

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Date:* Thursday, April 6, 2017  
*Time:* 1:00 P.M.  
*Location:* Kern County Water Agency, 3200 Rio Mirada Dr., Bakersfield, Ca 93308  
661-589-6045

**GENERAL DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WSD  
Charles Riddle and Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD  
Don Collins, Pete Kaiser and Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD  
Skye Grass, Kern-Tulare WD  
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD  
Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic WSD  
Roger Riley and Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID  
Michael Blaine and Robert Kunde, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

**GENERAL DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT**

Dennis Johnston and David Nixon, Arvin-Edison WSD  
Steve Dalke, 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  
Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Nicole Bell, KRWCA Manager  
Sarah Hudson, KRWCA Board Secretary  
John Schaap, Provost & Pritchard  
Ryan Dodd, Provost & Pritchard  
Velvet Gaston, Provost & Pritchard  
Steve Torgiani, Young Wooldridge, LLP  
George Cappello, Grimmway Farms  
Joel Kimmelshue, Land IQ  
John Kaiser, Adobe Station Ranch  
Patty Poire, Grimmway Farms  
Roy Pierucci, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD  
Stephanie Tillman, Land IQ

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM**

Chairman Averett announced a quorum.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS**

None

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Director Roger Riley moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the March 2, 2017 Board meeting. Upon a second by Director Skye Grass, 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 Michael Blaine to pay the open accounts in the amount of \$115,739.94. Upon a second by Skye Grass, a vote was taken with no abstentions and unanimously carried.

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

Manager Bell reported on the following topics:

a. Administrative Actions:

i. KRWCA Membership Confirmation Letters Sent March 30, 2017.  
Confirmation letters were sent and processing of the returned confirmations has been started.

b. ILRP Update:

i. Education and Outreach

1. An additional reminder letter was sent to members who did not file 2016 FE and 2016 NMP Summary Reports.
2. 3/28/2017 MPEP Technical Meeting Update  
On March 28, 2017 an MPEP Technical Meeting Update was held. 140 memberships were represented. The meeting received great feedback from members.

ii. Reporting Status Update:

1. 2016 Farm Evaluation Surveys  
Manger Bell reported that she is still working with members to get required Farm Evaluations complete and submitted by .
2. 2016 NMP Summary Reports  
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c. CVRWQCB:

i. ILRP Stakeholder Meeting, Modesto 4/12/17, Topic: Management Plans for E. coli, DDT, DDE, and DDD

Manager Bell reported that the Stakeholder meeting will be regarding the possible management plans for E. coli, DDT, DDE, and DDD. Board members and guests were encouraged to attend.

ii. Compliance and Enforcement Activities:

Manager Bell reported that the Regional Board is conducting inspections on April 25, 2017 for the Chanac Creek area. They will also be doing inspections on



April 26, 2017. A total of 4 inspections will take place; two at Chanac Creek and 2 from areas outside of Chanac Creek.

- d. State Water Board:
  - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft East San Joaquin GO rewrite  
Manager Bell reported that the State Water Board staff is still working on the GO rewrite. At last word he planned release is still for late April but it is unknown if this has changed.
  - ii. Office of Enforcement Actions  
There is nothing new to report.

## 8. REPORT OF PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP

- a. MPEP Technical Meeting Update

Mr. Ryan Dodd reported about the MPEP technical meeting update held on March 28, 2017. The presenters included Casey Creamer (KRWQC), Till Angermann (LSCE, CVDRMP, SSJV MPEP Team), and John Dickey (PlanTierra, SSJV MPEP lead). Casey Creamer gave a general overview and context of the MPEP, and the rationale for the approach the SSJV MPEP is taking. Till Angermann provided prospective from the Dairy RMP and how the lessons they are learning in that program can benefit the MPEP. John Dickey generally introduced the MPEP as this was likely the first formal introduction of the program to many growers. There were also several fertilizer guidance documents and the MPEP 1-page handout available. Overall, the meeting went well. There were limited questions or discussion during the meeting. Future meetings will go into more detail on actual management practices for specific crops.
- b. \*Annual Monitoring Report Presentation

Ms. Velvet Gaston and Mr. Ryan Dodd gave a Power Point presentation about information that is included in the Annual Monitoring Report. Ms. Gaston provided details about what information was collected in the Farm Evaluation Surveys including submission requirements, irrigation well protective practices, primary irrigation types, and irrigation efficiency practices most commonly used in the KRWCA boundary areas. Mr. Ryan Dodd highlighted the NMP Summary Report. The NMP Summary for KRWCA contains a lot of information and the report that will be submitted will only provide the data the way the General Order requires it. The report will contain many graphs and tables. Overall the report shows that members of KRWCA are following good Nitrogen use practices. Over 90% of members applied less than 300 lbs N/acre. Follow up will begin soon to the members that whose data did not meet QA/QC requirements to verify information prior to the submission of the report.

Chairman Eric Averett had to leave the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Mr. Jason Gianquinto took over as acting chairman.

- c. \*GW Trend Monitoring Workplan Presentation

Mr. John Schaap gave a Power Point presentation on the Groundwater Trend Monitoring Work Plan (GTMW). The GTMW is a requirement of ILRP. The objectives are to determine current water quality conditions of groundwater relevant to irrigated agriculture and develop long-term groundwater quality information that can be used to evaluate the regional effects of irrigated agricultural practices. The proposed approach is split into two phases. The first phase is to indentify monitoring areas (we are currently in phase one) and the second phase is to select wells and implement monitoring. The plan is to submit the GTMW in July.

9. **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, March 9, 2017,](#)
- b. [Land IQ Summary Report](#)
- c. Land IQ CV-SALTS and SNMP Presentation – Stephanie Tillman provided the KRWCA Board with an update on CV-SALTS and the SNMP that was recently accepted by the Regional Board.

10. **OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**

11. **ATTORNEYS REPORT**

Steve Torgiani, Young Wooldridge, LLP provided an update on the recent Press Release regarding the *Drinking Water Replacement Program for Salinas Valley Communities*.

12. **CLOSED SESSION** None

13. **KRWCA MEETING ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS:**

- a. 3/9 CV-SALTS SNMP Workshop, Sacramento
- b. 3/14, SSJVWQC MPEP Meeting
- c. 3/22, Coalition Meeting on ESJ Order Rewrite
- d. 3/24, PEOC Meeting
- e. 3/28, MPEP Grower Meeting
- f. 3/31, Coalition Meeting on ESJ Order Rewrite
- g. 4/4, SSJVWQC MPEP Meeting
- h. 4/5, Coalition Meeting on ESJ Order Rewrite

14. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00P.M.