



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: Thursday, January 4, 2018
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 and Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD
Charles Riddle and Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD
Don Collins and Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic WSD
Roger Riley and Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Michael Blaine and Robert Kunde, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

David Nixon, Arvin-Edison WSD
Pete Kaiser, Kern Delta WD
Steve Dalke and Skye Grass, Kern-Tulare WD
Kimberly Brown and Dick Diamond, North Kern WSD
Jeff Siemens and Jim Nickel, Olcese WD
Eric Averett, Dan Bartel and Zach Smith, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Hammett, Westside Water Quality Coalition
Tim Ashlock, Buena Vista Coalition
Dave Hampton, Cawelo Water District

OTHERS PRESENT

Nicole Bell, KRWCA Manager
Sarah Hudson, KRWCA Board Secretary
John Schaap, Provost & Pritchard
Ryan Dodd, Provost & Pritchard
T Jeffcoach, Provost & Pritchard
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge, LLP
David McEuen, J.G. Boswell
George Cappello, Grimmway
Molly Saso, Wonderful
Patty Poire, Grimmway Farms
Roy Pierucci, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Stephanie Hearn, GEI Consultants

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman Jason Gianquinto called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Chairman Gianquinto announced a quorum.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Dennis Johnston moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the November 2, 2017 Board Meeting. Upon a second by Director Roger Riley, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

6. TREASURERS REPORT

- a. Director Robert Kunde reviewed the accounts payable with the Authority Board. A motion was made by Director Roger Riley to pay the open accounts, in the amount of \$75,810.35, and ratify payments made in the amount of \$82,417.76. Upon a second by Director Dennis Johnston, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.
- b. Manager Bell presented an amended 2017 budget that was reviewed by the Authority Board. A motion was made by Director Dennis Johnston to amend the 2017 budget and move \$20,000 from phase OUT to phase DAT. Upon a second by Director Roger Riley, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

7. KRWCA MANAGER REPORT/ILRP PROGRAM UPDATE

Manager Bell reported on the following topics:

- a. Administrative:
 - i. 2018 Membership Enrollment Update:
 - 1. 754 Current Members
 - 2. 525,000 Irrigated Acres enrolled
 - 3. 620,000 Enrolled APN Acres
 - 4. 17 Pending Applications
- b. Education and Outreach:
 - i. 2017-2018 Winter Newsletter: Mailed to all members and provide to Board Meeting Attendees. The Newsletter is also available at www.krwca.org.
 - ii. General FE and NMP outreach meetings are scheduled January 9, 11, 16 and 17. Outreach dates and details can be found on our website at www.krwca.org.
- c. CVRWQCB:
 - i. Compliance and Enforcement Activities
 - 1. Notice of Violation (NOV) Letters were mailed to:
 - a. Members who did not file 2016 FE and NMP Reports
 - b. Owners of Ag parcels that are not enrolled in ILRP
 - c. Cancelled Memberships that the parcels are farmed
 The letters have created several phone calls from non-members who are looking to become members or to have their violation letter explained. Chairman Gianquinto requested that time spent with non-members be tracked, if the increased workload continues.
- d. State Water Board:
 - i. 2nd Draft East San Joaquin GO rewrite, released 10/10/2017,
 - 1. Comment Letter submitted on 12/22/17
 - 2. SWB Approval Hearing scheduled for January 23, 2018
 - ii. Office of Enforcement Actions
There is nothing new to report.



8. KRWCA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE CONSIDERATION

- a. Council Ernest Conant requested feedback from the Authority Board to see if either alternative organizational structure was something to pursue. Director Roger Riley suggests that each Director take the information back to their water district board for further input. The Directors will ask their respective Boards “if they wish to remain a member of the JPA”.

9. REPORT OF PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP

a. MPEP Update

Mr. Ryan Dodd reported on the following:

i. MPEP Workplan Resubmittal

As discussed in November, the revised MPEP workplan was submitted on September 28, 2017. No comments have been received yet.

ii. MPEP Crop Prioritization

1. The MPEP team has completed a Crop Prioritization analysis as required. The analysis evaluated the influence of crop type and soil type on nitrate leaching potential to prioritize MPEP work.
2. Results indicated that on a landscape-level, there was no strong correlation between soil type and nitrate leaching potential due to crops being planted across multiple soil types. Therefore, the prioritization was essentially based on crop acreage, and includes the following crops: almonds, grapes, corn, sorghum and sudan, corn, alfalfa, citrus, pistachios, cotton, wheat, walnuts, peaches and nectarines, tomatoes, plums, prunes and apricots. These crops represent 90% of the acreage in the SSJV.
3. These crops will be the focus of the intensive SWAT modeling and MPEP efforts. Other crops will likely still be modeled but will not be as in depth.

