



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

*Date: Thursday, May 3, 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  
Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD  
Pete Kaiser and Don Collins, Kern Delta WD  
Bruce Kelsey, Kern-Tulare WD  
Eric Averett, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD  
Dana Munn and Roger Riley, Shafter-Wasco ID  
Michael Blaine and Robert Kunde, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD

**DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT**

David Nixon, Arvin-Edison WSD  
Charlie Riddle, Henry Miller WD  
Mark Mulkay, 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  
Jason Gianquinto and Rick Wegis, Semitropic WSD

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tim Ashlock, Buena Vista Coalition  
Dave Hampton, Cawelo Water District

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Greg Hammett, Westside Water Quality Coalition

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Nicole Bell, KRWCA Manager  
Velvet Gaston, Provost & Pritchard  
Ryan Dodd, Provost & Pritchard  
John Schaap, Provost & Pritchard  
Jeff Eklund, Provost & Pritchard  
Steve Torigiani, Young Wooldridge, LLP  
George Cappello, Grimmway  
Molly Saso, Wonderful  
Stephanie Hearn, GEI  
Costas Cereo, Kern-Tulare WD

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**

Introductions were made.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

5. **APPROVAL OF 4/5/2018 Board Meeting Minutes\***

Director Michael Blaine moved to approve the regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2018. Upon a second by Director Dennis Johnston, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

6. **TREASURERS REPORT**

Director Rob 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 \$97,863.16. 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: No update

b. Education and Outreach:

- i. Regulatory/Legislative Update Meeting: The CV-SALTS and SB 623 Member Meeting held on 4/10/18 was well attended., with 120 members represented.
- ii. SB 623, Draft Letter of Support: Manager Bell discussed the draft letter of support with the Board. After discussion in support of proving a letter, Director Dennis Johnston moved to submit the letter of support as reviewed. Upon a second by Director Max Bricker, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

c. CVRWQCB:

- i. Compliance and Enforcement Activities
  1. 2018 Member Inspections, 3 Members Selected, inspections to be scheduled in June.
  2. Enforcement Hearing for Konark Ranches, Press Release Provided.

d. State Water Board:

- i. Office of Enforcement Actions: Nothing new to report.

8. **KRWCA JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY REVISIONS**

As member districts are still reviewing the draft JPA Amendment the item was postponed for action in June.



## 9. REPORT OF PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP

### a. Administrative Update:

John Schaap announced to the Board that he has a new career opportunity and will be leaving Provost & Pritchard. He thanked the Board for the many years of opportunity to assist KRWCA. The Board wishes John Schaap well in his future endeavors and thanked for his many years of assistance.

### b. MPEP Update

Ryan Dodd reported on the following:

#### i. SWAT Modeling

1. The first iteration of a SWAT model run for the SSJV using one management practice scenario should be available for internal discussion by May 4. Three additional scenarios will be added after that. This will allow time for review and discussion in the Fall so that the information is thoroughly vetted before sharing with the Regional Board.
2. The four initially basic scenarios can be thought of as a quadrant consisting of combinations of “old” N management practices, “old” irrigation practices, “new” N management practices, and “new” irrigation practices. Each iteration will provide greater detail and sophistication.

#### ii. Collaboration with the Northern MPEP

1. There hasn't been much action on this topic recently. Casey Creamer, previously of the Kings Coalition and the SSJV MPEP Committee lead, took a new position with CA Citrus Mutual in February 2018. Casey was also the main liaison with the northern MPEP Group. The SSJV MPEP Committee is committed to maintaining communication and collaboration with the northern MPEP group because their actions have the potential to substantially impact our program.
2. We have reallocated Casey's responsibilities amongst the remaining committee. We will have a few representatives attend Northern MPEP meetings, and we are also trying to arrange for one of the key players and willing collaborator in the North to attend the monthly SSJV MPEP Committee meetings.

### c. Revised CGQMP Approval

- i. Velvet Gaston presented a brief update to the CGQMP as required by the Regional Board. After discussion Director Roger Riley moved to approve the revisions to the CGQMP. Upon a second by Director Dennis Johnston, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

### d. GW Trend Monitoring Update:

Velvet Gaston reported on the following:

#### i. Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative (CVGMC) Update

1. CVGMC Workplan: Miss Gaston presented the 90%+ draft of the CVGMC Workplan. After discussion Director Dennis Johnston moved to approve the Workplan. Upon a second by Director Michael Blaine, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.
2. GTM Phase 2: Well Selection: Miss Gaston provided an update on the GTM Phase 2, Well Selection process and the report to be provided to the RB and as an Appendix of the CVGMC Workplan. After discussion Director Dennis Johnston moved to approve the GTM Phase 2. Upon a

second by Director Max Bricker, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

e. SDEAR Proximity Workplan Status Update:

Ryan Dodd reported on the following:

- i. The Proximity Workplan is going very well. We have been actively working with growers on site reviews and modifications, and those who have elected to do modifications and scheduled a site review have all been able to remove their parcels from the requirement to complete a SECP. The June KRWCA Board meeting packets will include the final list of ephemeral stream parcels requiring a SECP for approval that will be submitted to the Regional Board. The deadline for remaining waterways modification is May 1, 2019.
- ii. Originally, there were 157 APNs identified through the Proximity process as having moderate-to-high potential for sediment discharge and erosion. Of those, 133 are adjacent to ephemeral streams and 24 are adjacent to other waterways.
- iii. To date, approximately 46 of the 157 (29%) parcels have been removed from the list (leaving 111 parcels) that will be submitted to the Regional Board as required to complete a SECP due to modifications that were made, Water District input, parcel unenrollment, etc. All 30 removed parcels are adjacent to ephemeral streams and have a May (4 or 17) 2018 deadline to make modifications.
- iv. Four growers are scheduled for another site review on Friday, May 4, 2018.
- v. One district has reevaluated several parcels and we are expecting approximately five more letters that will reclassify some parcels.
- vi. If growers intend to make the suggested modifications but can't meet the specified deadlines, we encourage them to communicate with us.
- vii. We have reached out to all growers that have contacted us. If anyone is aware of growers that need further assistance, please let us know.

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. Boron Issues Document for discussion (handout). Manager Bell presented the Boron Issues Document to the Board. After discussion Director Max Bricker moved to support Boron Issue #1 and to incorporate it into the CV SALTS Comment Letter. Upon second by Director Dennis Johnston a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.
- b. Draft Comment Letter for BPA and Staff Report: Manager Bell reviewed the draft Comment Letter with the Board. The Board is in support of the Comment Letter and authorized Manager Bell to finalize and submit to the Regional Board.
- c. [CV-SALTS Meeting Package, April 13, 2018](#)
- d. [Land IQ Summary Report, April 13, 2018](#)
- 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**

No Report



### **13. CLOSED SESSION**

The Authority Board went into closed session at 3:00 P.M. The authority board reconvened to open session at 3:29 P.M. It was announced that no action was taken by the Board.

- 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. Monterey Coastkeeper, et al. v. Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, et al., Sac. County Sup. Ct., Case No. 34-2017-80002655

### **14. KRWCA MEETING ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. 4/6, RB Compliance Hearing, Fresno
- b. 4/10 CV-SALTS/SB623 Outreach Meeting, Bakersfield
- c. 4/11, Stakeholder Meeting, Modesto
- d. 4/13, CV-SALTS, Sacramento
- e. 4/19, CVGMC Meeting, Fresno
- f. 4/25, CVSC Call
- g. 5/1, SSJVWQC/MPEP Meeting, Visalia

### **15. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.