

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: Thursday, June 6, 2019
Time: 1:00 P.M.
Location: Kern County Water Agency, 3200 Rio Mirada Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308
661-589-6045

DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dennis Johnston, Arvin-Edison WSD
Charlie Riddle and Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD
Pete Kaiser and Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Skye Grass, Kern-Tulare WD
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Jason Gianquinto and Dan Waterhouse, Semitropic WSD
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID

DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

Jeevan Muhar and David Nixon, Arvin-Edison WSD
Don Collins, Kern Delta WD
Bruce Kelsey, Kern-Tulare WD
Kimberly Brown and Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD
Jeff Siemens and Jim Nickel, Olcese WD
Dan Bartel and Zach Smith, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Ben Wilson, Shafter-Wasco ID
Michael Blaine and Robert Kunde, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Ashlock, Buena Vista Coalition
Dave Hampton, Cawelo Water District

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ABSENT

Kris Lawrence, Westside Water Quality Coalition

OTHERS PRESENT

Nicole Bell, KRWCA Manager
Steve Torigiani, Young Wooldridge, LLP
Ryan Dodd, Provost & Pritchard
T. Jeffcoach, Provost & Pritchard
Roy Pierucci, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Stephanie Hearn, GEI Consultants
Preston Britton, PAC Resources



1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Eric Averett called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM**

Chairman Averett announced a quorum.

3. **INTRODUCTIONS**

None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

5. **APPROVAL OF 5/2/2019 Board Meeting Minutes***

Director Dennis Johnston moved to approve the regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2019. Upon a second by Skye Grass, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

6. **TREASURERS REPORT**

a. **2019 Accounts Payable/Receivable Ratification and Approval***

Director Skye Grass reviewed the accounts payable with the Authority Board. A motion was made by Director Jason Gianquinto to pay the open accounts, in the amount of \$100,905.56. Upon a second by Dennis Johnston, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

7. **CONTRACTING UPDATE**

a. **Selected ILRP Farm Programmer Contract***

Manager Bell reviewed the new ILRP Farm Programmer Contract. A motion was made by Director Dennis Johnston to approve the Contract as submitted. Upon a second by Jason Gianquinto a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

8. **KRWCA MANAGER REPORT/ILRP PROGRAM UPDATE**

Manager Bell deferred this report to other items on the agenda.

a. **General Update**

b. **State Water Board**

9. **REPORT OF PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP**

Manager Bell, T. Jeff Coach and Ryan Dodd provided an update on the following:

a. **Surface Water Monitoring Plan Update, Nicole Bell:**

Second Quarter SW Monitoring Report was submitted to the Regional Board on May 31, 2019.

b. **Surface Water and Groundwater Sampling and Analytical Services, LAB Kick Off Meeting held June 4, 2019, Nicole Bell:**

It was reported that the meeting went well and that field training will be conducted at both SW and GW Monitoring sites.

c. **GW Trend Monitoring (GTM) Update, Nicole Bell:**

Spring/Summer (May-August) Monitoring of 61 wells



d. Proximity to Surface Waters Update, T. Jeffcoach

- i. Ephemeral Stream Revised Submittal*
- ii. Remaining Water Bodies Submittal*

After review of both item 9di and 9dii a motion was made by Director Jason Gianquinto to approve the reports for early submittal. Upon a second by Skye Grass a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

e. SWB Ag Land Fees Proposal, Nicole Bell

f. Groundwater Section of Annual Report, T. Jeffcoach

T. Jeffcoach reported that the Annual Report will now include a Groundwater Section.

g. CGQMP Annual Report Requirements, Ryan Dodd

Ryan Dodd reported the following:

- i. Groundwater Quality Management Plans (GQMPs) are critical documents for the Regional Board to track progress and compliance with the General Order. In the SSJV, our Comprehensive GQMPs are closely integrated with the MPEP to achieve the desired results.
- ii. By August 31 annually, a Management Plan Status Report that “summarizes the progress in implementing management plans” is required. KRWCA’s report will primarily consist of an MPEP update of progress the past three years. Otherwise, the report will include information on coalition outreach, the emphasis of three priority practices, grower feedback (e.g. NARs), nitrogen statistics.
- iii. This new report will be developed in the coming weeks and will be presented for review and KRWCA Board approval at the August 2019 meeting.

