JPA Special Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA)
Monday, June 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Derek Yurosek, AEWSD
Amrit Mangat, BVWSD
Spencer Birch, Cawelo
Wes Shyrock KCWA ID4
Rodney Palla, Kern Delta
Andrew Hart, Kern Tulare
Eric McDaris, Kern Water Bank
Kevin Andrew, North Kern
Jeff Siemens, Olcese
Royce Fast, Pioneer
Barry Watts, Rosedale
Dan Waterhouse, Semitropic
Kris Lawrence, SWID
Kris Lawrence, 7th Standard
Brandon Morris, SSJMUD
Gary Morris, West Kern
Colby Fry, Wheeler Ridge
Devon Yurosek, Non-Districted Land Representative

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES BY TELECONFERENCE

Brian Grant
Chad Hathaway
Donna Semar

OTHERS PRESENT/ PARTICIPATING

Jenny Holtermann, KNDLA Executive Director
Valerie Kincaid, Paris Kincaid Wasiewski, LLP
Rachelle Echeverria, RRB
Madison Robinson, KCWA
Dan Raytis, EWMA
Taylor Blakslee, EWMA
Dan Bartel, RRBWD
Dave Hampton, North Kern
Steven Teglia, Kern Delta
Owen Kubit, Provost and Pritchard
Morgan Campbell, Westside
Geoff King, BHK
David Szweyk, BHK

OTHERS VIRTUAL

Alan Doud
Alanna Goodell
Doug Gosling
Greg Hammett
Jason Gianquinto
Kate Zenger
Kern Tulare Water District
Rick Iger
Steve Torigiani

1. **Roll Call**
   Chairman Watts called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. after confirming the presence of a quorum, as required by the JPA Agreement.
2. **Flag Salute**
   Completed.
3. **Public Input**
   Mr. Raytis provided a comment regarding EWMA's demand management policy and position.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. A motion was made by Director Hart and seconded by Director Waterhouse to approve the minutes of April 27, 2026, regular board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Financial Report**
   a. **April 2026 Financial Report & Accounts Payable**
      Ms. Holtermann reviewed the deposits, monthly bills, and grant balances. A motion was made by Director Yurosek and seconded by Director Fast to approve the April financial report and authorize payment of disbursements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
      May 2026 Financial Report & Accounts Payable
      Ms. Holtermann reviewed the deposits, monthly bills, and grant balances. A motion was made by Director Hart and seconded by Director Morris to approve the May financial report and authorize payment of disbursements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
   b. **Subbasin Cost Share Request**
      i. **KNDLA Cash Call Needs**
         Ms. Holterman reviewed the Subbasin's cost share agreement and requested a cash call from the participating GSAs. A motion was made by Director Waterhouse and seconded by Director Hart to approve the cash call needs as presented.
   c. **Audit Presentation**
      The auditors presented the 2023 and 2024 audit reports and answered questions from the Board. The 2023 audit was prepared under the former Kern Groundwater Authority (KGA), while the 2024 audit was prepared under the Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority (KNDLA). Following the discussion, a motion was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Morris to accept the 2023 KGA audit report. A motion was made by Director Hart and seconded by Director Waterhouse to accept and file the 2024 KNDLA audit report. Both motions carried unanimously. The Board also directed staff to begin preparation for the 2025 audit.
6. **Administration**
   a. **Executive Director Report.**
      Ms. Holtermann provided a report on administrative and SGMA-related activities, including consultant and GSA coordination, Land IQ data review, Demand Management planning, EWMA and LAFCO updates, groundwater monitoring, well permitting, subsidence planning, cost-share agreement revisions, audit coordination, financial management, and Board meeting preparation.
   b. **Demand Management Update**
      i. **Groundwater Allocation Options Overview**
         Mr. Kubit presented the KNDLA Groundwater Allocation Policy, including the long-term plan to gradually ramp down groundwater use by 2040. He reviewed the five phases of the long-term plan, the Phase 1 Groundwater Allocation Options Analysis, key policy topics, and the need for a more detailed water budget. The Board discussed next steps, including accepting comments on the draft report, moving into Phase 2 water

budget/accounting analysis, and using those results to support future allocation policy development. Direction was given to receive comment for 2 weeks.

ii. **Phase 2 and 3 Proposal**

Following the discussion, Director Hart made a motion, and Director Andrew seconded to approve Phases 2 and 3 of the proposal. After further Board discussion, the motion was amended to modify the scope of approval of phase 2. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Technical Report**
   a. **Consideration Adoption of the Exceedance Policy and associated Action Plan for Land Subsidence – Version 2.0 (June 2026)**

      Ms. Holtermann presented the proposed Exceedance Policy and Land Subsidence Action Plan Version 2.0, which updates the Kern Subbasin's procedures for responding to groundwater level, water quality, and land subsidence exceedances. The revisions were developed to align with DWR's 2026 Land Subsidence Best Management Practices and include updated investigation, reporting, and response requirements. A motion was made by Director Hart and seconded by Director Birch to adopt the Exceedance Policy and associated Action Plan for Land Subsidence – Version 2.0 (June 2026). The motion carried unanimously.
   b. **Land IQ, APN, and Ownership for Field Level Data needs**

      Ms. Holtermann presented a proposal from Land IQ to provide APN and ownership information linked to field-level evapotranspiration data within the KNDLA GSA. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Fast to approve the proposal. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **DWR Grant Administration**
   a. **Report on DWR Grant Administration**

      No Report.
9. **Legal**
   a. **Statewide Update**

      Ms. Kincaid reported on DWR update with the BMP on interconnected surface water guidance. BMP Subsidence committee working on action plan with subbasins. DWR is preparing Prop 4 funding for SGMA related expenses. Kincaid reported on State Water Board update reevaluating SGMA fees and probation subbasins.
10. **New Business**

    None.
11. **Correspondence**

    Ms. Holtermann reported that an email from Famoso Hills was received last Friday regarding a new technical assistance application.
12. **Closed Session**

    Closed session commenced at 3:26 p.m. and concluded at 4:33 p.m. No reportable actions were taken.
13. **Adjournment**

    A motion to adjourn was made by Director Hart and seconded by Director McDaris. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Holtermann