

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.
Participation by Teleconference/ZOOM

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Derek Yurosek, Arvin-Edison WSD
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD
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
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

Rafael Gallardo, Arvin Community Services District
Chad Givens, City of Shafter

OTHERS PRESENT/PARTICIPATING

Valerie Kincaid, Paris, Kincaid, Wasiewski LLP
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. 2022-006 – Authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting** – Chairman Waterhouse addressed the board regarding adoption of Resolution No. 2022-006, authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous to adopt and implement Resolution No. 2022-006.
3. **Flag Salute** – Completed

4. **Public Comments** – Jesus Alonzo, Clean Water Action inquired if KGA has plans to respond to correspondence submitted on behalf of Lost Hills. Chairman Waterhouse informed Mr. Alonzo that KGA received the correspondence and forwarded to Semitropic Water Storage District, and Semitropic is activity working on the issues.

Tiffany Harker – introduced herself and appreciated that she and the public are allowed to participate in today’s meeting.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. Director Yurosek presented to the Board his recommended corrections be made to the April 27, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes on Agenda Item 8a - Extend GEI’s Task Order #19. He explained that Arvin-Edison WSD, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD, and Tejon Castaic all abstained to the need to extend GEI Task Order #19. He wanted to amend that abstained action and reflect that all three members agree to the extension of GEI Task Order #19 and he also requested that Agenda Item 5a be changed to March 25, 2022. A motion was made by Director Yurosek and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve the corrected April 27, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes and May 11, 2022, Special Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **Treasurer’s Report**

- a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable – February** – General Manager of North Kern Water Storage District, Dave Hampton presented to the Board the financials this month due to Mrs. Duarosan was on vacation. Mr. Hampton asked the board to approve the Treasure’s Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$123,143.95 for the month of April as detailed on Exhibit D. It was reported on Exhibit A from April 1, 2022, thru April 30, 2022, that the beginning cash balance was \$146,687.25, and ending cash balance was \$63,332.67. Mrs. Poire notified the board of Grant payment received May 18th in the amount of \$65,530.15 was used to reimburse districts Kern Delta WD, Wheeler Ridge MWD and Cawelo WD for purchased remote sensor equipment. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Brandon Morris to approve the treasurer’s report and proceed with payments for April 2022. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. **Attorney’s Report**

- a. **Update on CA Water Commission – Groundwater Trading White Paper**- Mrs. Kincaid reported that the California Water Foundation adopted the Groundwater Trading White Paper on May 18th.
- b. **Update on Curtailments**- Mrs. Kincaid summarized the updated emergency regulations on curtailments and notified the board of the readoption of updated regulations for the Delta in July.

- c. **Update on DWR Presentation to the State Water board on SGMA**- Mrs. Kincaid summarized the State Water Board meeting held on May 10th.

8. **Executive Director Report**

- a. **Discussion & approval GEI – Extend Task Order #19 Cost Share** – Mrs. Poire discussed the breakdown of cost for work done on GEI Task Order #19 and the Task Order #19 for the revision to KGA GSP to remove South of Kern River districts and asked for approval to send out cost share invoices. A motion was made by Director Yurosek and seconded by Director Valpredo to approve GEI Task Order #19 with the South of Kern River members not obligated to pay for Task 2, 3, and 4 however to be obligated to pay for all costs associated to Task Order #19 revision to KGA GSP to remove South of Kern River districts. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Discussion & approval – Horizon Extend Proposal Cost Share** – Mrs. Poire asked the board to accept and adopt the cost share to cover the cost to extend the Horizon contract to cover the extension of the grant agreement that handles the data management system. A motion was made by Director Brandon Morris and seconded by Director Unruh to approve the cost share of extended Horizon Contract. The motion was unanimously carried.
- c. **Discussion & approval – Lawrence Livermore Lab Subsidence Study** – Mrs. Poire presented the Lawrence Livermore Lab Subsidence Study for approval and cost share amounts. Ms. Poire explained that at this time, the KGA is the only GSA that sees value to having this work done to address the subsidence concern mentioned in the DWR determination letter for the Kern subbasin. Director Yurosek noticed that the South of Kern River districts were not included in the cost share amounts and would like to be included. A motion was made by Director Valpredo and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve the Lawrence Livermore Lab Subsidence Study with the additions of the South of Kern River districts included in the cost share. The motion was unanimously carried.
- d. **Discussion & approval – Member 2022 First Cash Call of 2022 Budget** – Mrs. Poire presented first cash call for 2022 Budget that was adopted in October.
- e. **Discussion & approval of revisions to Rosedale Rio Bravo’s monitoring wells** – Mrs. Poire presented Rosedale Rio Bravo’s request to make a change to their monitoring well plan and per the Coordination Agreement, this request requires an update in the DMS and needs board approval as well as consensus from the Coordination Committee. Ms. Poire explained that at the next Coordination Committee meeting, if the KGA board approves the request, she will take to the Committee to obtain consensus and once received will proceed with the request to change the monitoring network well plan. A motion was made by Director Brandon Morris and seconded by Director Gary Morris to approve Rosedale Rio Bravo’s request to remove change their monitoring well plan. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. **Update on DWR determination letter – Incomplete**
 - 1. **General Update** – Mrs. Poire provided the board with an update on the status of response to DWR Incomplete determination letter.
 - 2. **South of Kern River** – Mrs. Poire provided the board with progress on moving forward to the deliverable by the July 27th deadline.
 - g. **Update on Spending Grant** – Mrs. Poire provided the board with a summary on Spending Grant.
 - h. **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** – Director Waterhouse encouraged and thanked board and policy people for the great work being done and is optimistic for what is to come.
10. **Correspondence** – received and filed letter from Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, Wheeler-Ridge Maricopa Water Storage District, Tejon-Castac Water District and Arvin Community Service District.
11. **Closed Session** – Came out of closed session at 10:30 a.m. staff was given direction.
12. **Adjournment** – 10:31 a.m.