

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, January 26, 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 Givens, 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
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 Hathway, Eastside Water Management Area (non-voting member)
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 8:01 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. 2022-002 – Authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting** – Chairman Waterhouse addressed the board regarding adoption of Resolution No. 2022-002, authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Pandol to adopt and implement Resolution No. 2021-006. The motion was unanimously carried.
3. **Flag Salute** – Completed

4. **Public Comments** – None

5. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. December Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve the December 15, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable – December** – Mrs. Duarosan asked the board to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$10,607.29 for the month of December as detailed on Exhibit D. It was reported on Exhibit A from December 1, 2021, thru December 31, 2021, that the beginning cash balance was \$179,690.56 after deposits received for December and ending cash balance was \$145,443.86. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Blaine to approve the treasurer's report and proceed with payments as stated on Exhibit D. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. **Attorney's Report**

- a. **DWR Review Comment Letter** – Mrs. Kincaid reported that DWR has been busy with the review of submitted GSPs. The Kern County Subbasin GSP has been reviewed by DWR and the basin will receive the formal status letter no later than January 30, 2022.
- b. **CA Water Commission – White Paper on Groundwater Trading** – Mrs. Kincaid presented an overview on the draft white paper on groundwater trading being considered by the CA Water Commission. There were several questions from Directors about the draft white paper and the impacts to the Kern subbasin. Mrs. Kincaid recommended based on the questions that the board consider submitting a comment letter. The board responded and gave Mrs. Kincaid direction to prepare a draft comment letter for submittal to DWR middle of February.

8. **Executive Director Report**

- a. **Discussion & Approval of Provost & Pritchard 2022 Management Service Agreement** – Mrs. Poire presented Provost & Pritchard's proposal for 2022 Management Services for approval. A motion was made by Director Goff and seconded by Director Brandon Morris to approve the 2022 Management Service Agreement. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Discussion & Approval of TODD GW & ITRC annual report proposals** – Ms. Poire presented proposals from Todd GW and ITRC for approval and cost share for

both proposals for approval to send out invoices. A motion was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Pandol to approve both Todd GW and ITRC Service Agreements and issue invoice for cost share of both agreements for a total of \$77,365.00. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. **Discussion & Approval on the Data Management System to assist in the annual report** – Ms. Poire presented GEI proposal to prepare the Data Management System to provide data including hydrographs for the annual report due on April 1, 2022. Ms. Poire explained that the cost would be covered by the existing DMS grant. A motion was made by Director Pandol and seconded by Director Unruh to approve the GEI proposal for services to prepare Data Management System ability to produce data for annual report. The motion was unanimously carried.
 - d. **Discussion, Approval & Adoption of Grant Resolution** – Ms. Poire presented Grant Resolution for Approval and Adoption to be submitted with grant application. A motion was made by Director Pandol and seconded by Director Goff to approve and adopt Grant Resolution and move forward with grant application submittal projects. A roll call vote for the passage of the resolution was conducted. The motion was unanimously carried.
 - e. **Discussion & Approval of the Grant Application submittal projects** – Ms. Poire discussed the submittal of the grant application and discussed the proposed projects. Ms. Poire requested approval on the proposed projects to submit in the grant to have projects funded. A motion was made by roll call vote for submittal of grant Application for projects. The motion was unanimously carried.
 - f. **Discussion & Approval of cost share on the GEI Task Order #19**– Ms. Poire advised the board that this task order had been presented to the board back in December but at the time, the other GSAs had not considered participating in Task #1 only. Ms. Poire is now requesting that Task #1 be cost shared with all the GSAs and the other tasks 2 & 3 will be only the KGA. A motion was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Blaine to approve invoice be sent out for cost share of GEI Task #1 and approval of services on task 2 & 3 only for the KGA. The motion was unanimously carried.
 - g. **Discussion & selection of the 2022 Chair & Vice-Chair** – A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Pandol to elect Dan Waterhouse as Chair and to elect Brandon Morris as Vice Chair. The motion was unanimously carried.
 - h. **Accomplishments** –Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Accomplishments and Forward Work Plan in the board package.
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9. **New Business** – Director Waterhouse encouraged board and policy people to collaborate and managers to attend upcoming board meetings.

10. **Correspondence** – none

11. **Closed Session** – Came out of closed session at 9:17 a.m. No action taken.

12. **Adjournment** – 9:18 a.m.