

JPA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 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)
Royce Fast, Kern County Water Agency
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD
Kim Brown, Kern Water Bank Authority
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
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

JPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Chad Givens, City of Shafter

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 8:00 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. 2022-003 – Authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting** – Chairman Waterhouse addressed the board regarding adoption of Resolution No. 2022-003, authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting. A motion was made by Director Goff and seconded by Director Unruh to adopt and implement Resolution No. 2022-003. The motion was unanimously carried.
3. **Flag Salute** – Completed

4. **Public Comments** – None

5. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. January Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Valpredo to approve the January 26, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable – December** – Mrs. Duarosan asked the board to ratify payment of expense reimbursement authorized by the Executive Committee in the amount of \$2,076.53 as shown on Exhibit E and approve the Treasure's Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$34,970.05 for the month of January as detailed on Exhibit E. It was reported on Exhibit A from January 1, 2022, thru January 31, 2022, that the beginning cash balance was \$145,443.86 with no deposits received for January and ending cash balance was \$134,836.57. A motion was made by Director Valpredo and seconded by Director Gary Morris to approve the treasurer's report and proceed with payments for January 2022 as reflected on Exhibit A. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. **Attorney's Report**

- a. **CA Water Commission – Comment Letter on Groundwater Trading White Paper** – Mrs. Kincaid referred the board to the draft letter located in the board package written on groundwater trading seeking direction to be finalized and submitted. A motion was made by Director Pandol and seconded by Director Fast to approve draft groundwater trading letter to be finalized for submittal. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Discussion & Approval on the Notice to Amend the GSA letters to be sent** – Mrs. Kincaid referred the board to the draft notice of intent 90-day notice letter that is a requirement to amend the GSP to cities within GSP area. She explained the reason for the letter. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve the notice of intent 90-day notice letter to be finalized and sent out to the cities and county. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Planning and Conservation League – Report on Updating CA Water Laws** – Mrs. Kincaid notified the board and summarized the Report on Updated CA Water Laws put out by the Planning and Conservation League concerning water usage during climate change.

8. **Executive Director Report**

- a. **Discussion on DWR determination letter – Incomplete** – Mrs. Poire reported that the DWR determination letter – Incomplete was received, and the basin has started efforts to address the issues, the due date for resubmittal is July 27, 2022. There was a discussion regarding timeline to respond by due date.
- b. **Update on Spending Grant due on February 28th** – Mrs. Poire updated the board on the spending grant that will cover the basin study, remote sensory, subsidence and monitoring well updates, the application will be available for review before submittal.
- c. **Update on annual report due on April 1st** – Mrs. Poire reported the data for the annual report has been received and provided for managers to review and submit comments/recommendation.
- d. **Accomplishments & Forward Work Plan** – Ms. Poire referred the Board to the memo regarding Accomplishments and Forward Work Plan in the board package.

9. **New Business** – none

10. **Correspondence** – none

11. **Closed Session** – Came out of closed session at 10:10 a.m. No action taken on item #a. Item #b was employee evaluation, and it was discussed with the employee.

12. **Adjournment** – 10:11 a.m.