iii. North and South MPEP Groups Coordination

1. No updates.

iv. Field Variability Tool Presentation (PowerPoint)

1. Mr. Ryan Dodd gave a PowerPoint presentation about the field variability tool which is available as an additional resource.

v. Barriers to Adoption Study and Survey

1. The SSJV MPEP Committee funded one of our collaborators, UC Davis, to complete Phase 1 of a Barriers to Adoption of new management practices study in 2017. Similar studies have been ongoing in the East San Joaquin coalition.
2. The main objective of this study is to develop a quantitative understanding of barriers to adoption of N management practices for citrus and raisin grape growers in the SSJV. Other crops such as almonds and walnuts are being studied in the northern coalitions. This will be achieved by grower surveys and focus groups, followed by a detailed analysis of the results and a final report. The outcomes of this study should enhance future research efforts, focus cooperative extension, and help the water quality coalitions meet ILRP requirements. This study should improve coalition grower outreach activities related to the MPEP and the CGQMP, in addition to improving reported statistics in our monitoring reports, as applicable.

3. Phase 1 of this study is a brief two-page grower survey. The survey asks basic questions about crops grown, acreage, management practices on the single largest field, and considerations of adoption new practices. The survey responses are anonymous and will be aggregated for the SSJV.
 4. Dr. Sat Darshan (UC Davis Dept. of Plant Sciences) will be attending some of the upcoming Kern Coalition outreach meetings to administer this survey on a volunteer basis. It is important that Kern County is sufficiently represented in this study.
 - vi. CA American Society of Agronomy Plant and Soil Conference
 1. The conference will be held February 6-7, 2018 in Fresno
 2. It will be great for CCAs, advisors, and growers on irrigation, nutrient management, regulation, etc.
 3. There will be some ILRP/MPEP presentations and the MPEP Team will present three educational posters.
 - b. GW Trend Monitoring:
 - i. Mr. T Jeffcoach updated the Authority Board about the Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative (CVGMC). The January 11, 2018 meeting is cancelled and will be rescheduled.
 - c. SDEAR Proximity Workplan
 - i. Draft Policy/Guideline Statement
Director Jeevan Muhar suggests the title of the memo to be revised to include "timeline update." A motion was made by Director Dennis Johnston to modify the title of the letter and submit the report to the Regional Board. Upon a second by Director Roger Riley, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.
 - d. Pesticide Monitoring Proposal, Revised
Manager Bell reported that a verbal approval has been given by the Regional Water Board and we are currently awaiting approval in writing.
10. CV-SALTS <http://www.cvsalinity.org>
Manager Bell and Land IQ represent KRWCA at the Monthly CV-SALTS Meetings. Links to the Meeting Packages and Summary Report are provided within.
- a. [CV-SALTS Meeting Package, December 14, 2017](#)
 - b. [Land IQ Summary Report, December 14, 2017](#)
 - c. [CV-SALTS Meeting Package, November 9, 2017](#)
 - d. [Land IQ Summary Report, November 9, 2017](#)
 - e. [CV-SALTS Brochure](#)
 - f. [CV-SALTS Brochure: New Water Quality Regulations Provide Options for Flexibility](#)
11. **OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**
None
12. **ATTORNEYS REPORT**
None
13. **CLOSED SESSION**
Authority Board entered closed session at 3:19 P.M. The authority board reconvened to open session at 3:31 P.M. and reported that no action was taken.



14. KRWCA MEETING ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- a. 11/7, SSJWQC MPEP Meeting
- b. 11/8, ESJ General Order Coordination Meeting, Sacramento
- c. 11/9, CV SALTS Meeting, Sacramento
- d. 11/20, ESJ General Order Update Meeting
- e. 11/27, ESJ General Order SWB Workshop, Clovis
- f. 12/4, ILRP Fees Alternative Meeting with SWB
- g. 12/5, SSJWQC MPEP Meeting
- h. 12/6, ESJ General Order SWB Public Workshop, Sacramento
- i. 1/3/2018, SSJWQC MPEP Meeting, Visalia

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:31 P.M.

“*” Notates an action item