

JPA Board Meeting Minutes  
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, June 22, 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  
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  
Don Elholm, Westside District Water Authority  
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

**JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT**

Chad Givens, City of Shafter  
Mark Valpredo – Tejon Castac WD  
Gary Morris, West Kern WD

**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 8:01 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. 2022-007 – Authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting** – Chairman Waterhouse addressed the board regarding adoption of Resolution No. 2022-007, authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting. Motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by director Andrew and Roll call vote was unanimous to adopt and implement Resolution No. 2022-007.
3. **Flag Salute** – Completed

4. **Public Comments** – Mark, Westside Authority – Request for in person meeting.

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

5. **Approval of Minutes**

a. May Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Yurosek to approve the May 25, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **Treasurer’s Report**

- a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable – May** – Mrs. Duarosan notified of the 2021 Audit in process with no issues at this point and completion of the audit is soon. Mrs. Duarosan proceeded with financials and asked the board to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$97,868.85 for the month of May as detailed on Exhibit E. It was reported on Exhibit A from May 1, 2022, thru May 31, 2022, that the beginning cash balance was \$63,332.67, and ending cash balance was \$3,332.67. Mrs. Duarosan explained that Exhibit B reflects deposits totally \$87,427.20 from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup> with additional funds received since June 15<sup>th</sup> to cover the disbursement amount reflected on Exhibit E. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Unruh to approve the treasurer’s report and proceed with payments for May 2022. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. **Attorney’s Report**

- a. **Update on Curtailments**- Mrs. Kincaid updated the board on curtailments regulations and notified the board that on July 20<sup>th</sup> the updated emergency regulations on curtailments will be readopted.
- b. **Update on South of Kern River – Jurisdiction Agreement**- Mrs. Kincaid summarized update on South of Kern River jurisdiction agreement and the need to resolve the jurisdiction issue.
- c. **AB 2201 – Comment Letter** – Mrs. Kincaid summarized new requirements to obtain well permit. The board gave direction for Mrs. Kincaid to write and submit a comment letter regarding AB 2201. A motion was made by Chairmen Waterhouse and seconded by Director Andrew to submit comment letter in response to AB 2201. The motion was unanimously carried.

8. **Executive Director Report**

- a. **Discussion & approval – Amended Kern Subbasin Coordination Agreement** – Mrs. Poire summarized and presented amended Kern Subbasin Coordination Agreement with all appendices for approval and for Chair to execute. A motion

was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve Amended Kern Subbasin Coordination Agreement with all appendices and to have Chair execute. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. **Discussion & approval – Spending Grant Agreement** – Mrs. Poire presented the Spending Grant Agreement for approval. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve the Spending Grant Agreement to be executed by Chairmen Waterhouse. The motion was unanimously carried.
  - c. **Discussion & approval – TODD Groundwater Proposal – Basin Study**– Mrs. Poire presented the TODD Groundwater Proposal – Basin Study for approval to be executed by Chairmen Waterhouse. A motion was made by Director Yurosek and seconded by Director Fast to approve execution of TODD Groundwater Proposal – Basin Study by Chairmen Waterhouse. The motion was unanimously carried.
  - d. **Discussion & approval – Land IQ Remote Sensor Proposal** – Mrs. Poire presented the Land IQ Remote Sensor Proposal for approval for execution by Chairmen Waterhouse. A motion was made by Director Gaugel and seconded by Director Pandol to approve execution of the Land IQ Remote Sensor proposal as presented by Chairmen Waterhouse. The motion was unanimously carried.
  - e. **Discussion & approval of – Kern County Subbasin Sustainability Goal**– Mrs. Poire presented the Kern County Subbasin Sustainability Goal for approval to include the new sustainability goal in the amended GSP by the KGA. A motion was made by Director Blaine and seconded by Director Yurosek to approve the Kern County Subbasin Sustainability Goal to be included in the GSP. The motion was unanimously carried.
  - f. **Discussion & approval of – Provost & Pritchard Proposal Website Update**- Mrs. Poire presented the Provost & Pritchard proposal for website update for approval and that the funds to cover the proposal are in the 2022 Budget that were approved by the Board in October. A motion was made by Director Gaugel and seconded by Director Fast to approve the Provost & Pritchard proposal for website update. The motion was unanimously carried.
  - g. **Update on DWR determination letter – Incomplete**
    1. **KGA Amended Umbrella Update** – Ms. Poire explained to the board the delays in the amended umbrella update. Ms. Poire advised of the Special Board meeting being July 20<sup>th</sup> to adopt the amended KGA GSP that includes all management area plans and the Umbrella.
    2. **KGA Management Area Plans Update** – Mrs. Poire notified the board to submit amended redlines by July 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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 DWR.
11. **Closed Session** – Came out of closed session at 10:50 a.m. staff was given direction.
12. **Adjournment** – 10:51 a.m.