



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: Thursday, February 2, 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
Don Collins and Mark Mulkay, Kern Delta WD
Skye Grass, Kern-Tulare WD
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic WSD
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Michael Blaine and Robert Kunde, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

GENERAL DIRECTOS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT

Dennis Johnson, Arvin-Edison WSD
Joe Lutje, Henry Miller WD
Pete Kaiser, Kern Delta WD
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
Roger Riley, Shafter-Wasco ID

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
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge, LLP
Beatris Sanders, Kern Farm Bureau
Brian Hockett, North West Kern RCD
Charlie Riddle, J.G. Boswell
David McEuen, J.G. Boswell
George Cappello, Grimmway Farms
Patty Poire, Grimmway Farms
Roy Pierucci, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD



1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Eric Averett called the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM**

Chairman Averett announced a quorum.

3. **INTRODUCTIONS**

None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Dana Munn commented on behalf of Director Roger Riley (not present) the desire for SWID to no longer be involved with KRWCA. They thought there was going to be a change in entity type. Manager Bell explained the changes that have taken place with more landowner member involvement on the Board. And that KRWCA has been a member funded organization for the past two plus years. The topic of potential change in entity type will be a future item on the agenda. Chairman Averett recommended Manager Bell provide SWID with an update to the changes that have taken place.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Director Dana Munn moved to approve the Board Meeting Minute from the November 3, 2016 Board Meeting. Upon a second by Director Don Collins, 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 \$68,561.46. Upon a second by Director 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. **ILRP Update:**

i. **Education and Outreach**

1. **Grower Meetings: December and January**
Meetings were held in December and January. 600 members represented.
2. **Individual Letters to Members: 669 required FE and NMP letters**
were sent and 135 letters to members where only the 2017 NMP worksheet is due.
3. **Newsletter/Email Reminders: Email blasts and a postcard reporting**
deadline reminders will be sent.
4. **MPEP Technical Meeting, 3/28/17: A meeting will be held on the**
afternoon of 3/28/17. RSVP is required due to limited space.
5. **NMP Self Certification Training Sessions-TLB underway: There are**
self certification trainings currently being held for the Tulare Lake Basin.



6. SECP Self Certification Training Session, if needed: Manager Bell is checking in with the 43 members required to complete SECPs to learn if training is desired in our area.
 - ii. Nitrogen Management Plan Worksheets (Certification required for HVA), NMP Summary Reports and Farm Evaluation Survey Deadline: March 1, 2017, no extension due to RB deadline to report the data.
 - iii. ILRP Farm Upgrades:
 1. "Duplicate & Copy" function
Members have the ability to copy and paste in the farm builder and farm evaluations.
 2. Member Dashboard Required Reports Reminders
 - iv. Reporting Status:
 1. Farm Evaluation Surveys:
There are 669 required farm evaluations and 25% have been processed.
 2. NMP Summary Reports:
There are 506 required and 10% have been processed.
 - v. Sediment and Erosion Control Plan (SECP), Self Certification Training Program, Conditional approval received January 27, 2017.
- b. CVRWQCB:
- i. ILRP Stakeholder Meeting, Merced 1/11/17,
Manager Bell reported that this meeting focused on Enforcement and Fines being issued. Non-enrollment and non-filing of reports hold equal weight and there are fines upward of \$70,000 for 3 years on non filing.
 - ii. Compliance and Enforcement Activities
The Regional Board is focused and on-going with compliance and enforcement activities.
 - iii. Wetlands removed from the TLB General Order:
Letters were sent to members who are known to have managed wetlands and given the opportunity to cancel their membership.
- c. State Water Board:
- i. SWB Staff Workshop, East San Joaquin GO Rewrite, 11/18/16
Manager Bell reported that SWB is trying to get a better understanding of the issues and is hopeful that Agriculture and Environmental Justice will come to an agreement on issues of common interest.
 - ii. 2nd Draft East San Joaquin GO rewrite
The rewrite is scheduled for an end of Feb release but it will probably come later.
 - iii. Office of Enforcement Actions
Mr. Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge, LLP gave a general report on the public actions that have been taken by the State Water Board Office of Enforcement.
8. REPORT OF PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP
- a. MPEP Update:
Mr. Ryan Dodd reported about the status of the coordination of the Northern and Southern MPEP. The two groups are coordinating on some CIG Grant activities. The MPEP Workplan was submitted to the Regional Board on November 21, 2016. The



Regional Board has not officially responded to the Workplan. The NMP Removed Coefficients Report, created by Dr. Daniel Geisseler, was submitted to the Regional Board on January 13, 2017, and was sent out for public comment by the Regional Board on February 1, 2017. There is a MPEP website now that, among other things, has a calendar of upcoming education events. There will be the first series of MPEP outreach meetings on March 28 and 29th in the SSJV. The first meeting will be in Kern County on March 28, 2017.

b. Annual Monitoring Report Update:

Mr. Ryan Dodd reported that the Annual Monitoring Report is currently under development. The surface water sections are largely complete, but new sections summarizing the NMP Summary Report information cannot be completed until after the Summary Reports are submitted by or on March 1, 2017.

c. SDEAR Proximity Workplan: District Policy Resolution:

Mr. John Schaap provided a power point presentation regarding the history and current activity regarding the SDEAR. On February 14, 2015, the SDEAR was submitted. The water board provided a conditional approval on October 17, 2015. The coalition provided a response to the conditional approval on February 8, 2016 which the water board had requested the coalition to include ag conveyances in the SDEAR. A response from Pamela Creedon, rejecting the presented arguments of pushing back on ag conveyances and proximity as a risk factor, was received just five days later. A proximity workplan was submitted on April 18, 2016. The Tule Coalition received a response to their workplan with a 30 day timeline to respond. There are basically two options the coalitions has once a response is received from the water board: 1. Try and convince the water board to reconsider district policy provisions which will require additional staff time and run the risk of a potential notice of violation. 2. Comply with the water board requests which will require additional SECPs and approximately \$37,000 cost for waterway investigations.

The District Policy Draft Resolution was provided to close the loop on the KRWCA Board Request for staff to develop a resolution for their use, if they so choose.

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, November 10, 2016](#)
- b. [Land IQ Summary Report](#)
- c. CV SALTS Education and Outreach Committee

10. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None

11. ATTORNEYS REPORT

Please refer to item 7. KRWCA Manager Report/ILRP Program Update, c. State Water Board, iii. Office of Enforcement, for a report from Mr. Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge, LLC.

12. CLOSED SESSION

None



13. KRWCA MEETING ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- a. 11/10, CV-SALTS Meeting, Sacramento
- b. 11/15, CV-SALTS PEOC Meeting
- c. 11/15, SECP Self Certification Program Meeting with RB, Visalia
- d. 11/18, SWB Staff Workshop on ESJ GO, Sacramento
- e. 12/13, SSJVWQC MPEP Meeting
- f. 12/20, Kern Grower Meeting
- g. 12/22, ILRP Coalition Meeting, Merced
- h. 1/3, SSJVWQC MPEP Meeting
- i. 1/3, Kern Grower Meeting
- j. 1/5, Kern Grower Meeting
- k. 1/10, Kern Grower Meeting
- l. 1/11, ILRP Stakeholder Meeting, Merced
- m. 1/30, CV-SALTS PEOC Meeting

14. ADJOURN

The Authority Board meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.