JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, June 24, 2015

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD
Terry Chicca, Buena Vista WSD
Scott Hamilton, Cawelo WD
Gene Lundquist, ID-4
Royce Fast, Kern County Water Agency
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD
Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority
Jeff Siemens, Olcese WD
Jason Selvidge, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD
Roger Riley, Shafter-Wasco ID
Dennis Atkinson and Allen Lyda, Tejon-Castaic WD
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Joe MacIlvaine, Westside District Water Authority
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

Michael James, City of Shafter
Supervisor David Couch, Kern County
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Kevin Andrew, North Kern WSD

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Collup & Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Greg Hammett, Belridge WSD
Maurice Etchechurry, Buena Vista WSD
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD
Dave Beard, ID-4
Jim Beck, KCWA
Jon Parker, KWBA
Mark Mulkay, KDWD
Steve Dalke, Kern-Tulare WD
Dick Diamond, NKWSD
Lori Honea, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD

Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic WSD
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Harry Starkey, West Kern WD
Gary Sawyers, Bolen Fransen Sawyers LLP
Troy Carrington, Bolthouse
Brad DeBranch, Bolthouse
Art Chianello, City of Bakersfield Water Resources Dept
Dee Jaspar, Dee Jaspar & Assoc
Timothy Ruiz, East Niles Community Services Dist
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants
Patty Poire, Grimmway Farms
Alan Christensen, Kern County
Phil Hall, Kern County
Holly Melton, KCWA
Richard Snedden, Kern County Cattlemen's Assoc
Austin Snedden, Kern County Cattlemen's Assoc
Joe Hughes, Klein Law
Florn Core, Kern County
Robert Kuhs, Kuhs Parker Law
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Doug Nunneley, Oildale Mutual
Todd Turley, South Valley Farms
Van Grayer, Vaughn Water
Holly King
Angelica Martin, Tejon-Castaic Water District
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge
Devon Yurosek, Yurosek Farming
Joe Hopkins
T. Mark Smith, Clifford-Brown Law

1. **Call to Order** – Director MacIlvaine called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. after it was confirmed there was a quorum.

2. **Public Comments** – None

3. **Minutes** – A motion was made by Director Taube and seconded by Director Morris to approve the May 27, 2015 regular board meeting minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

4. **Treasurer's Report** –
    a. Accounts Payable/Receivable - Mr. Diamond gave a report to the Board. A motion was made by Director Hamilton and seconded by Director Regan to

approve the accounts payable as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Groundwater Management Work Plan**
    a. **GEI Update** – Mr. Rodriguez reported that they have just begun the two task orders. He will have a report at the next board meeting.
    b. **Committee Reports**
        i. **Urban Committee Report – Consumptive Use Analysis** – Mr. Beard reported that Task Order #3 (from GEI), that identifies domestic well owners, has been approved and their next meeting is scheduled for July 16th at 9:00 am.
        Task Order #3 will develop an Urban and Domestic Groundwater User Map and compile groundwater users' contact information in support of outreach efforts within KGA area of interest. The proposed map(s) will have the following layers:
            - San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin-Kern County subbasin boundaries
            - Water district boundaries
            - City boundaries
            - City spheres of influence
            - Locations of registered domestic groundwater wells, municipal wells and public water systems within the KGA area of interest subject to Sustainable Groundwater Management Act provisions
            - Proposed commercial/residential developments expected to be constructed by 2020
        ii. **Surface Supply Workgroup Report-Yield Analysis** - Mr. Mulkay reported that the committee met to discuss Task Order #4 (from GEI). The next meeting is scheduled for July 6th.
        Task Order #4 will develop a preliminary, forward-looking basin-wide water budget for the Kern Subbasin and a draft template for collection of district-level data to support the development of a more comprehensive basin water budget.
        Task Order #4 is intended to develop a preliminary basin-wide evaluation of the following:
            - Groundwater elevations
            - Groundwater extractions
            - Surface water supply
            - Total water use
            - Change in groundwater storage
            - Water budget (defined in SGMA)
            - Sustainable yield (defined in SGMA)

