

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, March 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
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Maddy Symm, Eastside Water Management Area (non-voting member)
Rob Goff, Westside District Water Authority

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 8:13 a.m. after technical issues were resolved and 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 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Valpredo to approve the February 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.
4. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable – March** – Mrs. Duarosan asked the board

to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$32,479.25 for the month of February as detailed on Exhibit E. It was reported in Exhibit A from February 1, 2021 thru February 28, 2021, that the beginning cash balance was \$25,464.07 with deposits received for February in the amount of \$174,687.99 and ending cash balance was \$153,327.42. Exhibit B reflected subsequent cash receipts and deposits totaling \$119,912.47 for a total of cash balance of \$273,239.89. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Unruh to approve and the treasurer's report for February 2021. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Attorney's Report** –

- a. **Update of the WARDER and Recommendations for the Effective Water Rights Response to Climate Change Reports from State Water Resources Control Board-Kern Subbasin comment letter** - Ms. Kincaid presented the final draft of the comment letter for review and approval to submit to the State Water Resources Control Board on behalf of the Kern Subbasin. Ms. Kincaid also discussed attending a workshop put on by the Water Board regarding the process and expectations for the submittal of the comment letter, it was also reported that the deadline for the comment letter submittal was extended by the Water Board, the new deadline is March 31, 2021. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Fast to submit the final draft of the comment letter to the State Water Resources Control Board before the March 31, 2021 due date. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **Executive Director Report**

- a. **Discussion & approval of Barbich Hooper King 2020 KGA audit proposal** – Ms. Poire presented BHK proposal for approval for 2020 KGA financial audit. A motion was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Valpredo to approve the BHK proposal for the 2020 financial audit. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Discussion & approval of change to the Kern subbasin monitoring network**– Ms. Poire presented changes to the subbasin monitoring network that is scheduled to be reflected in the 2021 annual report for approval. It is proposed that four wells be removed from the monitoring network and two new wells, one located in the Westside Authority District and one located in the City of Bakersfield/Kern River GSA. A motion was made by Director Brandon Morris and seconded by Director Gaugel to accept the changes to the monitoring network plan. The motion was unanimously carried.
- c. **Update on the Annual Report** – Ms. Poire reported that the 2021 annual report will be emailed out to the managers today for final review and comment. Comments need to be submitted by Friday due to approaching submittal April 1st deadline.
- d. **Accomplishments** –Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Accomplishments and Forward Work Plan in the board package.

- e. **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** – Accepted and filed.

- 9. **Closed Session** – Entered into closed session at 8:49 a.m. Board took action to evaluate and increase employee salary and no other reportable actions on the other closed session items.

- 10. **Adjournment** – 9:29 a.m.