac WD  
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)

**OTHERS PRESENT/PARTICIPATING**

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

1. **Roll Call – Quorum Determination** – Chairman Waterhouse called meeting to order at 8:05 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 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Blain to approve the January 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.
4. **Treasurer’s Report**
  - a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable – February** – Mrs. Duarosan asked the

board to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$46,824.64 for the month of January as detailed on Exhibit E. It was reported in Exhibit A from January 1, 2021 thru January 31, 2021, that the beginning cash balance was \$97,040.79 with deposits received for January in the amount of \$1,882.28 and ending cash balance was \$25,464.07. Exhibit B reflected subsequent cash receipts and deposits totaling \$15,592.47 for a total of cash balance of \$41,056.54. Marinelle advised of additional deposits after February 17 in the amount of \$144,000 for a total cash balance at the day of the meeting of \$185,000. A motion was made by Director Gaugel and seconded by Director Brandon Morris to approve and the treasurer's report for January 2021. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Attorney's Report** –

- a. **Summary of WARDER and Climate Change Reports from State Water Resources Control Board** - Ms. Kincaid presented the Water Rights Drought Effort Review (WARDER) and the Recommendations for an Effective Water Rights Response to Climate Change reports from the State Water Board staff and the impacts to the submitted GSP and the ability to comply with sustainability. Discussion about the impacts and possible actions occurred with KGA staff seeking approval to move forward with an attorney working group including all the GSAs in the Kern subbasin with an invitation to participate to generate a comment letter prior to the March 10, deadline. A motion was made by Director Blaine and seconded by Director Valpredo to submit a comment letter to the State Water Resources Control Board before the due date. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **Executive Director Report**

- a. **Discussion & approval for the TODD Groundwater & ITRC proposals – Annual Report** – Ms. Poire presented TODD Groundwater and ITRC proposals for approval for work to submit the 2021 Annual Report to the water board by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Poire advised that the proposals would be cost shared with all the GSAs who submitted GSPs in the Kern Subbasin. A motion was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Unruh to approve the TODD Groundwater & UTRC proposals. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Discussion & approval for the execution of DMS Consultant contract – GEI** – Ms. Poire presented GEI's contract for work on the DMS work for the Kern subbasin and asks for authorization to meet with GEI to amend the initial contract and to approve GEI's revised contract for work on the DMS. Ms. Poire advised that the meeting with GEI would occur after the submittal of the annual report and would include all the managers/GSAs. A motion was made by Director Valpredo and seconded by Director Pascoe to authorize Ms. Poire to proceed working with GEI to amend the scope of work on the initial agreement and bring the revised agreement back to the board for approval/execution. The motion was unanimously carried.
- c. **Discussion & ratification of the Executive Committee** – Chairmen Waterhouse as the KGA Chair for 2021 recommended his selections for the 2021-2022

Executive Committee as Royce Fast, Kevin Andrew, Michael Blaine, Kevin Pascoe and John Gaugel. The Chair, Dan Waterhouse and Vice-Chair Brandon Morris are automatically as Executive Committee members as stated by the Chair. Chairs and committee members will reset annually. A motion was made by Director Valpredo and seconded by Director Gaugel to ratify the KGA Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Committee members as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. **Discussion on contribution to the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint** – Ms. Poire introduced Scott Hamilton with the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint to provide an update on the Blueprint. In the update, Scott explained the need to continue the work and costs associated. Discussion about the Blueprint work occurred with a recommendation that the KGA contribute. A motion was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Blaine to contribute \$5,000 to support San Joaquin Valley Blueprint project. The motion was unanimously carried.
  - e. **Accomplishments** –Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Accomplishments and Forward Work Plan in the board package.
  - f. **Forward Work Plan** – Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Forward Work Plan in the board package.
7. **New Business** – None
  8. **Correspondence** – None
  9. **Closed Session** – Entered into closed session at 9:58 a.m. No action taken.
  10. **Adjournment** – 10:03 a.m.