JPA Special Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority
Monday, November 14, 2016

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
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Bill Taube, Kern Water Bank Authority
Jeff Siemens, Olcese WD
Jason Selvidge & Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD
Roger Riley, Shafter-Wasco ID
Jim Regan, SSJMUD
Dennis Mullins, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD
Joe MacIlvaine, Westside District Water Authority

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District
Dennis Atkinson, Tejon-Castaic WD
Gary Morris, West Kern WD

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Anna Dutton, Arvin-Edison WSD (via conference call)
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
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Harry Starkey, West Kern WD
Valerie Kincaid, O'Laughlin, Paris, LLP
Brad DeBranch, Bolthouse
Joe Ashley, CRC
Dee Jaspar, Dee Jaspar & Assoc
Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants
Patty Poire, Grimmway Farms
Florn Core, Kern County
Jeff Rasmussen, Kern County Farm Bureau
Holly Melton, KCWA
Dave Beard, ID4

Gene Lundquist, ID4
Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta WD
Rich Tillema, Kern Delta WD
Joe Hughes, Klein Law
Robert Kuhs, Kuhs Parker Law
Robert Hartsock, McMurtrey, Hartsock & Worth
Doug Nummeley, Oildale Mutual
Pres Brittan, Pacific Resources
Todd Turley, South Valley Farms
David Worden, Tehachapi Cummings CWD
Van Grayer, Vaughn Water
Sunny Kapoor, West Kern WD
Tim Gobler, Wonderful Orchards
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge
Scott Kuney, Young Wooldridge
Don Wright

1. **Call to Order** – Director MacIlvaine called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 Siemens and seconded by Director Couch to approve the October 24, 2016 board meeting minutes with the change noted. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

4. **Treasurer's Report** –
    a. **Accounts Payable/Receivable** - Mr. Diamond presented the Treasurers Report and the Accounts Payable/Receivable to the Authority Board. A motion was made by Director Couch and seconded by Director Selvidge to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize the disbursements of the accounts payable as of October 31, 2016. The motions were unanimously carried.
    b. **Update of Draft 2017 Budget** - Mr. Averett reported that the Draft 2017 budget was reviewed with the Authority Board but hasn't been vetted at the Coordination Committee yet. It will be reviewed at that meeting and brought back to the Board for approval next month. He did report that the majority of the funds will be available going into 2017. No motion made at this time.

5. **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act – Manager and Committee Reports**

a. **Membership Notice of Intent regarding Groundwater Sustainability Agency** – Mr. Averett reviewed the letter he sent via email to the KGA on 11/11. Discussion points surrounding SGMA requirements included:

- GSA's have formed within the Basin, none have been approved due to overlapping from the proposed boundaries.
- This overlap highlights the need to avoid fragmentation of the Basin and to identify a single point of contact/reference for meeting the coordination requirements of SGMA.
- EVERY GSP requires a *Coordination* Agreement with other GSPs in the Basin. The point would be to have as few GSPs in the Basin as possible.
- You MUST HAVE coordinated data for your GSP. If you decide to be your own GSP it still has to be coordinated and vetted through the KGA to make sure that all the data is the same. You will become a "chapter" in the Basin GSP.

Mr. Averett discussed the two (2) options:

Option 1 – Gives you flexibility. The KGA will only take authority over the things you authorize.
Option 2 – Not as much flexibility. You are your own GSP but you still have to vet everything through the KGA for coordination.

