

Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency



**Regular Meeting of Board of Directors of the
Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 3:00 P.M.
Kern Water Bank Authority Conference Room
1620 Mill Rock Way, Suite 500, Bakersfield, California**

This meeting is held in accordance with the Brown Act pursuant to Section 54950, et seq. of the California Government Code and the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) for the Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency (KWB GSA). The Board of Directors of the KWB GSA duly met on August 12, 2025, at 3:00 P.M. in the Kern Water Bank Authority's conference room. The Chair, Rob Yraceburu, presided.

1. Roll Call

Directors Present:	Dudley Ridge Water District	G. Patrick O'Dowd
	Semitropic Water Storage District	Jason Gianquinto
	Kern County Water Agency	(Alternate) Wesly Shryock
	Tejon-Castac Water District	Dennis Atkinson
	Westside Mutual Water Company	Kim Brown
	Westside Mutual Water Company	Rob Yraceburu
	Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa WSD	Sheridan Nicholas

Directors Absent:

Others Present:

- Joe Butkiewicz
- Jon Parker
- Nick Torres
- Steve Torigiani
- Michael Johnson
- Andrew Masion
- Eric McDaris
- Kettisha Hiracheta

2. Approval of Minutes

Director Gianquinto made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2025, Board of Directors' Meeting. The motion was seconded by Alternate Director Shryock and unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer' Report

Joe Butkiewicz presented the July Treasurer's Report (attached to these minutes). Director O'Dowd made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Director Brown and unanimously approved.

4. Authorization to Pay GSA Expenses

Joe Butkiewicz presented the accounts payable for July (attached to these Minutes). Director Gianquinto made a motion to authorize payment of the accounts payable. The motion was seconded by Alternate Director Shryock and unanimously approved.

5. Hold Public Hearing Regarding and Consider Adoption of 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (2025 GSP) for Kern County Subbasin

Chairman Yraceburu opened a public hearing regarding the adoption of the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), including supporting appendices, for the Kern County Subbasin. It was noted that prior to the meeting the Board was provided a link to a website that included the entire GSP for review. Jon Parker gave a staff presentation explaining the process of preparing the GSP and explained the various components of the GSP. Jon also provided the Board with an explanation of the potential processes that would take place in regards to the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources once the GSP has been adopted. Chairman Yraceburu asked for any public comment. There was no public in attendance, and no public comments were received by the GSA prior to or during the public hearing. Chairman Yraceburu closed the public hearing and invited a motion to adopt the GSP. Director Atkinson made a motion to adopt the 2025 GSP. The motion was seconded by Director Brown and unanimously approved.

6. Consider Approving and Authorizing Execution of Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement among Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies

The Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement among the Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies was provided to the Board for consideration. Attorney Steve Torigiani summarized notable differences between the existing and proposed third amended coordination agreement. Director Gianquinto made a motion to approve and authorize execution of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Alternate Director Shryock and unanimously approved.

7. Consider Authorizing Payment of Additional Subbasin GSP Related Costs

Joe Butkiewicz requested that the Board table this item.

8. Reports.

a. Kern County Subbasin Amended GSPs

Information regarding this item was covered in item 5 above.

b. SWRCB Notice of Continued Public Hearing Re Proposed Designation of Subbasin as a Probationary Basin – No Report.

c. Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA)

The Board was provided the 4th Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for KNDLA (JPA) for consideration of approval and authorizing execution. Steve Torigiani summarized the proposed changes to the JPA. After some discussion,

Director Gianquinto made a motion to approve and authorize execution of the 4th Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for KNDLA. The motion was seconded by Director Brown and unanimously approved.

d. SGMA Compliance – No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: None

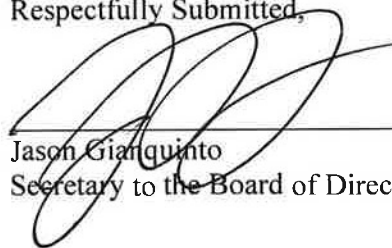
CLOSED SESSION: Mr. Torigiani announced that there was not a need for a closed session.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: Not applicable.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Gianquinto', is written over a horizontal line.

Jason Gianquinto
Secretary to the Board of Directors