



***MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

*Date: Thursday, March 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**

Dennis Johnston and 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  
Roger Riley and Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID  
Michael Blaine and Robert Kunde, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

**GENERAL DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT**

David Nixon, Arvin-Edison WSD  
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

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

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Dave Hampton, Cawelo WD

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Nicole Bell, KRWCA Manager  
Sarah Hudson, KRWCA Board Secretary  
John Schaap, Provost & Pritchard  
Ryan Dodd, Provost & Pritchard  
T Jeffcoach, Provost & Pritchard  
Velvet Gaston, Provost & Pritchard  
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge, LLP  
Blake Sanden, UCCE  
Charlie Riddle, J.G. Boswell  
David McEuen, J.G. Boswell  
Patty Poire, Grimmway Farms  
Robbin Hamilton, Paramount Citrus  
Roy Pierucci, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD  
Stephanie Hearn, GEI Consultants



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**

Mr. John Schaap introduced T Jeffcoach, of Provost & Pritchard, who is working on the Proximity Workplan and the Trend Monitoring Workplan on behalf of KRWCA.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Director Dennis Johnston moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the February 2, 2017 Board Meeting with the correction to the spelling of the last name Johnson to Johnston. Upon a second by Director Michael Blaine, 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 Jason Gianquinto to pay the open accounts in the amount of \$462,716.29. 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. Administrative Actions:

i. \*KRWCA Conflict of Interest Code Review

Manager Bell presented the current Conflict of Interest Code to the Authority Board. It was decided that no change was needed to the current code. Director Michael Blaine made a motion to acknowledge the current Conflict of Interest Code has been reviewed by the board. Upon a second by Director Dennis Johnston, a vote was taken with no abstentions and unanimously carried.

ii. \*Proposed Change in KRWCA Membership Year from Fiscal to Calendar Year

Manager Bell provided information on the benefits of having the membership year coincide with the regulatory reporting year. She further explained the process of notifying members of the change and that the existing 2016-2017 Membership year will be expanded to December 31, 2017, in preparation for making the change to Calendar Year beginning January 2018. Director Dennis Johnston made a motion to change the KRWCA membership year from a fiscal year to a calendar year. Upon a second from Director Skye Grass, a vote was taken with no abstentions and unanimously carried.

iii. FORM 700, STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, Due April 1, 2017



An e-mail was sent out to all parties required to submit a Form 700 by Manager Bell. The deadline to complete and submit a Form 700 is April 1 of each year.

b. ILRP Update:

i. Education and Outreach

1. 2016 Farm Evaluation Survey, 2016 Nitrogen Management Plan Summary and 2017 NMP Worksheet Deadline: March 1, 2017. Nitrogen Management Plan Worksheet (Certification required for HVA).
2. Final Reminder Letters to Members  
Letters were sent to all members who had incomplete reports or not submitted reports on February 14, 2017.
3. Email Reminders to members  
Email reminder notices were sent to all members who had outstanding reports with email addressed on file.
4. MPEP Technical Meeting, 3/28/17, RSVP via [www.krwca.org](http://www.krwca.org)

ii. Reporting Status Update

1. 2016 Farm Evaluation Surveys  
Manager Bell reported that KRWCA has record setting numbers with 95% of all required Farm Evaluation Surveys submitted on time.
2. 2016 NMP Summary Reports  
95% of all required NMP Summary Reports were submitted on time.

c. CVRWQCB:

i. ILRP Stakeholder Meeting, Merced 4/12/17

Manager Bell reported that this meeting will include coalitions, environmental justice groups, and other interested parties. The topic of the meeting is still to be determined.

ii. Compliance and Enforcement Activities

The Regional Board has sent out reminder letters to growers in Kern County who have what appears to be farmland that is not enrolled. When contacted KRWCA will assist these growers to obtain regulatory coverage.

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 working on it and it looks like this rewrite will have a late April, early May release.

ii. Office of Enforcement Actions

There is nothing new to be publicly discussed.

