

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, October 27, 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 Givens, City of Shafter
Chad Hathway, Eastside Water Management Area (non-voting member)
Royce Fast, Kern County Water Agency
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Kim Brown, Kern Water Bank Authority
Kevin Andrew, North Kern Water Storage District
Jason Selvidge, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Dan Waterhouse, Semitropic WSD
Brandon Morris, Southern San Joaquin MUD
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Rob Goff, Westside District Water Authority
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Randy Bloemhof – Shafter Wasco ID
Mark Valpredo – Tejon Castac WD

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 8:02 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. **Consider adoption of Resolution No. 2021-004 – Authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting** – Chairman Waterhouse addressed the board regarding adoption of Resolution No. 2021-004, authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting. A motion was made by Director Fast and seconded by Director Gaugel to adopt and implement Resolution No. 2021-004. The motion was unanimously carried.
3. **Flag Salute** – Completed

4. **Public Comments** – Jason Selvidge commented regarding his appreciation of Patty and the tools available to assist with navigating through the regulations in place.
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. September Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Goff to approve the September 22, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.
6. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable – September** – Mrs. Duarosan asked the board to approve the Treasure’s Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$42,975.43 for the month of September as detailed on Exhibit D. It was reported on Exhibit A from September 1, 2021, thru September 30, 2021, that the beginning cash balance was \$34,650.46 with no cash deposits received for September and ending cash balance was \$1,686.33. It was explained that since October 1 to the 20th on Exhibit B, \$149,583.36 has been received to cover the disbursements on Exhibit D. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Morris to approve the treasurer’s report and proceed with payments for August 2021. The motion was unanimously carried.
7. **Attorney’s Report**
 - a. **Updated Drought Proclamation** – Mrs. Kincaid summarized the board of the new revised Drought Proclamation issued by the governor on October 19th.
 - b. **Update on Water Curtailments** – Mrs. Kincaid notified the board of the update on Water Curtailments. Water Curtailment was lifted during the last rain event to allow for water storage.
8. **Executive Director Report**
 - a. **Discussion & Approval for 2022 Budget** – Mrs. Poire presented 2022 Budget for approval. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Blaine to approve the 2022 Budget. The roll call vote for the motion was unanimously carried.
 - b. **Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates** – Ms. Poire presented 2022 Meeting Dates for approval. A motion was made by Director Goff and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve the 2022 Meeting Dates. The motion was unanimously carried.
 - c. **Update on the Basin/Native Study** - Ms. Poire updated the board of the status of the Basin/Native Yield Study. The scope for the study has been revised to better understand the hydrogeology of the basin and subsidence. There is a meeting scheduled for Friday the 29th with the basin managers to finalize the

proposal for review by the policy group before it is ready to be submitted in January.

- d. **Update on the Data Management System** – Ms. Poire logged into the Data Management System on the KGA website and presented how to move through the software accessing well information and the User Manual on the KGA website as well. Ms. Poire demonstrated accessing the data available and explains the usefulness of the data would be to individuals. Ms. Poire reported that this the first Phase of the DMS. The system continues to be improved and will have more data available in the future. The goal is for the data management system to be capable to provide an annual report.
 - e. **Accomplishments** –Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Accomplishments and Forward Work Plan in the board package.
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4. **New Business** – Director Waterhouse announced KGA is looking for available meeting space to have monthly board meetings now that Klein, DeNatale and Goldner are moving to a new location. Director Waterhouse mentioned the new release of OpenET, and he explained his concern over the data/information it reflects on water usage. Director Waterhouse explained that it reflected on his own parcels a water usage higher than what he applied. Ms. Poire opened the OpenET website to assist in the discussion. Ms. Poire advised that she is working to have the OpenET team here in Kern to get a better understanding of how they arrived at the data/information reflected on the website. This was a discussion item only.
 5. **Correspondence** – Accepted and filed
 6. **Closed Session** – Entered into closed session at 8:50 a.m. No action taken.
 7. **Adjournment** – 9:30 a.m.