JPA Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA)
Monday, April 28 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Scott Spitzer, Arvin-Edison
Amrit Mangat, Buena Vista
Dave Halopoff, Cawelo
Kevin Antongiovanni, Kern Delta
Andrew Hart, Kern Tulare
Eric McDaris, Kern Water Bank
Kevin Andrew, North Kern
Jeff Siemens, Olcese
Royce Fast, Pioneer
Barry Watts, Rosedale-Rio Bravo
Dan Waterhouse, Semitropic
Kris Lawerence, Shafter-Wasco & 7th Standard Annex
Brandon Morris, Southern San Joaquin
Dolores Salgado, TCWD
Gary Morris, West Kern
Colby Fry, Wheeler Ridge
Devon Yurosek, Non-Districted Land Representative

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES BY TELECONFERENCE

Debbie Wise, Non-Districted Land Representative
Chad Hathway, EWMA

OTHERS PRESENT/ PARTICIPATING

Jenny Holtermann, KNDLA
Steve Teglia, Kern Delta
Jamie Marquez, Westside
Richard Iger, Kern Delta
Dan Bartel, Rosedale Rio Bravo
Dave Hampton, North Kern

OTHERS VIRTUAL

Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic
Greg Hammett, West Kern
Alana Goodell, DWR CASP
Doug Gosling
Jana Marquez
Katelyn Zenger
Steve Tiorgiani
Alan Christiansen
Tim Ashlock, Buena Vista
Valerie Kincaid, Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP
Donna Semarm
Dan Raytis
Morgan Campbell, Westside District Water Authority
Dave Cameron, Kern Tulare

1. **Roll Call.**
   Chairman Watts called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. after confirming the presence of a quorum, as required by the JPA Agreement.
2. **Flag Salute**
   Completed
3. **Public Input.**
   None
4. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. **March 24, 2024**
   A motion was made by Director Hart and seconded by Director Royce to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025 regular board meeting. Dan Waterhouse abstained from voting. Motion passed.

5. **Financial Report**
   a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable**
      Ms. Grass reviewed the disbursement of Grants 9 and 10 received, deposits, monthly bills and grant balances. A motion was made by Director Hart and seconded by Director Morris to approve financial report and disbursements of payments as advised by Ms Grass. The motion was unanimously approved.
   b. **2023, 2024 Audit Engagement.**
      Ms. Grass discussed the Audit agreements with Barbich Hooper King regarding our Audits for 2023 and 2024 year ends. Each Audit will be $10,000 and we already had $11,000 budgeted. Director Waterhouse made the motion to approve and Director McCarthy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
   c. **KNDLA Credit Card**
      Chairman Watts made a motion for Executive Director Holtermann to complete the application for a KNDLA credit card with a maximum spending limit of $10,000 for administrative and outreach efforts. Motion was seconded by Director Hart and was passed unanimously.
6. **Administration**
   a. **Executive Director Report.**
      Ms. Holtermann provided updates on recent activities, including Subbabsin meetings, updates on the well monitoring process in regards to water quality and water levels, landowner outreach coordination and meetings, technical assistance for maps and landowner identification as well as the name change process with DWR.
   b. **Insurance Coverage.**
      Director Watts reviewed insurance quotes on proposals. Alternative organizations were discussed as Special districts of California, SDRMA, Golden state management authority and ACWA to receive quotes from. Direction was to obtain 3 bids and have board approval at next meeting.
   c. **June 2nd Special Meeting**
      Due to Memorial Day holiday it was discussed to cancel our May meeting and host Special Meeting on June 2nd, 2025
7. **DWR Grant Administration**
   a. **Report on DWR Grant Administration**
      Mr. Gianquinto discussed pay request 9 and 10 submitted to DWR were received. Pay request 11 is being worked on and should conclude all expenses. Todd Groundwater to supply Basin Study by end of year.
8. **County of Kern Participation**
   a. **Kern County Participation Ad hoc Committee Report**
      Director McCarthy is working to schedule a meeting soon.
9. **Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan**
   a. **GSP Update**
      Ms. Holtermann provided an overview of the GSP and an update on progress.
   b. **DWR Portal GSA Name Change**
      Ms. Holtermann discussed an update on the DWR portal name change and plans to finish soon.
10. **Legal**
   a. **Statewide Update**
      Ms. Kincaid provided an update on the Chowchilla recommendation from the State Board to be sent back to DWR. Staff report said the 2022 plan was deficient but the 2025 plan fixed the issues. Chowchilla changed their ground elevation MT, MO was set to 2011 levels, well mitigation plan provided funding MO and specific timeline and costs estimates. Their mitigation commitment was huge. Subsidence Cap at 2ft from 2023-2040,

ramp down to zero subsidence after 2040. There were 9 recommended further actions for GSP improvement, demand management, surface water, data gaps for continuing actions. State Board had three specific recommendations- no probation, State Water Board to return Chowchilla to DWR and Chowchilla GSA continue to implement SGMA plan. State water board taking public comment for next 30 days.
DWR wrapping up low priority basins 4 adequate and 4 incomplete. 1 incomplete is Castaic Valley but not being referred to state intervention.

11. New Business

None

12. Correspondence

None

13. Closed Session

a. Potential Litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

The Board entered closed session at 2:37 pm and reconvened at 2:42pm. Chairman Watts reported no reportable actions were taken, direction was given to staff.

14. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn made by Director Morris and seconded by Director McCarthy was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Holtermann, Executive Director