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

a. MPEP Technical Meeting Update

- i. Mr. Ryan Dodd reported about the technical meeting titled: "San Joaquin Valley Nitrogen Management: How Agriculture is Meeting the Challenges" that was held on February 24, 2017 in Hanford. This meeting covered the findings of the California Nitrogen Assessment, the Central Valley Dairy Representative Monitoring Program (CVDRMP), current agronomic research, and John Dickey gave a presentation on the MPEP. There was also a panel of five growers from the Central Valley that discussed the impact of the current regulatory environment on farming. They also offered their perspective and recommendations on the MPEP. The MPEP presentation was similar to the presentation that will be given at the Kern County Coalitions outreach meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the Kern Ag Pavilion. Mr. Dodd was asked to provide a written summary of the meeting he attended.



b. Annual Monitoring Report Update

Mr. Ryan Dodd reported about exceedances in KRWCA.

i. Exceedance Report Updates

Surface water samples were collected from Chanac Creek on December 16 and January 6 and from El Paso Creek on January 6. From Chanac Creek there were exceedances of DDE, fecal coliform, and E. Coli in the December samples, and DDE, fecal coliform, E. Coli, and nitrate + nitrite-N in the January samples. DDE was 30% of the March 2016 results and there was no toxicity exceedance. Coliform and E. Coli require no action pending the direction provided by the pathogens workgroup that was established by the Regional Board in 2012, or upon further direction from the Executive Officer. An exceedance letter was submitted on February 15, 2017 per General Order requirements, but there are no new changes or requirements to the management plan at this time. The January 2017 results indicated that turbidity and hardness were decreasing, but this sample was the first nitrate + nitrite-N exceedance (22 mg/L). Since this was the first exceedance for this constituent, no management action will be required. The concentration of DDE continued to decrease, and was only 8% of the March 2016 exceedance. An exceedance letter was submitted on February 24, 2017. The January 6, 2017 sample collected and analyzed from El Paso Creek was the first sample collected since 2010 or 2011. The E. Coli and fecal coliform exceedances were the first from this location, and those constituents are subject to the direction of the pathogen work group. These exceedances were included in the exceedance letter that was submitted to the Regional Board on February 24. Several audience members reported that El Paso Creek is often used as a dumping ground for items like empty oil containers, and a deceased goat has been found in the channel. It's uncertain what impact that may have on the water quality sampling.

c. Trend Monitoring Workplan Update

Ms. Velvet Gaston reported on the Groundwater Trend Monitoring (GTM) Workplan due July 1, 2017. Sections are currently being drafted and the Final Draft is anticipated to be presented for Board Approval on April 6, 2017. This will allow time for any potential changes requested to receive board approval on June 1, 2017. The intent of the Groundwater Trend Monitoring Program is to identify ambient groundwater quality, to fill current data gaps and begin to reliably define long term trends in groundwater quality. Current approach is focused on phasing the Trend Monitoring Workplan implementation. Phase 1 is to provide selection criteria and phase 2 is to begin specific well selection. Some items in the Conditional Approval of the GAR were denoted to be addressed in the GTM Workplan. The re-write of the East San Joaquin order may alter the role of Groundwater Trend Monitoring programs within the ILRP, specifically the domestic well sampling issue.

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, February 2, 2017](#)

b. [Land IQ Summary Report](#)

c. [RB Hearing on SNMP, March 9, 2017](#) Ms. Bell reported on the upcoming SNMP Hearing to be held in Rancho Cordova.



10. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None

11. ATTORNEYS REPORT

None

12. CLOSED SESSION

The Authority Board went into closed session at 1:59 p.m. There were no actions taken during closed session.

- a. Potential Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) (c)
- b. 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 regarding the Eastern San Joaquin General Order and the Tulare Lake Basin General Order.

13. KRWCA MEETING ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- a. 2/6, CV-SALTS PEOC Meeting
- b. 2/7, SSJVWQC MPEP Meeting
- c. 2/21, CV-SALTS PEOC Meeting
- d. Daily grower meetings to assist with March 1 deadline

14. ADJOURN

The KRWCA Board meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.