MPEP Update, Ryan Dodd

Ryan Dodd reported on the following:

i. SWAT Modeling

- 1. Modeling is complete. Currently analyzing and simplifying data. Developing a web-based Management Practices Performance Assessment tool using the model results that will allow growers to evaluate the relative changes in performance of different management practices.
- 2. There are several upcoming SWAT meetings with NRCS modelers, Regional Board, coalitions, etc.: 6/10 (Regional Board), 6/17 (ranch visit), 6/18 (CEAP project planning), 6/20 (SWAT Modeling forum; NRCS, UC, CDFA, others)
- 3. Work is winding down as the CIG (grant) is concluding

ii. Funding

- 1. Current 3-year \$2M grant concludes 9/30/2019. Work has mostly stopped as the project concludes. We met and exceeded all match requirements. Needed \$2M, currently have over \$5M and counting.
- 2. Pursuing two new CIGs which requires proposal development efforts:
 - a. On-Farm (\$5M): Grower incentives, training, basic field monitoring. Due 7/15/2019.
 - b. Classic (\$2M): Like the current grant. Due 7/31/2019.
- 3. Supporting other grants through collaborators.

iii. Collaboration with Northern MPEP

- 1. Continuing. Will share SWAT modeling results soon, which is the basis of the coordination agreements. Representatives attend each other’s committee meetings. There is a possibility of routine meetings for all Central Valley Water Quality Coalitions soon due to the magnitude of shared-interest items.



iv. Development of Acceptable A/R and A-R Ranges

1. The new General Order requires the MPEP to develop “acceptable ranges” for multi-year A/R ratios by crop as a top priority. This is significant and could become an important regulatory metric. Coalitions are starting to brainstorm how to achieve this objective in the best possible way. We are seeking input and collaboration with commodity groups so that they have a voice in this process.

10. **CV-SALTS** <http://www.cvsalinity.org>

Manager Bell and Land IQ represent KRWCA at the Monthly CV-SALTS Meetings. Links to the monthly Meeting Package and Summary Report are also provided on our website.

- a. [SWB Notice of Public Workshop, July 2, 2019, Sacramento \(Handout\)](#)
- b. [CV-SALTS Meeting Package, May 23, 2019](#)
- c. [Land IQ Summary Report for May 23, 2019 Meeting](#)
- d. [CV-SALTS Brochure](#)
- e. [CV-SALTS Brochure: New Water Quality Regulations Provide Options for Flexibility](#)
- f. [Prioritization and Optimization Study \(P&O\) Overview](#)

11. **OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**

- a. *AB1755 Pilot Project-Eric Averett

Chairman Averett provided information about entities that will be providing funding for this pilot program. Once a clearly defined project is established, Chairman Averett will be soliciting for funds. Handouts were provided.

12. **ATTORNEYS REPORT**

Steve Torigiani provided an update on the Drinking Water Bills, AB200 and AB217.

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Authority went into closed session 2:28 P.M. to discuss the items listed below, and upon the conclusion of closed Session 3:05 P.M. the Chairman reconvened to open session to announce that no reportable action was taken.

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
 - i. Petitions filed by the Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority, et al. with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regarding the Tulare Lake Basin General Order.
 - ii. [Environmental Law Foundation v. SWRCB, et al.](#), Sac. County Sup. Ct., Case No. Case No. 34-2018-80002851
 - iii. [Protectores Del Aqua Subterranea v. SWRCB, et al.](#), Sac. County Sup. Ct., Case No. 34-2018-80002852
 - iv. [Monterey Coastkeeper, et al. v. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, et al.](#), Sac. County Sup. Ct., Case No. 34-2018-80002853
 - v. [Petition for Review by Protectores Del Aqua Subterranea with the SWRCB in Re CVRWQCB Order R5-2019-001 Amending General Orders for Grower Members of a Third-Party Group: Tulare Lake Basin Area R5-2013-0120-06, etc.](#)
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation/Significant exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). One potential case.
- c. Public Employment - Government Code Section 54957:
 - i. Positions: Manager



14. KRWCA MEETING ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS – INFORMATION ITEM

- a. 5/21, SWB Ag Land Fees Stakeholder Meeting
- b. 5/21, PEOC Call
- c. 5/23, CVSALTS and CVSC Meetings
- d. 6/4, KRWCA and MTA LAB Kick Off Meeting, Visalia
- e. 6/5, SSJVWQC/MPEP Meeting

15. NEXT MEETING

August 1, 2019 at 1:00 P.M., Kern County Water Agency. Please note that KRWCA will not hold a July meeting due to the July 4th Holiday.

16. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

“*” Notates and action item (Approval/Ratification)