The KGA has two roles for the GSP:
1) Coordination – data and preparation of the information
2) Reporting to DWR

The KGA will submit to DWR 1 Basin GSP that is Coordinated! Each member will give their own plans (chapters) to the KGA to be coordinated together for submission to DWR.
Mr. Averett had Ms. Honea poll the Board to see which option each District would be using for their approach:
Arvin-Edison WSD – Option 1
Cawelo WD – Option 2
City of Shafter – Option 1
KCWA – Option 2 (on behalf of the Pioneer)
Kern County – Option 1
Kern-Tulare WD – Option 1
KWBA – Option 1
North Kern WSD – Undecided at this meeting – after 11/17 they are Option 1
Olcese WD – Option 2 – final decision on 11/28
Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD – Option 1
Semitropic WSD – Option 2
SSJMUD – Option 1
Tejon-Castaic WD – Absent

West Kern WD – Option 2
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa – Option 1

i. KGA Special Activity for GSA Participation – Mr. Averett reviewed the Agreement with the Board. He highlighted and the majority of the discussion was in regard to *Section 8 – Withdrawal from Further Participation* and *Exhibit B.*
ii. Proposed Amendment(s) to JPA Agreement – Mr. Averett reported that this has been circulated and the attorney team is working on it. They are working diligently to have it in final form by the next board meeting.

b. **Adoption of Kern Groundwater Authority Technical White Papers** – Mr. Averett reported there were several comments and that GEI will work on updating these to align with the new regulations and it will be brought to the Coordination Committee for review. He reported that these will represent as the KGA White Papers and will work with other GSAs for coordination. No action was taken at this meeting.
c. **Update on Basin Modeling Effort – Agreement with KRGSA** – Mr. Averett reported that Todd Groundwater presented their model at the 11/07 Coordination Committee meeting. He reviewed the Power Point from them highlighting their C2VSim Model. Two points included: 1) the Model architecture will not be changed (no manipulation); and 2) the Model will not be modified without consent of all entities. The KGA & KRGSA Funding & Participation Agreement had several comments/questions primarily around the budget for the Model so this will have to be further vetted so no action was taken at this meeting.
d. **Update on ITRC METRIC Study** – Mr. Rodriguez reported that GEI received the packet from Cal Poly for 2005-2015. It was missing one year and they are in communication with them in regard to this. It should be ready for review by early, 2017. No action is necessary, as the work was previously approved.
e. **Urban Committee Report** – No report.
f. **Coordination Committee Report** – Next meeting is 12/05.
    i. **Update on Stakeholder Issue Identification** –CCP is currently setting up and conducting stakeholder interviews. The next Workshops are scheduled for:
    November 15th @ 5:30 PM – Kern Ag Pavilion
    November 28th @ 11:00 AM – Kern County Admin Bldg (3rd floor)
    December 5th @ 5:00 PM – Kern Ag Pavilion
    December 20th @ 11:00 AM – Kern County Admin Bldg (1st floor)
g. **GEI Update** – Mr. Rodriguez reported that they have been processing the ITRC data along with putting together the GSP Framework for Option 1 & 2.

6. **Discussion on Approach to Implementation of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**

a. **Coordination Agreement** – Mr. Averett reported that we can't collect data until we establish coordination in the Basin. **ALL** data that goes into the plan has to be coordinated. This is *NOT NEGOTIABLE!* DWR specifies "coordination" within their regulations. Mr. Averett suggested that a draft Coordination Agreement be circulated to the KRGSA, BVGSA, WKWD, and any others and ask them if they're planning on coordinating with the KGA. After discussion from the Board it was decided that a decision needs to happen today. A motion was made by Director Couch and seconded by Director Fast to propose the draft Coordination Agreement and present it to the other GSA's for a decision/signature. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. **Coordination Activities**
   a. **SB4** – There hasn't been any movements. They are waiting on paperwork.
   b. **CASGEM** – No report.
   c. **ILRP** – No report.

8. **Old or New Business** – None

9. **Attorney(s) Report** – Ms. Kincaid reported that the attorneys should have the updated JPA language soon and they will also circulate the Option 1 Special Activities Draft Agreement soon.

10. **Correspondence** – A letter was received from a gentlemen asking for additional SGMA information. Ms. Honea will add him to the email distribution list.

11. **Adjournment** – Director MacIlvaine adjourned the board meeting at 9:00 a.m.