

PA Board Meeting Minutes
Kern Groundwater Authority

Wednesday, April 27, 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
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
Andrew Pandol, Kern-Tulare WD

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. 2022-005 – Authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting** – Chairman Waterhouse addressed the board regarding adoption of Resolution No. 2022-005, authorizing AB 361 Teleconference Meeting. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Fast to adopt and implement Resolution No. 2022-005. The motion was unanimously carried.
3. **Flag Salute** – Completed

4. **Public Comments** – None

5. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. March 23, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Director Blaine and seconded by Director Gary Morris to approve. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. **Financial Report & Accounts Payable – February** – Mrs. Duarosan asked the board to approve the Treasure's Report as presented and authorize disbursement of \$83,354.58 for the month of March as detailed on Exhibit C. It was reported on Exhibit A from March 1, 2022, thru March 31, 2022, that the beginning cash balance was \$214,231.14, and ending cash balance was \$146,687.25. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Valpredo to approve the treasurer's report and proceed with payments for March 2022. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. **Attorney's Report** - None

8. **Executive Director Report**

- a. **GEI – Extend Task Order #19** – Ms. Poire summarized the need to extend the GEI Task Order #19 and that she will be checking with the other GSAs for task#1 to be cost shared as previously done in the original task order. Ms. Poire advised that she would be bringing back to confirm the cost share component. A motion was made by Director Brandon Morris and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve to Extend GEI Task Order #19. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. **Discussion & and adoption of revised Exceedance Policy** – Ms. Poire started the discussion for the revised Exceedance Policy by covering the history of the policy and how the board handled. It was determined that the revised policy was recommended and needed. A motion was made by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Brandon Morris to approve the revised Exceedance Policy. The motion was carried except by Director Unruh.
- c. **Discussion & adoption of process and acknowledgement of water well permits from Governor's Executive Order N-7-22** – Ms. Poire presented the draft process and acknowledgement of water well permits from Governor's Executive Order N-7-22 for approval and submittal to the county. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Gaugel to approve submittal of the draft process and acknowledgement of Governor's Executive Order N-&-22. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. **Discussion on DWR determination letter – Incomplete** – Ms. Poire reported 92 days, including two holidays from the due date. Managers of the GSA’s continue to meet to come up with an agreement for response to DWR.
 - e. **Update on Spending Grant due on February 28th** – Ms. Poire reported the spending grant determination by DWR may be available in May 2022. Ms. Poire continued to advise that once the determination by DWR, there may be a need for a special board meeting to accommodate the tight timeline schedule by DWR since the funds need to be out by August 1, 2022.
 - f. **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** – Six Seats available at the KGA sponsored table of 8 for the Water Association Summit meeting for Kern County in May.
10. **Correspondence** – Accepted and filed correspondence received.
11. **Closed Session** – Came out of closed session at 10:08 a.m. staff was given direction.
12. **Adjournment** – 10:09 a.m.