JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, February 22, 2017

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Kevin Pascoe, Arvin-Edison WSD
Dave Fenn, Cawelo, Cawelo WD
Michael James, City of Shafter
Supervisor Couch, County of Kern
Royce Fast & Marty Milobar, KCWA
Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District
Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Joe MacIlvaine, Westside District Water Authority
Dennis Mullins & Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

Jeff Siemens, Olcese WD
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
Mark Franz, Shafter-Wasco ID
Dennis Atkinson, Tejon-Castaic WD

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Collup, Arvin-Edison WSD
Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Anna Dutton, Arvin-Edison WSD, via conference call
Dave Ansolabehere, Cawelo WD
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD
Steve Dalke, Kern-Tulare WD
Jon Parker, KWBA
Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Dan Bartel, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Lori Honea, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic WSD
Harry Starkey, West Kern WD
Greg Hammett, Westside District Water Authority
Valerie Kincaid, O'Laughlin, Paris, LLP
Doug Gosling, BHG Law Firm
Maurice Etchechurry, Buena Vista WSD
Terry Chicca, Buena Vista WSD
Steve Teglia, City of Bakersfield

John Ayres, GEI Consultants
Patty Poire, Grimmway Farms
Florn Core, Kern County
Alan Christensen, Kern County
Holly Melton, KCWA
Dave Beard, ID4
Gene Lundquist, ID4
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Costas Cecero, Kern-Tulare WD
Robert Kuhs, Kuhs Parker Law
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Alex Shafer, Materra Farming
Doug Nunneley, Oildale Water
Pres Brittan, Pacific Resources
David Halopoff, Provost & Pritchard
Todd Turley, South Valley Farms
Wendy Adams-Rosenburger, West Kern WD
George Cappello, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Robert Goff, Wonderful Orchards
Tim Gobler, Wonderful Orchards
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge
Scott Kuney, Young Wooldridge
Don Wright
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch LLP
Bob Hartnack, Millen Haggin Group
Julie Bell

1. **Call to Order** – Director MacIlvaine called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. after it was confirmed there was a quorum. We meet the threshold under the JPA and will be operating under it.

2. **Public Comments** – None

3. **Minutes** – A motion was made by Director Taube and seconded by Director Pascoe to approve the January 25, 2017 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 presented the Accounts Payable/Receivable to the Authority Board. A motion was made by Director Fenn and seconded by Director Andrew to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize the disbursements of the accounts payable as of January 31, 2017. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act – Manager and Committee Reports**
    a. **KGA Management and Staffing – Request for Qualifications** – Mr. Averett reported that there was discussion at the Executive Committee and the Coordination Committee regarding this effort. This RFQ was developed to engage a consultant similar to the ILRP structure.
    Some discussion regarding the position from today's meeting included:
    Hourly rate
    Mileage Reimbursement
    Act as a GM
    Work with the Authority Board
    Coordinate Issues
    Available for a 2-3 year period
    Possible additional position: Administrative Assistant as a support role
    Mr. Averett reported that the Coordination Committee will review the final RFQ draft and will forward it to interested parties. They will come up with a short list and work to interview the candidates.
    b. **Report on Amended and Restated Joint Powers Authority Agreement** –Mr. Averett reported that this has been circulated by action of the Board. This will be brought back at the March board meeting for everyone to decide and sign. He reported that the County of Kern sent comments since the circulation and legal is looking at these. Several Districts have already taken action before the new County comments.
    c. **Update on Basin Modeling Effort - RFQ** – Mr. Averett reported that the reason for the RFQ was to pick the best modeler. This RFQ is a peer review or technical analysis to populate an existing model.
    Mr. Palla, representing the Kern River GSA, reviewed the invitation to participate in the Todd Groundwater Model letter with the Authority Board. He reported that the Kern River GSA will be taking action on the Todd scope of work at their regular meeting scheduled for 04/06/17. He reported that there will be an informational meeting on 03/02/17 at the KCWA where Todd representatives will be present to further explain the scope of work and answer any questions. He is asking that those that want to participate return the copy of the letter by close of business on 03/31/17. Mr. Chicca, from Buena Vista WSD, reported that the Buena Vista GSA is supportive of the Kern River GSA Todd Model.
    After discussion Mr. Averett reiterated the following points in regard to the final Basin Model for the Kern Subbasin:
        1) We need to make sure that we have transparency for all data being reported to DWR
        2) All data share between everyone is critical
        3) The modeling architecture will need to be the same – C2VSIM Model
        4) **Coordination** needs to be done for the **Whole Basin!**

5) Bottom line, we **ALL** have to "cross the finish line together!"

