

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
Participation by Teleconference/ZOOM

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Rafael Gallardo, Arvin Community Services District
Derek Yurosek, Arvin-Edison WSD
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD
Pete Espinoza, 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 8:03 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. April Regular Board Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Brandon Morris to approve the April 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.
4. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable – April** – Mr. Hampton asked the board to

approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$45,518.00 for the month of April as detailed on Exhibit E. It was reported in Exhibit A from April 1, 2021 thru April 30, 2021, that the beginning cash balance was \$276,442.42 with deposits received for April in the amount of \$119,968.75 and ending cash balance was \$203,678.13. Exhibit B reflected subsequent cash receipts and deposits totaling \$20,677.70 from May 1 - May 20, 2021. A motion was made by Director Gary Morris and seconded by Director Andrew to approve and the treasurer's report for May 2021. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Attorney's Report** –

- a. **Summary of Drought Actions and Curtailment Methodology** - Ms. Kincaid reported on the Water Board's drought actions and curtailment methodology. Ms. Kincaid reported that the water board will rely on a forecasting supply tool to determine the water demand and the curtailment methodology does not apply to our area.

6. **Executive Director Report**

- a. **Update on Native Yield Study** – Ms. Poire reported the managers met last Friday to work through the scope of work and a follow-up meeting is already scheduled for June 4th. Ms. Poire went on to report that managers/GSAs should be discussing with their boards.
- b. **Update on the Data Management System**– Ms. Poire reported that GEI scheduled a kickoff meeting for June 11th and the deadline to submit seasonal data to DWR is July 1st. Ms. Poire reported that with the release of the DMS on June 11th, the strategy is to have the managers/GSAs upload their seasonal data on the DMS to be uploaded to DWR on July 1st.
- c. **Accomplishments** –Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Accomplishments and Forward Work Plan in the board package. Ms. Poire reported AB 377 is not moving forward at this time but could become a two-year legislation. A brief discussion regarding AB 252 and the concerns related to SGMA occurred. Ms. Poire mentioned several of those concerns.
- d. **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 8:24 a.m. No action taken.

10. **Adjournment** – 9:50 a.m.