6. **Discussion on Approach to Implementation of Groundwater Regulations**
    a. **Outline of proposed amendments to JPA agreement & schedule** – Mr. Averett discussed the Outline with the Authority Board. He reported that this outline is just a "straw man" approach to start the discussion.
    Recital discussion included:
        - Update to reflect enactment of SGMA
        - Add recitals about the joint goals of the members being cost-effective groundwater management in the Kern County Subbasin that is responsive to stakeholders' needs and concerns
        - Revise to provide that KGA's goal is to serve as the GSA for the Kern County Subbasin implement SGMA and GSP's within their boundaries (each, a "Management Area") while KGA serves a primarily coordinating and administrative role in order to provide for sustainable groundwater management throughout the subbasin.

    Mr. Sawyers reviewed the JPA Amendment hand-out with the Authority Board.
    Discussion topics included:
        - SGMA enactment
        - GSA as it pertains to each individual District
        - How to structure Dispute Resolution
        - GSP adoption
        - Voting Power
        - KGA Goal(s)
        - Establishing parameters for the relationship between KGA and member(s) opting to manage within a Management Area

    Mr. Sawyers is working on crafting the language for the Amendment along with the following attorneys: Ernest Conant, Robert Hartsock, Joe Hughes, Robert Kuhs, Goldner and Amelia Minaberrigarai.

    Mr. Averett stressed that the Authority acts on *behalf of* the members *not upon* its members unless they are asked to.
    We won't lose autonomy in each of our service areas. The authority still has to get an acceptable plan to the State for a GSA. We could do special activities agreement within our GSA.
    b. **Report on Department of Water Resources Practitioner Advisory Panel(s)** – Mr. Averett reported that he attended the meeting on 06/22 with DWR. The meeting focus was GSA and other issues. He will continue to report on activities to the Board.
        1. **Preexisting Conditions & Undesirable Results** – Mr. Averett reviewed the GSA Development Timeline with the Authority Board. Discussion included:

- The deadlines for approval of the Amended JPA for Execution – November 2015
- Submission of Notice of Intent to act as GSA to DWR – January 2016
- Significant and Undesirable Results
- Subsidence and sea water intrusion
- Pre-SFMA conditions & undesirable results – setting planned goals & threshholds
- Starting in 2020 – develop a plan that addresses issues. Discussions can continue but we have to be sustainable in 2040.

Mr. Averett emphasized that we *have to coordinate* plans not only within our basin but overlapping basins with similar premises (i.e. – Kern-Tulare). The deadline for boundaries is January 2016.

- Example – Multiple GSA's still need to all *coordinate* – if we have a single GSA then we're ok

How do we communicate with DWR?

- Bill Taube through ACWA
- Eric Averett through Advisory Panel
- Gary Sawyers through Legal
- DWR through Workshops

2. **Measurable Objectives** – Mr. Averett reported on this to the Authority Board.
3. **Land Use & County Involvement** – Mr. Averett reported on this to the Authority Board.
   Mr. Averett reported that DWR will have webinars and workshops on these and it will be listed on their website.

c. **Basin level projects for consideration of funding under SB1** – Mr. Averett indicated that this is a storage provision countywide between the water, oil & gas industry project. Conversation was started on this subject and more information will be coming later.

7. **Legislative Update**

Mr. Averett reported they are working with ACWA to get a better understanding of these bills.

a. **SB226** – Mr. Averett reviewed the SB226-Senator Pavley Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater rights bill with the Board. He said there are provisions within this that we are looking at.
b. **AB1390** – Mr. Averett reviewed the AB1390-Groundwater: adjudication with the Board. He reported that there is significant broadening of the State Board's power in this bill. It mandates consolidation of water Districts for water rights.

8. **Coordination Activities**
    a. **SB4** – nothing to report
    b. **CASGEM** – nothing to report
    c. **ILRP** – nothing to report

9. **Old or New Business** – None

10. **Attorney(s) Report** – None

11. **Adjournment** – Director Taube made a motion and Director Regan seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.