JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, November 16, 2015

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dave Fenn, Cawelo WD
Gene Lundquist, ID-4
Michael James, City of Shafter
Royce Fast and Marty Milobar, Kern County Water Agency
Supervisor David Couch, County of Kern
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority
Jeff Siemens, Olcese WD
Carol Fornoff, North Kern WSD
Jason Selvidge and Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
Dennis Atkinson, Tejon-Castaic WD
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Joe MacIlvaine, Westside District Water Authority
Michael Blaine and George Cappello, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD
Roger Riley, Shafter-Wasco ID

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Dave Beard, ID-4
Jim Beck, KCWA
Steve Dalke, Kern-Tulare WD
Dick Diamond, NKWSD
Lori Honea, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Dan Bartel, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic WSD
Harry Starkey, West Kern WD
Greg Hammett, Westside District Water Authority
Dee Jaspar, Dee Jaspar & Assoc
Larry Rodriguez & Tim Gobler, GEI Consultants

Patty Poire, Grimmway Farms
Alan Christensen, Kern County
Greg Fenton, Kern County
Phil Hall, Kern County
Florn Core, Kern County
Holly Melton, KCWA
Joe Hughes, Klein Law
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Todd Turley, South Valley Farms
Angelica Martin, Tejon-Castaic Water District
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge
Scott Kuney, Young Wooldridge
David Prince, Prince Financial
Bernie Barmann Jr., Kuhs & Parks
Jeff Eklund, Provost & Pritchard
Doug Nunneley, Oildale Mutual
Deborah Wordham, Best, Best & Krieger

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 Couch and seconded by Director Fenn to approve the October 28, 2015 regular board meeting minutes. 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 on the October 31, 2015 Accounts Payable. A motion was made by Director Couch and seconded by Director Morris to approve the October, 2015 accounts payable as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.
    b. **Authorization for Cash Call** – Mr. Diamond reported a cash call would be needed to carry costs through the end of the year. A motion was made by Director Couch and seconded by Director Taube to authorize a cash call for $101,000 and pay the warrants as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

A 2016 Budget Committee was formed consisting of: Director Lundquist, Director Couch, Director Fenn and Director MacIlvaine.

5. **Groundwater Management Work Plan**
    a. **GEI Update** – Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the Activity Report handout from GEI with the Authority Board. This handout summarized activities performed by GEI Consultants, Inc. during the month of October. He reported on the following activity they've been working on:
        1. Wrapping up water balance for Coordination Committee
        2. Supplemental work for the Urban Committee – 2 To's
        3. Develop series of white papers on the 7 elements
        4. Two white papers on GW elevations – presented to committee

    Director Fast said the Agency has a lot of this data and reiterated that we need to work together so everyone within the GSA is satisfied. Director MacIlvaine said we need to have one set of assumptions that everyone can agree on. Director Taube said we need to give Cal Poly more data in regard to consumptive use.
    b. **Committee Reports**
        1. **Urban Committee Report** – Mr. Beard reported the committee will met on 11/19 to review the TO #5 results from GEI. They will also continue the discussion on the urban consumptive use.
        2. **Coordination Committee** – No report

6. **Discussion on Approach to Implementation of Groundwater Regulations**
    a. **Review/Discussion of proposed amendments to JPA** – Mr. Averett reported that there is a conference call meeting every Friday to discuss the JPA with the attorneys. Some concerns are:
        1. This organization body has no authority to require anything of its members in its boundaries
            i. *Everything* still has to be coordinated
            ii. Lose benefit of working collectively
            iii. You are 1 vote in 20
            iv. You can withdraw at any time – the group won't object
            v. Authority will act on *behalf* of its members ONLY

    Director MacIlvaine emphasized that our *whole goal* is to work together and reminded everyone that there was a unanimous vote that this Board took action on to have the Kern Groundwater Authority act as our GSA.
    Mr. Gianquinto said that we *ALL* have to *coordinate* versus everyone filing separate GSA's in order to establish coordination to DWR. The whole basin will have to file/apply/be accepted as a whole for DWR to not put us in a probationary status.
        2. Article 2.03
            i. Per Gary Sawyers, make this an Appendix with a short description. Better to be broader now versus so specific. This allows for more flexibility.

Mr. Averett reported that DWR is putting a "Frequently Asked Questions" on their website.

The GSA deadline to file is June 30, 2017. Buena Vista WSD & City already opted out of the Authority. If Buena Vista and the City don't coordinate on the GSP it shows that we are all not coordinated. They need to agree on what studies we use, etc. The whole point is to avoid the State from coming in if we can't coordinate. DWR will go with the majority when looking at GSP's.

Mr. Averett reiterated that this JPA *DOES NOT* have any authority over existing water rights.

Mr. Averett stressed once again the following under the Option 1A approach:

3. The Authority acts on *behalf of* the members *not upon* its members unless they are asked to.
4. 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.
5. GSP *has* to be COORDINATED no matter how many GSA's are formed. If we can't coordinate, the entire basin goes probationary versus single areas. If we can't agree all authority goes back to the State.
6. Nobody can do a plan until the basin is coordinated
7. There is a benefit starting off as a single agency
8. DWR is currently developing guidance documents – will be put on their website after completion

b. **Report on Department of Water Resources Practitioner Advisory Panel(s)** – no report.

c. **Draft Administrative Procedure(s) for Board of Directors** – Mr. Averett will put this together and bring it to the Budget Committee so we can take action on both at the next meeting.

d. **Draft Kern Groundwater Authority Activity Agreement** – Mr. Averett reviewed the handout with the Authority Board. Discussion topics included:

1. Do we weigh acreage or useable/non-useable basin?
2. Active management or Limited management?
3. Propose allocated on acreage?
4. What purpose?
5. How this is applied?
6. Who benefits?

Director MacIlvaine would like the Coordination Committee to add this to their agenda to vet out and do some brainstorming in regard to the topics discussed.

7. **ACWA Water Storage Integration Workgroup** – Mr. Averett reported that ACWA formed a workgroup to look at funding under SB1. There is $2.7 billion for water storage projects. ACWA is currently looking at the studies.

Mr. Averett and Mr. Gianquinto participate in the discussions on Groundwater Storage Projects (development of new water supplies).

8. **Coordination Activities**
    a. **SB4** – Mr. Averett reported this bill focuses on fracking and monitoring. There have been good discussions between SB4 and ILRP. Maps have been created.
    b. **CASGEM** – No report
    c. **AB1390** – No report

9. **Old or New Business** –none

10. **Attorney(s) Report** – No report

11. **Adjournment** – Director Taube made a motion and Director Couch seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m.