



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Date:* Thursday, November 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, Arvin-Edison WSD  
Charles Riddle, Henry Miller WD  
Don Collins, 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 DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT**

Jeevan Muhar and David Nixon, Arvin-Edison WSD  
Max Bricker, Henry Miller WD  
Mark Mulkay and 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  
Dave Hampton, Cawelo Water District

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Nicole Bell, KRWCA Manager  
Sarah Hudson, KRWCA Board Secretary  
John Schaap, Provost & Pritchard  
Velvet Gaston, Provost & Pritchard  
T Jeffcoach, Provost & Pritchard  
Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge, LLP  
George Cappello, Grimmway  
Jacob Gwilliam, Cal GAP, Tulare Ag Products  
Patty Poire, Grimmway  
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**

None

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Director Dennis Johnston moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the September 18, 2017 Board Meeting. Upon a second by Director Charlie Riddle, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.

**6. TREASURERS REPORT**

Director Robert Kunde reviewed the accounts payable with the Authority Board. A motion was made by Director Dennis Johnston to pay the open accounts, in the amount of \$73,464.38, and ratify payments made in the amount of \$70,731.68. Upon a second by Director Michael Blaine, 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 Invoices were mailed 10/1/17 and are to be paid by 11/15/17. After this date, late fees will apply.
- ii. Currently, 438 Invoices of 766 have been returned.

**b. Education and Outreach:**

- i. Nitrogen Analysis Reports (NAR) were all mailed by 9/15/17.
- ii. NAR Grower Meetings were held in October for all Members with HVA parcels. We had 258 members in attendance.
- iii. 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](http://www.KRWCA.org).

**c. CVRWQCB:**

- i. Compliance and Enforcement Activities
  1. Letters were mailed to members who did not file 2016 FE and NMP Reports
    - a. Reminder letters were issued August 23, 2017: 25 member who had not filed FEs and 15 members who had not filed NMPs.
    - b. RB Notices of Violation (NOV) were issued October 5, 2017: 17 FE and 10 NMPS. 8 FEs have been completed and 4 NMPS have been completed. Further Enforcement action will be taken by the RB for those who did not respond/comply.

**d. State Water Board:**

- i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft East San Joaquin GO rewrite, released 10/10/2017,
  1. Velvet Gaston gave a presentation on the proposed revisions to the East San Joaquin General Order Draft Revisions. Ernest Conant noted that there are legal arguments we want to address in the comment letter sent by KRWCA.
  2. There is a workshop scheduled for December 6, 2017 in Sacramento.
  3. The comment letter deadline is December 15, 2017.



4. SWB Approval Hearing scheduled for January 23, 2018
  5. A motion was made by Director Jason Gianquinto to add an item number 5 to the agenda to draft and submit a comment letter to State Water Board. Upon a second by Director Michael Blaine, a vote was taken with no abstentions and was unanimously carried.
- ii. Office of Enforcement Actions  
There is nothing new to report.

**8. KRWCA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE CONSIDERATION**

- a. Council Ernest Conant presented a handout itemizing some of the pros and cons of transferring the Authority to a non-profit corporation or a reorganization of the Authority Board JPA. This topic will be addressed further in January.

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

a. MPEP Update

Ms. Velvet Gaston reported on the following:

i. MPEP Workplan Resubmittal

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

ii. MPEP Crop Prioritization

1. As required in the MPEP workplan, we are currently working to provide the MPEP team with Farm Evaluation Survey and NMP Summary Report data. A placeholder was included in the MPEP Workplan since recent DWR landcover data was not available as of submission, but the process must be completed by early December for submission to the Regional Board.
2. This data will be used for 1) calculation of crop specific N surpluses using SWAT for comparison to crop prioritization, 2) Actual data for Y-to-R tool graphs on [www.AGMPEP.com](http://www.AGMPEP.com), and 3) SWAT calibration.

iii. North and South MPEP Groups Coordination

The Principles of Coordination letter was signed by the north and south MPEP groups in early October 2017.

iv. CDFA FREP/WPHA Conference

1. This conference is in Modesto on November 1-2, 2017, and is titled "Nutrient Management: Challenges and opportunities." The MPEP team is presenting three posters on our program.
2. There are also several ILRP-related presentations. We will provide an update next Board meeting.

b. GW Trend Monitoring:

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

Conceptual Workplan & MOA has been signed and submitted to the regional board, approval will trigger 180 days to develop collaborative technical workplan, QAPP. As discussed, the intent would be for us to keep our proposed monitoring well densities but come in line with well selection criteria, sampling frequency, and consistent data analysis.

c. \*Comprehensive Ground Water Quality Management Plan (CGQMP)

Velvet Gaston presented a power point presentation with an overview of the CGQMP.

Director Michael Blaine made a motion to approve the submission of the redrafted CGQMP as presented. Upon a second by Director Charlie Riddle, a vote was taken with no abstentions and unanimously carried.

d. SDEAR Proximity Workplan

## i. Timelines

T. Jeffcoach provided a report to the Board and discussed the required Proximity Workplan timelines for meeting the next submittals to the Regional Board. T. will continue to work with Water District representatives to obtain the appropriate information. P&P staff will follow up on parcels that the Water Districts were not able to address. The Perennial Stream has a deadline of January 23, 2018 to submit the List of Parcels that have a potential to discharge and will need to complete and SECP.

## ii. Potential Draft Policy/Guideline Statement

The Board was presented with a draft document for possible inclusion in the SDEAR Proximity Workplan submissions. After some discussion it was determined to postpone the item until the January meeting to allow for more time to consider the language and if a statement is warranted for inclusion.

e. Pesticide Monitoring Proposal, Revised

Ms. Velvet Gaston reported on the following:

- i. After submission of the Pesticide Monitoring Proposal, the Regional board proposed new thresholds for aquatic life and human health risk ratios, which when used cut our monitoring list in half. We submitted a revised Monitoring Proposal using the new thresholds recommended by the RB.

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, October 11-12, 2017](#)
- b. [Land IQ Summary Report](#)
- c. [CV-SALTS Brochure](#)

11. **OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**

None

12. **ATTORNEYS REPORT**

None

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

None

14. **KRWCA MEETING ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. 9/25, KRWCA Executive Committee Meeting
- b. 10/3, SSJVWQC MPEP Meeting
- c. 10/10, CVGMC Meeting
- d. 10/10, Public Education and Outreach Committee (PEOC) Meeting
- e. 10/11, CV SALTS Meeting, Sacramento
- f. 10/12, CV SALTS Meeting, Sacramento
- g. 10/17, NAR Grower Meeting, Bakersfield
- h. 10/18, NAR Grower Meeting, Wasco
- i. 10/19, KCFB Meeting, Report Provided
- j. 10/20, ESJ General Order Rewrite Meeting
- k. 10/24, NAR Grower Meeting, Bakersfield



- I. 10/25, ILRP Stakeholder Meeting, Modesto
- m. 10/26, KRWCA Executive Committee Meeting
- n. 10/26, NAR Grower Meeting, Buttonwillow
- o. 11/1, Meeting with Regional Board, Fresno

**15. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

**“\*” Notates an action item**