



KRCDC Board Meeting

March 14, 2017 at 1:30PM

Kings River Conservation District Offices

Called to Order: 1:32 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:52 p.m.

Facilitator: President Cehrs

Note taker: Christine Simon

Attendees: **Directors:** David Cehrs (President), D. Paul Stanfield (Vice President), Mark McKean, Norman B. Waldner, Mike Yoshimoto, Ceil W. Howe Jr., Gregory H. Beberian.

KRCDC Staff: Casey Creamer, David Merritt, Christine Simon, Paul G. Peschel, Randy Shilling, Brian Trevarrow, Cristel Tufenkjian.

Consultants & Others: Steven Haugen (Kings River Water Association).

Absent: None

Minutes

Agenda item: 1. Additions or Deletions from the Agenda

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

Agenda item: 2. Public Presentations or Comments

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

1. General Manager Paul Peschel introduced KRCDC's new Executive Assistant, Christine Simon.
2. Vice President Stanfield recognized Director McKean's achievement as top cotton grower in the Western region of the United States.

Actions:

None.

Agenda item: 3. Approval of Minutes of the February 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting **Presenter:** President Cehrs

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

1. It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried by Directors Waldner, Yoshimoto, Beberian, McKean, Stanfield, Howe, and Cehrs that the Minutes of the February 14, 2017 Regular Board meeting be approved, with the following change:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Update the official minutes so that the name "DeeDee Damo" is changed to "Dorene D'Adamo".	Christine Simon	3/14/2017

Agenda item: 4. Water Conditions and Weather Conditions **Presenters:** Steve Haugen, Randy Shilling

Discussion:

1. Water
 - a. KRWA Watermaster Steve Haugen summarized a report on water conditions stating total storage available to KRWA units in Pine Flat Reservoir (Reservoir) as of 2400 hours on March 12, 2017 was 740,228 acft with vacant space of 453,772 acft. On that date, the calculated natural inflow to the Reservoir was 4,100 cfs.
 - b. Reducing storage in the Pine Flat Dam by about 6,500-7,000 acft/day. The Army Corp. of Engineers would like storage to be at 400,453 acft.
 - c. The calculations provided in the report include the April 1-July 1 run-off volume, assuming normal precipitation and forecasted irrigation demand. The plan is to reduce Pine Flat Dam storage to around 300,000 acft before the typical snowmelt period. KRWA gives forecast irrigation demand to the Corps of Engineers, who then calculates how much vacant space is needed in Pine Flat.
 - d. This year is forecasted to be the fourth largest run-off year since 1895 due to the January-February run-off volumes exceeding prior records by 50,000 acft.
 - e. Haugen addressed questions from the Board regarding water released for irrigation purposes and expected water lost to prevent flooding concerns and issues. Haugen explained how upstream vacant space figures into calculations on the flood control diagram presented.
2. Weather Modification
 - a. Deputy General Manager Randy Shilling reminder the Board that KRCD cancelled the Weather Modification Program season effective February 16, 2017. In doing so, KRCD saved two months of budgeted fees.

Actions:

None.

Agenda item: 5. Directors' Reports **Presenter:** President Cehrs

Discussion:

1. President Cehrs shared that the Delta Mendota Subbasin will have nineteen (19) GSAs.

Actions:

None.

Agenda item: 6. General Manager's Report

Presenter: Paul Peschel

Discussion:

1. Paul Peschel, General Manger, provided updates to supplement his written report to the Board.
 - a. On March 7, 2017, the State Water Board adopted a comprehensive climate change resolution. The resolution is intended to support and incorporate implementation of AB 32, California's Water Action Plan, Safeguarding California, Indicators of Climate Change, and Human Rights to Water. The State Water Board, through this resolution, is attempting to coalesce these various initiatives.
 - b. The California Supreme Court ruled that Public Records Act requests apply to personal email. Thus, use of personnel email for work should be avoided.
 - c. Announced a National Geographic feature: Water and Power: A California Heist will be airing tonight.

Actions:

None.

Agenda item: 7. Public Information

Presenter: Cristel Tufenkjian

Discussion:

1. KRCD has received a number of media inquiries lately because of the flood waters. David Merritt is responding to requests, including ABC 30.
2. The media inquiries attempted to draw out KRCD's opinion regarding Tranquility. KRCD's message is that we are continually monitoring our levees and were prepared for the flood releases. Questions regarding levees in the Tranquility are were directed to Tranquility.
3. It was also noted that KRCD has a right-of-way for levee maintenance but does not own the land associated with the levee. Thus, the landowner has restricted property rights where KRCD has a right-of-way.

