

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
Participation by Teleconference/ZOOM

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Derek Yurosek, Arvin-Edison WSD
Pete Espinoza, City of Shafter
Chad Hathway, Eastside Water Management Area (non-voting member)
Royce Fast, Kern County Water Agency
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District
Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Dan Waterhouse, Semitropic WSD
Brandon Morris, Southern San Joaquin MUD
Mark Valpredo, Tejon-Castac WD
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Rob Goff, Westside District Water Authority
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Rafael Gallardo, Arvin Community Services District
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD
Kim Brown, Kern Water Bank Authority
Randy Bloemhof, Shafter-Wasco ID

OTHERS PRESENT/PARTICIPATING

Valerie Kincaid, O'Laughlin Paris, LLC
Patty Poire, Kern Groundwater Authority

1. **Roll Call – Quorum Determination** – Chairman Waterhouse called meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. after it was confirmed there was a quorum. The Board met the threshold for a quorum under the JPA and operated under it.
2. **Public Comments**
 - a. Don Wright, Water Wrights – Commented with a request for online and in person meeting options.
 - b. Nataly Garcia, Leadership Council – Commented with a request for online meeting option.
 - c. Leta Spencer, Westchester Group Investment – Commented with a second request for online meeting option.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. May Regular Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Director Goff and seconded by Director Blaine to approve the May 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable – April** – Mrs. Duarosan asked the board to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$38,135.90 for the month of May as detailed on Exhibit D. It was reported in Exhibit A from May 1, 2021 thru May 31, 2021, that the beginning cash balance was \$203,678.13 with deposits received for May in the amount of \$20,677.70 and ending cash balance was \$178,837.83. Exhibit B reflected outstanding accounts receivable totaling \$434 thru May 31, 2021. Mrs. Duarosan reported Audit in May resulted is no issues and the final Audit summary and results will be reported at the September Board Meeting. A motion was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Andrew to approve and the treasurer's report for June 2021. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Attorney's Report**

- a. **Summary of DWR's Reviews of GSPs** - Ms. Kincaid reported on the status of the first round of GSPs reviewed by DWR. There were four plans discussed, Salinas Basin and Santa Cruz Basin passed with recommendations for their five-year submittal and two were incomplete Cuyama and Paso Robles.

6. **Executive Director Report**

- a. **CV-Salta Presentation** – Stephanie Hearn, GEI presented on Central Valley-Salinity Alternatives for Long Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS), presentation will be uploaded to the KGA website and distributed via email blast.
- b. **Update on Native Yield Study**– Ms. Poire reported the Native Yield Study is in Proposal Form and is currently being worked on by the managers and should be ready for presentation to the board at the September meeting.
- c. **Update on the Data Management System** – Ms. Poire reported the Data Management System was released to the managers two weeks ago. Managers have a deadline of June 25th to upload their seasonal data. The goal is to have the tool available to the public October 2021.
- d. **Accomplishments** –Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Accomplishments and Forward Work Plan in the board package. August meeting may be canceled.
- e. **Forward Work Plan** – Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Forward Work Plan in the board package.

7. **New Business** – None
8. **Correspondence** – None
9. **Closed Session** – Entered into closed session at 8:24 a.m. No action taken.
10. **Adjournment** – 9:51 a.m.