

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.
Participation by Teleconference/ZOOM

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Rafael Gallardo, Arvin Community Services District
Derek Yurosek, Arvin-Edison WSD
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD
Chad Hathway, Eastside Water Management Area (non-voting member)
Laura Cattani, Kern County Water Agency
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Kim Brown, Kern Water Bank Authority
Gary Unruh, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Dan Waterhouse, Semitropic WSD
Brandon Morris, Southern San Joaquin MUD
Randy Bloemhof, Shafter-Wasco ID
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

Chad Givens, City of Shafter
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District

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 8:01 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. Jeff Anthony – Commented with compliments for Zoom meeting option.
 - b. Don Wright, Water Wrights – Commented with Thanks for conference call meeting option.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. June Regular Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Director Blaine and seconded by Director Valpredo to approve the June 23, 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 \$41,773.65 for the month of June as detailed on Exhibit D. It was reported in Exhibit A from June 1, 2021, thru June 30, 2021, that the beginning cash balance was \$178,837.83 with no deposits received for June and ending cash balance was \$140,701.93. Exhibit B reflected accounts receivable payment received totaling \$434 thru June 30, 2021. Mrs. Duarosan reported final Audit summary and results will be reported at the September Board Meeting. A motion was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve the treasurer's report and proceed with payments for June 2021. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Attorney's Report**

- a. **Discussion & Direction on State Water Board Resolution on Racism** – Agenda item removed at start of meeting.
- b. **Update on State curtailment (including proposed curtailment of groundwater extractions in Scott and Shasta Rivers)** - Ms. Kincaid summarized proposed regulations for curtailment of groundwater and extractions in Scott and Shasta Rivers. Ms. Kincaid also presented concerns for impacts on local reservoir's due to proposed regulations. Ms. Kincaid reported that the proposed regulations will either be adopted or amended on August 3rd.

6. **Executive Director Report**

- a. **Discussion & Approval of Exceedance Policy** – Mrs. Poire presents 5th revision of Exceedance Policy for discussion and approval to submit to DWR as part of the KGA GSP for review. A motion was made by Director Pandol and seconded by Director Gary Morris to **accept the Exceedance Process as a draft and to submit to DWR as such**. The motion was all in favor with a nay from Director Unruh from Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District.
- b. **Discussion & Approval of reimbursement of unused** – Ms. Poire presented and requested reimbursement of unused funds for the 2021 Annual Report for participants. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Goff to approve reimbursement of unused funds. The motion unanimously carried.
- c. **Update on Native Yield Study** – Ms. Poire reported all managers and GSA's have received the proposed Native Yield Study draft proposal for review and comment. Mrs. Poire stated no comments have been received to date.

- d. **Update on the Data Management System** – Ms. Poire reported the system was released on July 1st to the GSAs available for the uploading of required SGMA seasonal data. Ms. Poire went on to explain that this will be the first time that the GSAs will be uploading the seasonal via the DMS and from this should be able to continue that process for the life of SGMA. She went on to explain that the DMS will have other features which should be rolled out in September to the board and the public.
 - e. **Accomplishments** –Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Accomplishments and Forward Work Plan in the board package. August meeting is canceled.
 - f. **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** – Accepted and filed
9. **Closed Session** – Entered into closed session at 8:45 a.m. Board took action to proceed with comment letter submittal.
10. **Adjournment** – 9:54 a.m.