Actions:

None.

Agenda item: 8a. Power Resources, Flood O&M, and Environmental Status Report and Presentation

Presenter: David Merritt

Discussion:

1. In addition to what is reported in the submitted report, David Merritt, Deputy General Manager, presented the following :
 - a. The Jeff L. Taylor Pine Flat Power Plant continues to operate with all three units in operation. We will potentially be able to operate the facility late into the year based on the projected water year. As such we are expecting \$539,000 in revenue for the February 2017.
 - b. On February 28, 2017 we began 24-hour flood release patrols.
 - c. The Zalda drain systems experienced issues in regards to pumps not working, sink holes along the tile lines and/or excessive seepage. We replaced several of the pumps, repaired the electrical circuits, and are currently trying to rebuild the #3 pump station that had the entire

electrical stolen. We are also using portable rental pumps to help keep up with issues. After this flood season, we will look at potential replacements and upgrades to the Zalda system.

- d. Merritt provided an update on the McMullin On-Farm Flood Water Capture and Recharge Project in regards to the needed project agreements that are now at CDWR for their approval.

Actions:

None.

Agenda item: 8b. Business Operations Status Report and Presentation **Presenter:** Randy Shilling

Discussion:

1. As authorized in the February Board meeting, two pickup trucks were purchased from a local Dodge dealer and were under-budget. They are being used for flood release levee patrol monitoring.
2. A SGMA update was given on behalf of Eric Osterling. Some local GSAs are forming advisory committees. KRCD has been invited to participate in a number of these.
 - a. The South Fork Kings GSA had their first official meeting last week.
 - b. The McMullin Group GSA asked KRCD to provide fiscal agent and outreach services – the details of this arrangement are still being worked out.
3. Casey Creamer presented updates from his participation in the Ag Leadership program.

Actions:

None.

Agenda item: 9. Appointment of Assistant Secretary **Presenter:** Paul Peschel

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

1. **Approved:** It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried that Christine Simon be appointed as the Board's Assistant Secretary.

Agenda item: 10. Adoption of Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Policy **Presenter:** Randy Shilling

Discussion:

1. Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager of Business Operations, summarized the policy in question and clarified that the policy does not apply to real property sales. Shilling reported that the document had been reviewed and approved by KRCD's legal counsel, Joe Hughes.

Actions:

1. **Approved and Adopted:** It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director Waldner, and unanimously carried by Directors Waldner, Yoshimoto, Beberian, McKean, Stanfield, Howe, and Cehrs that the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Policy be approved and adopted.

Agenda item: 11a. Financial Report: Budget Expenditures **Presenter:** Randy Shilling

Discussion:

1. Shilling noted that the adjusted budget, which the board approved last month, is reflected in the financial reports submitted to the board.
2. KRCD will receive approximately \$775,000 in power benefits the quarter ending March 31, 2017; the original budget was \$50,000.

Actions:

None.

Agenda item: 11b. Review of Financial Statements **Presenter:** President Cehrs

Discussion:

1. President Cehrs summarized the financial statements for the board.

Actions:

1. Approved: It was moved by President Cehrs, and seconded by Director Waldner and unanimously carried by Directors Waldner, Yoshimoto, Beberian, McKean, Stanfield, Howe, and Cehrs, bills in the amount of \$805,592.66 as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

Agenda item: 12. Set May Meeting Date **Presenter:** Paul Peschel

Discussion:

1. Due to a conflict with the ACWA Spring 2017 Conference & Exhibition occurring May 9-12, 2017, General Manager Paul Peschel proposed that the May meeting date be rescheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

Actions:

1. Approved: It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Beberian, and unanimously carried by Directors Waldner, Yoshimoto, Beberian, McKean, Stanfield, Howe, and Cehrs that the May 9, 2017 meeting date be rescheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

Agenda item: Other Items **Presenter:** President Cehrs

Discussion:

1. The Jeff L. Taylor Pine Flat Power Plant tour is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 10:00am and is open for whoever would like to attend.

Actions:

None.

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Submitted by:

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

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Board President