JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Wednesday, March 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
Jeff Siemens, Olcese WD
Jason Selvidge & Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
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

Mark Franz, Shafter-Wasco ID
Dennis Atkinson, Tejon-Castaic WD

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Collup, Arvin-Edison WSD
Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD
Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Lori Honea, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic WSD
Roland Gross, SSJMUD
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Harry Starkey, West Kern WD
Greg Hammett, Westside District Water Authority
Valerie Kincaid, O'Laughlin, Paris, LLP
Steve Teglia, City of Bakersfield
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants
Patty Poire, Grimmway Farms
Florn Core, Kern County
Alan Christensen, Kern County
Phil Hall, Kern County
Holly Melton, KCWA

Dave Beard, ID4
Gene Lundquist, ID4
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Rich Tillema, Kern Delta WD
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD
Costas Cecero, Kern-Tulare WD
Joe Hughes, Klein Law
Robert Kuhs, Kuhs Parker Law
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Dan Raytis, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Justin Birch, Materra Farming
Alex Shafer, Materra Farming
Alan Boyce, Materra Farming
Doug Nunneley, Oildale Water
Pres Brittan, Pacific Resources
David Halopoff, Provost & Pritchard
Bret Sill, Sill Properties
Sunny Kapoor, West Kern WD
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
Devon Yurosek, Yurosek Farming
Don Wright
Craig Lynch, Lynch & Lynch LLP
Bob Hartnack, Millen Haggin Group
Julie Bell
Jim Beck, Heritage Group
Raul Barraza, Jr., Arvin CSD
Jon Reiter

1. **Call to Order** – Director MacIlvaine called the meeting to order at 8:01 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 Andrew and seconded by Director Couch to approve the February 22, 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 Fast

and seconded by Director Couch to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize the disbursements of the accounts payable as of February 28, 2017. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act – Manager and Committee Reports**
    a. **Update on KGA Management and Staffing – Request for Qualifications** – Mr. Averett reported that they have circulated the RFQ and received three (3) proposals back – 1) Hallmark Group, 2) Terry Maxwell, and 3) Molly Sasso. The RFQ's will be reviewed by the Coordination Committee and then interviews will be set up for the Executive Committee. A recommendation will be presented at the April board meeting.
    b. **Update on KGA Technical Consultant – Groundwater Modeling** – Mr. Averett reported that they circulated RFQ's and received three (3) proposals back – 1) Tom Harder, 2) RMC, and 3) AMEC & E-Pure. Mr. Parker is leading the efforts and will work with the Coordination Committee on interviews and will bring back a recommendation at the April board meeting.
    c. **Adoption of Amended and Restated Joint Powers Authority Agreement** –Mr. Averett reported that this has been circulated by action of the Board. There are thirteen (13) signatures as of today, which meets the threshold, so it becomes effective. The four (4) members who have not signed yet as of this meeting are: County of Kern, Semitropic WSD, Tejon-Castaic WD, & Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD.
    d. **Adoption of Special Activity Agreement – Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency** – Mr. Averett reported that the template has been developed and approved by the Board. The Exhibit will define the specific agreement. Ms. Kincaid added that the two issues (on page 3) regarding the fiscal agent and budget will still need to be answered. Mr. Diamond said that North Kern WSD is willing to be the fiscal agent. Mr. Rodriguez said that in GEI's TO 13 it will get us through today and the GSA formation as far as budget. A motion was made by Director Couch and seconded by Director Taube to approve the Special Activity Agreement, in substantial form, adding in the budget amount with the MOU for ongoing activities and expenses. The motion was unanimously carried.
    e. **Urban Committee Report** – No report. The next meeting is scheduled for 03/23. They will have a TO to bring to the next month.
    f. **Coordination Committee Report** – The meeting was 03/06/17. WaterFind did a presentation. Mr. Averett reported he is trying to get Mike Young from Duke University to come do a presentation in Kern since he has experience with GSA formation. There was discussion regarding IRWMP at the meeting and why we would need this to get grant funding. If there was enough agreement amongst

the whole group a draft Exhibit under the Special Activity Agreement would be done and brought back to the group in April. We would extend an invitation to the whole IRWMP group to include them in this as well.

g. **GEI Update** – Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the Activity Report with the Authority Board. He also reviewed the Memorandum in regard to the GSA Filing Timeline with the Authority Board. The schedule is as follows:
    i. Ongoing through June 2017: GSA boundary mapping and overlap resolution
    ii. January-February 2017: GSA boundary map workshops (2)
    iii. Ongoing through June 2017: Maintaining Interested Parties list
    iv. April 26, 2017: KGA Public Hearing to form a GSA, adopt Resolution to form GSA
    v. May 26, 2017: GSA formation documentation submitted to DWR
    vi. July 25, 2017: End of 90-day comment period

6. **Special Activity Reports**
    a. **Cal Poly ET Study** – Mr. Averett reported that a small error was found and the revised set of data is coming soon.
    b. **Kern Groundwater Authority Sustainability Agency**
        i. **Report on Special Activity Agreement & Memorandum of Understanding** – No report. This was covered under agenda item 5d.
        ii. **GEI Task Order No. 13** – No report. This was covered under agenda item 5g.
        iii. **Workshop(s) – Stakeholder Outreach on KGA/GSA Formation** – No report. This was covered under agenda item 5g.

7. **Discussion on Approach to Implementation of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**
    a. **Coordination Agreement** – Mr. Averett reported that the first draft was included in the board packet for review. It was not circulated to the other GSP's yet. All comments should be circulated to Ms. Kincaid as soon as possible.

8. **Coordination Activities**
    a. **SB4** – No report.
    b. **CASGEM** – No report.
    c. **ILRP** – No report.
    d. **Kern County-General Plan Update** – After speaking with Lorelei from the County, they are going to be scheduling a special workshop on the water plan. The date is to be determined.

9. **Correspondence** – Mr. Averett reported that the draft letter from the Kern Groundwater Authority addressed to the Kern River GSA in regard to KGA participation in the Kern County Subbasin-Wide Water Budget Modeling with C2VSim is in the board

packet for review. This letter was discussed at the Coordination Committee. Discussion topics were:

i. Funding based on acreage?
ii. Can the Kern River GSA participate in the selection group for peer review?
iii. If West Kern WD participates in the Kern River GSA do they have to pay for peer review?
iv. Funding will be worked out via a Special Activity Agreement.

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Pascoe and seconded by Director Couch to approve, execute and send the letter to the Kern River GSA with the funding changes discussed. The motion was unanimously carried.

10. **Old or New Business** – None

11. **Attorney(s) Report** – Ms. Kincaid reported that on DWR activity to include:
    1) CA Water Boards *Draft Emergency Regulation for State Intervention Fees* (handout) Fact Sheet.
    2) SGMA Information and Resources: State Water Board: www.waterboards.ca.gov/gmp
    3) Department of Water Resources: www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm

12. **Adjournment** – Director MacIlvaine adjourned the board meeting at 9:21 a.m.