KERN NON-DISTRICTED LAND AUTHORITY
(FORMERLY KERN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY)
3200 Rio Mirada Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Regular Meeting of Board of Directors
July 15, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Scott Spitzer, Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Angelica Martin, Tejon-Castac Water District
Rodney Palla, Kern Delta Water Agency
Kern County Water Agency ID4
Brandon Morris, Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District
Randy Bloemhof, Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District/7th Standard Annex
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District
Rob Goff, Westside District Water Authority
Royce Fast, Kern County Water Agency
Dan Waterhouse, Semitropic WSD
Andrew Hart, Kern Tulare Water District
Chad Hathaway, Eastside Water Management Area
Barry Watts, Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District
Jeff Siemens, Olcese Water District
Amrit Mangat, Buena Vista Water Storage District
Dave Halapoff, Cawelo Water District
Donna Semar, Kern County Water Agency ID4

OTHERS PRESENT/PARTICIPATING

Valerie Kincaid, Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP

1. **Roll Call - Quorum Determination** – Dan Waterhouse called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Valerie Kincaid conducted a roll call for the district representatives and confirmed there was confirmed there was a quorum. The Board met the threshold for a quorum under the JPA and operated under it.

2. **Flag Salute** – Completed.

3. **Public Input** – None.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. **May KGA Regular Board Meeting Minutes***
   A motion was made by Director Goff and seconded by Director Fast to approve the May 2024 KGA Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Kincaid conducted a roll call to note abstentions and recusals. Despite abstentions, the motion was successfully

carried.

5. **Financial Report**

   a. Financial Report & Accounts Payable – May*

   Ms. Kincaid notified the Board that Provost and Pritchard had moved offices which caused delays in receiving the financial statement and reports for the month. Ms. Kincaid recommended that the action item be removed from today's agenda and voted upon at a later time. A motion was made by Director Goff and seconded by Director Fast to proceed as advised by Ms. Kincaid.

6. **Officers**

   a. Review existing officers

   At the KGA February 2024, meeting the KGA elected Dan Waterhouse as Chair, Royce Fast as Vice-chair, and Rob Goff as treasurer. Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Goff confirmed they would be available to close out KGA items but would not be proceeding with taking committee chair positions for KNDLA.

   b. Consider electing new officers.*

   Royce Fast nominated Barry Watts as Chair, Andrew Hart seconded the nomination.
   Kevin Andrew nominated Royce Fast as Vice Chair, Dan Waterhouse seconded the nomination.
   Dan Waterhouse nominated Andrew Hart as Treasurer, Michael Blaine seconded the nomination.

   Motion to appoint the nominated slate was made by Kevin Andrew; seconded by Royce Fast.

   The motion was unanimously approved.

7. **White Area Representatives**

   a. Develop process for nomination and appointment of white area representatives

   The Board instructed Ms. Kincaid to prepare a short process for nominating white area representatives for their review and comment**.**

   b. Receive nominations for white area representatives.

   - Devon Yurosek
   - Debby Wise
   - Rob Fanucci
   - Mike Etcheverry

A public comment was made recommending a potential outreach effort to ensure awareness for adequate representation. EWMA made comments that its members should have priority on appointments. Discussion of developing a map from the DMS. Direction was provided to have counsel develop a proposed process for nomination and appointment for consideration at the next meeting.

8. **KNDLA Budget**

a. Provide status of KGA budget and obtain direction on KNDLA budget.

Ms. Kincaid advised that a special activities agreement could be implemented to help facilitate the close out of any pending KGA items. Discussion of the Board favored the convening of a KGA Ad hoc close out committee to make recommendations to the KNDLA Board about how to close out of KGA items. Chair appointed a KGA close out ad hoc of existing KGA members.

Ms. Kincaid confirmed she would have a draft of the report ready for review and approval for an ad hoc meeting, or by the next board meeting. Discussions were held on the quickest course of action.

Discussions related to the need for a KNDLA cash call after KGA close out. Ms. Kincaid requested the Board's feedback for items that would be included in the KNDLA budget. Chair Watts appointed an Ad Hoc budget committee to prepare the budget.

9. <u>Audit Services</u>

a. Review audit process.

A motion was made by Dan Waterhouse to request Babich Hooper King complete the KGA audit process. This would be paid by KGA's existing budget. The motion was seconded by Royce Fast, and was unanimously approved.

10. <u>KNDLA Transition Items.</u>

a. Letterhead, website, banking, outreach, meeting locations, and zoom options.

It was agreed that board meetings would be held the fourth Monday of each month at 2 p.m., with Zoom links made available for public participation. Ms. Kincaid confirmed that she would reach out to Provost and Pritchard for updated administrative services and would be in contact with the Kern County Farm Bureau to cancel the previous meeting location room. A general consensus was reached that KGA special activity committee would have their first meeting prior to making any further transition changes.

b. Existing Agreements – consider developing mechanism to continue as KNDLA.

Ms. Kincaid recommended forwarding this item to the larger attorney group to identify the existing nature of KGA agreements and to identify if any resolutions were needed to capture KNDLA being KGA's successor.

11. <u>DWR Grant</u>

a. Update and discussion on DWR Grant

b. Update on grant administration services

Ms. Kincaid confirmed that Jason Gianquinto was continuing to work with Provost and Pritchard on this item.

12. <u>Groundwater Sustainability Plan</u>

a. Update and discussion on Kern GSP revisions.

b. Consider ad hoc committee for KNDLA GSP review, revisions, participation in subbasin discussions, and/or meetings with state agencies.*

A vote was not held for this action item, but Ms. Kincaid confirmed she would have a discussion with the attorneys group on next steps for the LOI.

13. New Business – None.

14. Correspondence – None.

15. Closed Session – No closed session.

16. Adjournment – 3:48 p.m.