A motion was made by Director Mullins and seconded by Director Pascoe to approve the circulation of the RFQ, in substantial form, and then bring the recommendation back next month to the Authority Board.

d. **Urban Committee Report** – No report. Next meeting scheduled for 02/23/17.
e. **Coordination Committee Report** – The meeting was 02/06/17. The County of Kern did a presentation on the General Plan at this meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 03/06/17. There will be a presentation from WaterFind at this meeting.
    1. **DWR – Report on Water Available for Replenishment** –Mr. Averett there was nothing new to report.
    2. **Duke University – Nicholas Institute – Report(s) on Water Allocation & Sharing** – Mr. Averett reported that these reports will be online due to the size. The reports discuss the GSP Framework and Water Allocations.
f. **GEI Update** – The report is in the board packet for review.

6. **Special Activity Reports**
    a. **Cal Poly ET Study** – Mr. Averett reported that the work continues. We are still waiting for the 10-year window. It should be completed by March.
    b. **Kern Groundwater Authority Sustainability Agency**
        i. **Report on Special Activity Agreement & Memorandum of Understanding** – Mr. Averett reported that the SA Agreement and MOU was discussed with the KGA Option 1 GSA group. He reported that they should be ready for the March meeting. If there are comments, please circulate them to Valerie as soon as possible. The SA Agreement will need to be adopted by the whole Board for approval then Districts can elect to be a separate GSA.
        ii. **GEI Task Order No. 13** – No report.
        iii. **Workshop(s) – Stakeholder Outreach on KGA/GSA Formation** – GEI is working to set these workshops up.

7. **Discussion on Approach to Implementation of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**
    a. **Coordination Agreement** – Mr. Averett reported that this is being drafted and should be ready in March. It has been circulated to Managers and District Reps. A special workshop to identify the top 10 issues within the coordination group and other groups (KRGSA, BVGSA, etc.) to discuss issues will be set soon. This is fundamental for the GSP process and plans.

8. **Coordination Activities**
    a. **SB4** – No report.
    b. **CASGEM** – No report.
    c. **ILRP** – No report.

9. **Correspondence** – None

10. **Old or New Business** – None

11. **Attorney(s) Report** – Ms. Kincaid reported that on DWR activity to include:
    1) DWR Water Budget Frameworks-have everything on the dashboard (highly complicated). She stated that they want it to look like this and that is concerning.
    2) DWR said that 25% are covered within a GSA-they rolled out a new portal for forming GSA elections.
    3) After July 1st deadline the State Water Board will be involved for reporting, listing as probationary after the hearing, and reporting of the interim status plan.
    4) One (1) Coordination Agreement for the Basin with chapters within
    5) Have to have Coordination Agreement before you can develop your plans
    6) How plans are going to talk to each other before you develop your own GSP
    7) Plans need to be on a parallel track

    The DWR requirements are:

    1. Governance & Coordination – Intra & Inter Basin GSP Coordination Land Use & County
    2. Basin Setting – State of the Basin
    3. SGM Planning – Sustainability Goal (Sustainable Yield, SGM), Measureable Objectives & Undesirable Results, Water Budgets, Data Collection & Monitoring Plan
    4. Evaluation – Implementation & Reporting

    These requirements will require a Coordination Agreement and a KGA Special Activity Agreement. There will need to be Stakeholder involvement as well.

12. **Adjournment** – Director MacIlvaine adjourned the board meeting at 9:13 a.m.