

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 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
Chad Hathway, Eastside Water Management Area (non-voting member)
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

Mark Valpredo – Tejon Castac WD

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. **Consider adoption of Resolution No. 2022-004 – Authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting** – Chairman Waterhouse addressed the board regarding adoption of Resolution No. 2022-004, authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting. A motion was made by Director Gary Morris and seconded by Director Goff to adopt and implement Resolution No. 2022-004. The motion was unanimously carried.
3. **Flag Salute** – Completed

4. **Public Comments** – None

5. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. February Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Director Yurosek and seconded by Director Blaine to approve the February 23, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **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 \$142,531.31 for the month of February as detailed on Exhibit E. It was reported on Exhibit A from February 1, 2022, thru February 28, 2022, that the beginning cash balance was \$134,836.57, and deposits received for the month totaled \$116,441.15 and ending cash balance was \$214,231.14. A motion was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve the treasurer's report and proceed with payments for March 2022. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. **Attorney's Report**

- a. **Discussion on process to submit the revisions to the GSP** – Mrs. Kincaid reviewed the process to submit revised GSP to DWR and summarized new curtailments.

8. **Executive Director Report**

- a. **Discussion & approval for 2021 Audit – BHK Agreement** – Mrs. Poire presented agreement from BHK to provide services for financial audit for 2021. A motion was made by Director Pandol and seconded by Director Brandon Morris to approve the BHK Agreement for 2021 Audit. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Discussion & approval for the Annual Report due on April 1st** – Mrs. Poire informed the board of the 2022 Annual Report completed and ready to be uploaded to the SGMA portal a few days ahead of schedule. Mrs. Poire went on to explain a few highlights of the report as well as covering the exceedances that have occurred in this reporting period. A motion was made by Director Goff and seconded by Director Pandol to approve the submittal of the Annual Report due on April 1, 2022. The motion was unanimously carried.
- c. **Discussion & approval on the addition of a new well for Eastside Management** – Mrs. Poire notified the board of a request to add a new water well to the Kern subbasin monitoring network through the Data Management System from Eastside Management. Mrs. Poire explained that the request had already been

taken to the Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee for their consensus and with no objections. A motion was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Gary Morris to approve the addition of a new water well to the Kern subbasin monitoring network. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. **Discussion on DWR determination letter – Incomplete** – Mrs. Poire reported to the board of communications with DWR, the next meeting is next Friday, and progress is being made.
- e. **Update on Spending Grant due on February 28th** – Mrs. Poire summarized a conference call with DWR and the potential receipt of grant funds to fund Basin Study, Land IQ and subsidence equipment from submittal of grant application on February 28, 2022.
- f. **Accomplishments & Forward Work Plan** – Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Accomplishments and Forward Work Plan in the board package.

9. **New Business** – none

10. **Correspondence** – none

11. **Closed Session** – Came out of closed session at 10:20 a.m. with direction to hold a special meeting on Friday, March 25, 2022, at 10am.

12. **Adjournment** – 10:21 a.m.