



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2019
Time: 1 P.M.
Location: Kern County Water Agency, 3200 Rio Mirada Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308
661-634-1400

DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jeevan Muhar and Dennis Johnston, Arvin-Edison WSD
Charlie Riddle and Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD
Don Collins and Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Bruce Kelsey, Kern-Tulare WD
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Jason Gianquinto and Dan Waterhouse, Semitropic WSD
Ben Wilson and Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Michael Blaine, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

David Nixon, Arvin-Edison WSD
Pete Kaiser, Kern Delta WD
Skye Grass, 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
Robert Kunde, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Hampton, Cawelo Water District

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Greg Hammett, Westside Water Quality Coalition
Tim Ashlock, Buena Vista Coalition

OTHERS PRESENT

Nicole Bell, KRWCA Manager
Sarah Hudson, KRWCA Secretary
Sarah Rutherford, Provost & Pritchard
Morgan Campbell, Provost & Pritchard
Steve Torigiani, Young Wooldridge, LLP
Kris Lawrence, Westside Water Quality Coalition
Patty Poire, Kern Groundwater Authority
Stephanie Hearn, GEI Consultants
Christine, GEI Consultants



1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Eric Averett called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM**

Chairman Averett announced a quorum.

3. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Dan Waterhouse was introduced as the new alternate director for Semitropic WSD.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

5. **APPROVAL OF 2/14/2019 Board Meeting Minutes***

Director Michael Blaine moved to approve the regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2019. Upon a second by Jason Gianquinto, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

6. **TREASURERS REPORT**

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

Manager Nicole Bell reviewed the accounts payable with the Authority Board. A motion was made by Director Max Bricker to pay the open accounts, in the amount of \$97,211.91, and to ratify payments made in the amount of 588,441.36 (closed March 7, 2019). Upon a second by Michael Blaine, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

7. **CONTRACTING UPDATE**

a. **Surface Water and Groundwater Sampling and Analytical Services RFP*:**

i. **Review and Recommendation for Selection and Approval**

Manager Bell reviewed the proposals submitted for surface water and groundwater sampling and analytical services needs. The recommendation made was to accept the Moore Twining proposal to replace BSK as the lab used by KRWCA. A motion was made by Director Jason Gianquinto to create a contract for services between Moore Twining and KRWCA. Upon a second by Director Ben Wilson a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

b. **ILRP Farm Programmer RFP (KRWCA and KBWQC) Update, Interviews scheduled for 4/11/19:**

i. Manager Bell reported that three Proposals were received and all three were scheduled for interviews on April 4, 2019.

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

Manager Bell reported on the following topics:

a. **Administrative:**

i. **Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, were due 4/2/19**



- ii. Enrollment Update:
Manager Bell reported we currently have 742 members with 530,000 acres enrolled.
 - b. Outreach and Education:
 - i. Farm Evaluation and Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Reports were due for ALL HVA Members, 3/1/19
 - ii. Nitrogen Management Plan Worksheets for ALL Members were due 3/1/19, Certification is REQUIRED for ALL HVA Members
 - iii. Member Reporting Update:
KRWCA had 96% of members filed and reported on time with their Farm Evaluations and 95% of members filed and reported on time with their Nitrogen Plan Summary Reports.
 - c. CVRWQCB:
 - i. SWMP Water District Manager Meeting with Executive Officer, held 3/21/19
Chairman Averett reported that he, Manager Bell, Jason Gianquinto, Rob Kunde and Mark Mulkay met with Patrick Pulupa and RB Management in Fresno to discuss their request to monitor ag conveyance structures. Overall takeaway from this meeting is that the Regional Board is getting pressure from the State Board to move in the direction of including ag conveyance systems as being required for surface water monitoring.
 - d. State Water Board:
 - i. Nothing New to Report.
9. **REPORT OF PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP**
- a. Surface Water Monitoring:
 - i. SWMP Revised Report Review and Approval, Due to RB 4/22/19*
Sarah Rutherford reviewed the SWMP Revised Report with the Authority Board. A motion was made by Director Max Bricker to submit the Revised Report as presented. Upon a second by Director Michael Blaine a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.
 - b. GW Trend Monitoring (GTM) Update & Presentation:
Morgan Campbell reported on the following.
 - i. Well Selection Letters, mailed
 - ii. Well Not Selected Letters, mailed
10. **CV-SALTS**
- 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. [CV-SALTS Brochure](#)
 - b. [CV-SALTS Brochure: New Water Quality Regulations Provide Options for Flexibility](#)
 - c. [Prioritization and Optimization Study \(P&O\) Overview](#)
11. **OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**
- AB1755 Pilot Project*:
Chairman Averett presented information about the Open and Transparent Water Data Act Pilot Project to help make data accessible on a data sharing platform. Many entities are



looking to collaborate to fund this project with a \$250,000 budget. Looking to have Kern County entities to contribute \$50,000 towards this project. Discussion only, no action taken.

12. ATTORNEYS REPORT

None

13. CLOSED SESSION

The Authority Board went into closed session at 1:58P.M. to discuss the items listed below. Upon conclusion of closed session at 2:10 P.M., the Board reconvened to open session to announce that no action was taken.

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9
 - (a)
 - 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. Public Employment - Government Code Section 54957:
 - i. Positions: Manager and Administrative Assistant

14. KRWCA MEETING ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- a. 2/19, PEOC Call
- b. 2/20, CVGMC Conference Call
- c. 2/21, CVSALTS, Sacramento
- d. 2/25, SWB AG Lands Fees Meeting
- e. 3/6, SSJVWQC/MPEP Meeting, Visalia
- f. 3/12, ILRP Farm Pre-Proposal Meeting, Visalia
- g. 3/13, CVGMC Meeting
- h. 3/14, GW Formula & Targets Meeting, Modesto
- i. 3/19, KRWCA Inspection of Potential Kern River SWM Sites
- j. 3/21, Kern Water District Managers Meeting with RB Management, Fresno
- k. 3/26, PEOC Call
- l. 3/28, CVSALTS, Sacramento
- m. 4/2, SSJVWQC SWAT Update Meeting, Fresno
- n. 4/2, Lab Contract Interviews, Visalia
- o. 4/3, SSJVWQC/MPEP Meeting, Visalia



15. **NEXT MEETING**

May 2, 2019 at 1:00 P.M., Kern County Water Agency.

16. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

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