

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District (District) held January 10, 2017 at the District offices.

President Cehrs called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

David Cehrs, President  
Paul Stanfield, Vice President  
Mark McKean  
Norman B. Waldner  
Mike Yoshimoto (Arrived at 1:33 p.m.)  
Ceil W. Howe Jr.  
Gregory H. Beberian

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

<u>KRCD Staff</u>	<u>Consultants &amp; Others</u>
Casey Creamer	Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Association
David Merritt	Todd Flanagan, NAWC
Sandra Soares	Steve Stadler
Paul G. Peschel	
Randy Shilling	
Brian Trevarrow	
Cristel Tufenkjian	

**ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Director Howe, and seconded by Vice-President Stanfield, and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the December 13, 2016 Regular Board meeting be approved, as presented.

*(AYES: President Cehrs, Vice-President Stanfield, Directors McKean, Howe, Beberian, Waldner, Yoshimoto- NOES: None- ABSTAIN: None)*

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

President Cehrs reported that no changes will be taken to the appointments of Board Committees and representatives.

**WATER CONDITIONS**

**Water Conditions:** Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Association (KRWA), summarized a report on water conditions stating total storage available to KRWA units in Pine Flat Reservoir (Reservoir) as of 2400 hours on January 8, 2017 was 409,120 AF with the Reservoir having a vacant space of 725,000 AF. On that date, the calculated natural inflow to the Reservoir was 11,000 cfs.

**Weather Conditions:** Todd Flanagan, North American Weather Consultants, presented an overview of the recent weather conditions and the 2016-2017 cloud seeding program which began on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Flanagan reported several storms moving through the state. Temperatures were generally near to above normal across the state. Ground generators were on for 210.25 hours during the December storms and flight seeding was done for 2.58 hours. Flanagan reported that precipitation in Fresno from July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 is above normal (124.6% of normal).

**FRESNO SEASONAL PRECIPITATION INFORMATION**

Precipitation 2015-2016 season (7/1/15 – 6/30/16)	14.84"
Current precipitation season (7/1/16 – 12/31/16)	4.56" (+0.90")
Normal season precipitation (7/1 – 12/31)	3.66"
Percent of average	124.6

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

None.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Paul Peschel reported that an ACWA Regions 6 & 7 Membership meeting will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Kern County Water Agency in Bakersfield to discuss the input on ACWA's agriculture initiative.

Mr. Peschel also reported a Semitropic Water Storage District's proposed Tulare Lake Storage and Floodwater Protection Project meeting will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Bravo Farms in Kettleman City.

Mr. Peschel reported that the Kings River Legislative Committee meeting will be January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Peschel reported that the State Water Resources Control Board will extend the comment deadline on the flow objectives for the San Joaquin River and the associated tributaries to March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**LEGISLATION**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE, MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES**

None

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Cristel Tufenkjian, Manager of Community & Public Relations, reported that the Kings River Water Quality Coalition Outreach Workshop was held in Easton on January 12<sup>th</sup> and over 200

attended the meeting. A Frequently Ask Questions sheet will be developed to handout at future workshops.

### **STATUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Power Resources, Flood O&M, and Environmental: David Merritt, Deputy General Manager, reported that the maintenance was completed at Pine Flat Power Plant and that the facility is ready for generation.

Mr. Merritt gave a brief update on the Unit 4 feasibility study and stated that he will be meeting with DWR and SMUD to discuss how to qualify this unit as a renewable resource.

Mr. Merritt reported that the first round of trout fry were released on December 29<sup>th</sup> and was restocked with 120,000 trout eggs on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Merritt also reported that a Technical Steering Committee meeting will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> to further develop the supplemental and long term stocking program for the Fisheries Management Program.

Mr. Merritt reported that Flood O&M staff continues to work on burning several debris piles through the Clarks Fork area under authorized burn permits. The entire project is ready to receive water based on current weather forecast.

Business Operations: Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager, reported that the annual FPPC Form 700 will be distributed to all individuals in the next few weeks.

Water Quality: Casey Creamer, Manager of Water Quality, reported that on March 1<sup>st</sup> the Farm Evaluation surveys to the Coalition are due. We have added on revised farm evaluation reporting, added nitrogen summary reporting to our new and revised database, which will be completed in the next week.

Mr. Creamer also reported on the East San Joaquin Petition that the second draft changes will be out in late February and they are following up with the staff and State board in advance.

Mr. Creamer also stated that the Regional Board will be having a hearing to consider approval of the Central Valley Salt and Nitrate Management Plan in Rancho Cordova on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Also on either April 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> in Fresno, the Board will consider approval of the Tulare Lake Basin De-designation Plan.

Water Resources: Eric Osterling, Manager of Water Resources provided an update on SGMA. Osterling reported that DWR recently released Best Management Practices documents and a report on Water Available for Replenishment that are meant to help guide Groundwater Sustainability Plan development. He then provided an update on the status of local GSA formations. Of note, the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's first Board meeting will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Riverdale Public Utility District Annex at 5:30 p.m. and the South Fork Kings GSA's first Board meeting is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> in Lemoore. Osterling also reported that area GSA's are in the process of preparing next fiscal year budgets as well as budgeting forecasts through 2020.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager of Business Operations presented an overview of the Budget Comparison report for the month of November, and an expenditure-to-budget comparison report for the period ending December 31, 2016.

It was moved by Director McKean, and seconded by Director Howe and unanimously carried, bills in the amount of \$624,551.93 as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

*(AYES: President Cehrs, Vice-President Stanfield, Directors McKean, Howe, Beberian, Waldner, Yoshimoto- NOES: None- ABSTAIN: None)*

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 2:47 P.M. the Board adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to provide direction to the General Manager or his designee regarding the sale or lease of real property located at 9664 S. Bethel, Selma, CA 93662, also identified as APN #358-03-133.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION/ REPORT ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 3:10 P.M. and President Cehrs reported the Board took action in Closed Session to authorize General Manager Paul Peschel or designee to negotiate a lease on the real property located at 9664 S. Bethel, Selma, CA 93662, also identified as APN #358-03-133.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Cehrs adjourned the meeting at 3:11 P.M.

Submitted by:

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Paul G. Peschel  
Board Secretary

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Board President

Approved on February 11, 2017