

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.
Participation by Teleconference/ZOOM

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Derek Yurosek, Arvin-Edison WSD
John Gaugel, Cawelo WD
Chad Hathaway, 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
Randy Bloemhof – Shafter Wasco ID
Mark Valpredo – Tejon Castac WD
Gary Morris, West Kern WD
Rob Goff, Westside District Water Authority

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Rafael Gallardo, Arvin Community Services District
Chad Givens, City of Shafter
Kim Brown, Kern Water Bank Authority
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

OTHERS PRESENT/PARTICIPATING

Valerie Kincaid, Paris Kincaid Wasiewski, LLP
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. **Consider adoption of Resolution No. 2021-006 – Authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting** – Chairman Waterhouse addressed the board regarding adoption of Resolution No. 2021-006, authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting. A motion was made by Director Goff and seconded by Director Yurosek to adopt and implement Resolution No. 2021-006. The motion was unanimously carried.

3. **Flag Salute** – Completed

4. **Public Comments** – None

5. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. November Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Valpredo to approve the November 17, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable – November** – Mr. Hampton asked the board to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$115,104.89 for the month of November as detailed on Exhibit D. It was reported on Exhibit A from November 1, 2021, thru November 30, 2021, that the beginning cash balance was \$108,294.26 after deposits received for November and ending cash balance was \$179,690.56. A motion was made by Director Gary Morris and seconded by Director Brandon Morris to approve the treasurer's report and proceed with payments for November 2021. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. **Attorney's Report**

- a. **DWR GSP Review** – Mrs. Kincaid reported that the Kern County Subbasin GSAs received a letter from Department of Water Resources (DWR) indicating that the basin will receive at least an incomplete status no later than January 30, 2022. Mrs. Kincaid informed the board about the process in statue to remedy the incomplete status including the Basin will have 180 days to address the deficiencies described in DWR's assessment.

8. **Executive Director Report**

- a. **Discussion & Approval of support letter for member Kern County Water Agency for grand funds**– Mrs. Poire presented support letter for Kern County Water Agency, Urban Multibenefit Drought Relief Grand Application for approval to send to DWR. A motion was made by Director Goff and seconded by Director Yurosek to approve the letter of support be mailed to DWR. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Discussion & Approval of GEI Task Order #19 – Response to DWR determination letter** – Ms. Poire presented GEI Task Order 19 to the board about technical support on the receipt of the DWR determination letter approval. Ms. Poire went on to express that she is working with the other GSAs to participate in the task order Task 1 in the development of a comment matrix that will summarize deficiencies and data conflicts and then identify the SGMA

statutory association with each deficiency. Ms. Poire went on to explain that only Task #1 would benefit the entire Kern subbasin and the remaining tasks would only be for the KGA. A motion was made by Director Blaine and seconded by Director Yurosek to approve Task Order 19 with the option to cost share with the other GSAs on Task #1. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. **Discussion & Approval of the Basin Study Proposal** – Ms. Poire discussed the process to prepare and submit the Basin Study Proposal and asked for approval to submit for grant approval. A motion was made by Director Brandon Morris and seconded by Director Gary Unruh to approve the Basin Study Proposal be submitted with grant application. The motion was unanimously carried.
 - d. **Discussion & Approval for the Executive Officer to move forward with the annual report process** – Ms. Poire asked for authorization to move forward with the annual report process and proposal approval due to short timeline. Ms. Poire stated that she would present to the Board at the January meeting the proposals for the annual report for the Board’s final approval and confirmation that the other GSAs will be cost sharing on the proposals. A motion was made by Director Yurosek and seconded by Director Valpredo to authorize Ms. Poire to move forward with the annual report process once the managers at the January 7th Managers Meeting have consensus and move forward with annual report process with the knowledge that she would be back at the January meeting for final approval and cost share amounts. The motion was unanimously carried.
 - e. **Update on the formation of the three GSAs** – Ms. Poire reported the three new GSAs are in their 90-day public comment period, Wheeler Ridge, Arvin Edison and Tejon-Castac they were noticed and posted by DWR on December 3, 2021 and comment period ends on March 3, 2022.
 - f. **Update on the Data Management System** – Ms. Poire reported the Data Management System will be used to assist with the annual report for 2022.
 - g. **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 encouraged policy people and managers to attend upcoming board meetings.
 5. **Correspondence** – none
 6. **Closed Session** – Came out of closed session at 9:14 a.m. No action taken.
 7. **Adjournment** – 9:15 a.m.