JPA Special Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA)
Monday, August 26, 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
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
David Daniels, Semitropic
Kris Lawrence, SWID
Kris Lawrence, 7th Standard
Dolores Salgado, Tejon
Gary Morris, West Kern
Rob Goff, WDWA
Colby Fry, Wheeler Ridge
Devon Yurosek, Non-Districted Land Representative

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES BY TELECONFERENCE

Chad Hathaway, EWMA

OTHERS PRESENT/ PARTICIPATING

Jenny Holtermann, KNDLA Executive Director
Valerie Kincaid, Paris Kincaid Wasiewski, LLP
Rachelle Echeverria, RRB
Lauren Bauer, KCWA
Taylor Blakslee, EWMA
Dan Bartel
Michelle Anderson
Dave Hampton
Steven Teglia
Joe Butkiewetz
Jeevan Muhar
Richard Iger
David Halopoff
Greg Hammett

OTHERS VIRTUAL

Alan Doud
Alanna Goodell
David Cameron
Don Wright
Jamie Marquez
Kate Zenger
Michael Miller
Rick Iger
Skye Grass
Steve Torigiani
Trent Taylor
Vanessa Y. Escobedo

1. **Roll Call**
   Chairman Watts called the meeting to order at 2:04 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. A motion was made by Director Derek Yurosek and seconded by Director Fast to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2026, regular board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Financial Report**
   a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable**
      Ms. Holtermann reviewed the deposits, monthly bills, and grant balances. A motion was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Morris to approve the July financial report and authorize payment of disbursements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Administration**
   a. **Executive Director Report.**
      Ms. Holtermann reported on administrative and SGMA-related activities, including data-gap coordination and landowner outreach, Land IQ evaluations, landowner GIS requests and property identification, Demand Management Ad Hoc work and water-demand analysis, the EWMA demand-management process, audit coordination, cash-call invoices, subsidence exceedance review, LAFCO SGMA 101 coordination, and Board meeting preparation.
   b. **Demand Management Phase 3 Approval**
      Ms. Holtermann presented Provost & Pritchard's Phase 3 proposal to develop a Groundwater Allocation Policy. The work was included in the approved budget, but the consultant proposal had not previously been approved. The proposal estimates approximately $40,000 for Phase 3. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Yurosek to approve the Phase 3 proposal. The motion carried.

7. **Technical Assistance**
   a. **Subsidence Proposal**
      The Board reviewed an Aquilogic proposal for a subsidence exceedance investigation near the California Aqueduct in an area shared with the Westside Water Authority. The investigation is required under the Kern Subbasin GSP subsidence action-plan process and will evaluate the source, extent, and root cause of the exceedance. The total proposal is $15,000, with KNDLA's proposed share of $7,500. The work is expected to take approximately six weeks and will be funded under the mitigation budget category. A motion was made by Director Fry and seconded by Director McDaris to approve KNDLA's share of the proposal. The motion carried.
   b. **Data Gaps Update**
      Staff reviewed maps showing remaining groundwater-monitoring data gaps and available wells. Landowner outreach remains ongoing, including targeted outreach to verify well

information and perforations. Hexagons 18 and 19 were discussed because of the sparse, rocky character of the area and the difficulty of locating willing monitoring participants. Staff discussed whether the data gaps could be addressed through existing wells, further coordination with DWR, or construction of a new monitoring well. Members were asked to review the landowner list and assist with contacts where possible. If a new well is needed, the goal would be to have it operational for spring sampling next year. Funding for a new well is currently included through member contributions.

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

9. **Legal**
   a. **Statewide Update**
      Ms. Kincaid provided a statewide update. DWR is developing Proposition 4 SGMA implementation funding guidelines, with webinars scheduled for September 21 and 22; potential eligible activities may include data-gap and implementation work at the watershed, basin, or subbasin scale. Updates were also provided on the California Water Data Consortium's new groundwater accounting survey, inviting GSAs across California to share how they track and report groundwater use. Ms. Kincaid also discussed a Third District Court of Appeal decision challenging groundwater sustainability plans, State Water Board SGMA fees applicable to probationary subbasins, and the recently released Healthy Rivers and Landscapes plan.

10. **New Business**
    None.

11. **Correspondence**
    Ms. Holtermann reported that SAFER requested support for reinstatement of funding. The request was received on August 21, with a September 1 deadline.

12. **Closed Session**
    Closed session commenced at 2:42 p.m. and concluded at 3:05 p.m. No reportable actions were taken.

13. **Adjournment**
    A motion to adjourn was made by Director Salgado and seconded by Director Morris. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Holtermann