JPA Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA)
Monday, March 24, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT
Scott Spitzer, Arvin-Edison
Amrit Mangat, Buena Vista
Spencer Birch, Cawelo
Rodney Palla, Kern Delta
Andrew Hart, Kern Tulare
Eric McDaris, Kern Water Bank
Kevin Andrew, North Kern
Brian Grant, Olcese
Royce Fast, Pioneer
Barry Watts, Rosedale-Rio Bravo
Kris Lawerence, Shafter-Wasco
Bret Sill, 7th Standard Annex
Brandon Morris, Southern San Joaquin
Dolores Salgado, TCWD
Gary Morris, West Kern
Rob Goff, Westside
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge
Debbie Wise, Non-Districted Land Representative (arrived at 2:03 PM)
Devon Yurosek, Non-Districted Land Representative

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES BY TELECONFERENCE
Tom McCarthy, KCWA/ID 4
Chad Hathaway, Eastside

OTHERS PRESENT/PARTICIPATING
Valerie Kincaid, Paris Kincaid Wasiewski LLP
Jenny Holtermann, KNDLA Executive Director

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. **Swearing In of Non-Districted Lands Representatives**

Ms. Grass administered the oath of office to newly appointed Non-Districted Land Representatives Debbie Wise and Devon Yurosek.

5. **Approval of Minutes**
    a. **February 24, 2025**
    A motion was made by Director Hart and seconded by Director Blaine to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Financial Report**
    a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable**
    Ms. Grass reviewed the Financial Report and Accounts Payable for February 2025, focusing on cash calls, deposits, disbursements, receivables, and grant balances. Ms. Grass requested approval for the disbursement of accounts payable:
        - $ 787,144.41, as presented in Exhibit E for February 2025.

    A motion was made by Director Morris and seconded by Director Hart to approve the financial reports and disbursement of payments as advised by Ms. Grass. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. **White Area Representatives**
    a. **Executive Director Report**
    Ms. Holtermann provided updates on recent activities, including Subbasin meeting participation, Outreach Committee efforts, name change delays, well monitoring progress, Form 700 filings, and general administrative matters.
    b. **Insurance Coverage**
    Ms. Holtermann reported on the status of director insurance, cyber insurance, and general liability insurance, noting that action items are expected to be presented at the next meeting.
    c. **Non-Districted Lands Representative update**
    Chairman Watts reported on a meeting held with Directors Wise and Yurosek to discuss outreach goals. He encouraged Board members to volunteer for outreach initiatives by contacting him directly.

8. **DWR Grant Administration**
    a. **DWR Grant Communications**
    Chairman Watts provided a brief update regarding Grant Amendment No. 2, with additional updates to follow in the coming week.
    b. **Report on DWR Grant Administration**
    Mr. Gianquinto reported on recent administrative actions, including the submission of Pay Request No. 9 on March 13 and Pay Request No. 10 on March 20. He also noted that USGS has resumed work on extensometer construction.

9. **County of Kern Participation**
    a. **Kern County Participation Ad hoc Committee**

Director Fast reported increasing interest from Kern County regarding potential participation, based on recent discussions.

10. **Kern Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)**
    a. **GSP Update**
    Ms. Holtermann provided updates on SGMA activities for those not regularly attending Technical Working Group meetings. Updates included water quality definition changes, well impact analysis modeling, and new outreach strategies, including NGO coordination and social media efforts.
    Ms. Holtermann and Ms. Kincaid reported the Subbasin submitted a 90-day notice for a GSP amendment.
    A motion was made by Director Andrew, seconded by Director Fast, to ratify the notice. The motion passed unanimously.
    b. **Update on Representative Monitor Well Access Agreements**
    Ms. Echeverria reported that a monitoring agreement was executed with The Nature Conservancy to monitor a well near Caliente. Ms. Holtermann is coordinating with Provost & Pritchard to sample the well promptly.
    c. **Report on KNDLA at risk domestic wells**
    Ms. Holtermann updated the Board on modeling results regarding at-risk domestic wells and noted that field verification efforts may be conducted in the future.
    d. **DWR Portal GSA Name Change**
    Ms. Holtermann reported continued technical issues with updating KNDLA's name on the DWR portal. Staff is actively working to resolve the issue.

11. **Legal**
    a. **Statewide Update**
    Ms. Kincaid provided a legislative and regulatory update, including developments from the State Water Board, new SGMA-related regulations, and recent Senate hearings and adjudication activity
    b. **Form 700**
    Ms. Holtermann updated the Board regarding new legislation passed for GSAs to submit form 700s online. She added that the forms need to be completed by April 1st. She will follow up with members who have not yet submitted or are having issues accessing their online accounts.

12. **New Business**
    Director Palla recommended appointing Director Wise to the Coordination Committee, noting she does not have management representation to assist with coordination. He indicated he would raise the item again during the 4:00 p.m. meeting.

13. **Correspondence**
    None.

14. **Closed Session**
    a. **Potential Litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)**
    The Board entered closed session at 2:47 PM and reconvened at 3:16 PM. Chairman Watts reported no reportable actions were taken, but direction was given to staff.

15. <u>Adjournment</u>

A motion to adjourn was made by Director Salgado and seconded by Director Birch and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 PM.