

Kings River Conservation District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date & Time: April 11, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. **Location:** Kings River Conservation District Offices

Called to Order: 1:31 p.m. **Adjourned:** 3:00 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.
KRCD Staff: David Merritt, Christine Simon, Paul G. Peschel, Randy Shilling, Brian Trevarrow, Cristel Tufenkjian.
Consultants & Others: Steven Haugen (Kings River Water Association), Rob Greenfield (ACWA JPIA), Keith Forbes (ACWA JPIA), Steve Stadler (James ID).

Absent: Director Gregory H. Beberian

Minutes

1. Additions or Deletions from the Agenda **Presenter: President Cehrs**

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

- a. Item 11(b). Review of Financial Statements presenter changed from President Cehrs to Director McKean.

2. Public Presentations or Comments **Presenter: President Cehrs**

Discussion:

- a. ACWA JPIA representatives Rob Greenfield and Keith Forbes presented to the Board a Rate Stabilization Fund refund check of \$116,224 made payable to KRCD.

Actions:

None.

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

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

- a. It was moved by Vice President Stanfield, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried by Directors Waldner, Yoshimoto, McKean, Stanfield, Howe, and Cehrs that the Minutes of the March 14, 2017 Regular Board meeting be approved, as presented.

4. Water Conditions and Weather Conditions **Presenter: Steve Haugen**

Discussion:

a. Water

1. KRWA Watermaster Steve Haugen summarized a report on water conditions stating that total storage available to KRWA units in Pine Flat Reservoir (Reservoir) as of 2400 hours on April 9, 2017 was 551,821 acft with vacant space of 448,179 acft. On that date, the calculated natural inflow to the Reservoir was 8,204 cfs.
2. Storage is being reduced in the Pine Flat Dam by approximately 6,900 acft/day.
3. The peak snowmelt inflow this year is expected to be between 24,000-25,000 cfs; either June or July.
4. Releasing 9,000-9,500 cfs for past several weeks from the reservoir.
5. Several snow data factors for consideration:
 - i. There is not much snow present below the 7,000ft elevation range.
 - ii. Our estimate of greater water content than is shown in DWR's April 1, 2017 report is a reflection of last weekend's storm.
6. DWR's Bulletin 120 April 11, 2017 Update (B120UP) will likely reflect a change from the current estimate of 184% to between 195-200% of average historical unimpaired runoff from the Kings' River watershed.

Actions:

None.

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

Discussion:

- a. Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager of Business Operations, announced the presence of ACWA JPIA representatives Rob Greenfield and Keith Forbes. See agenda item 2. Public Presentations or Comments for more details.
- b. Director McKean briefly reported on a April 4-7, 2017 Washington D. C. trip attended among himself, General Manager Paul Peschel, and KRWA Watermaster Steve Haugen. Director McKean touched upon their discussions with legislators and their staff and communications pertaining to our goal to obtain regulatory relief in general and FERC relicensing in particular.
- c. President Cehrs attended a technical committee meeting for the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), which is tasked with working on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). In that meeting Ron Samuelian of Provost & Pritchard indicated that if a Subbasin has more than one GSA, DWR will not accept GSPs from individual GSAs at different times. All GSPs must be submitted to DWR as one package with coordinated signatures.

Actions:

None.

6. General Manager's Report**Presenter: Paul Peschel**

Discussion:

- a. Paul Peschel, General Manger, provided updates to supplement his written report to the Board.
 1. The Legislative Committee of KRCD and KRWA will meet to discuss sending a letter in opposition of a proposal to remove tax exempt status in municipal bonds.
 2. Adding to Director McKean's Washington D. C. trip report, Peschel highlighted various concerns and issues KRCD, KRWA, and The Ferguson Group representatives

Joe Raeder and Lori Pickford conveyed to various House and Senate members and their staff. Some of the discussion included hydropower relicensing and reform, flood control, SGMA, HR 23, and Corps budgeting. The information presented was well-received. Follow-up dialogue will be occurring.

3. KRCD received feedback from the Public Advisory Group (PAG) regarding various aspects of the Kings River Fisheries Management Program. KRCD, KRWA and CDFW are working with PAG to understand and resolve those concerns.

Actions:

None.

7. Public Information

Presenter: Cristel Tufenkjian

Discussion:

- a. Cristel Tufenkjian, Manager of Community & Public Relations, reported to the Board that there continues to be media interest in flood operations. She is working with David Merritt, Deputy General Manager to respond to interview requests including one by the LA Times scheduled for tomorrow Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

Actions:

None.

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

Presenter: David Merritt

Discussion:

- a. David Merritt, Deputy General Manager, presented the following :
 1. Pine Flat
 - i. March 2017 power generation gross revenue of \$922,505.
 2. Flood O&M
 - i. The flood flow target continues to be 4,500 cfs at Crescent Weir; staff is still conducting 24/7 flood patrols.
 - ii. The Zalda drains are still requiring a lot of attention and will need repair.
 3. Terranova
 - i. The project agreements have been approved by the California Department of Water Resources.
 - ii. The permits needed for the headwork installation continue to advance. KRCD will attend an April 27, 2017 Reclamation District No. 1606 Board meeting pertaining to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board permit.
 4. Environmental
 - i. On April 27, 2017, staff will release the third and final round of trout fry for this season's incubation process.
 - ii. Staff has been spending a significant amount of time working on items pertaining to Public Advisory Group requests associated with the Fisheries Management Program.

Actions:

None.

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

- a. Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager, presented the following information to the Board:
 - 1. All KRCD Form 700s have been filed.
 - 2. Staff is working on budget preparation for the 2017/18 fiscal year, along with budgets for the other agencies in which KRCD serves as the fiscal agent. The Budget and Audit Committee will be meeting prior to the Board's May meeting to present a budget to the full Board for approval at the June Board meeting.
- b. Eric Osterling gave updates to the Board regarding the South Valley SGMA Practitioners Roundtable II meeting held on March 17, 2017 in Tulare, CA:
 - 1. Presenters included USGS hydrologist Dr. Claudia Faunt, DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Section Chief Trevor Joseph, and SWRCB Groundwater Management Program Supervisor Samuel Boland-Brien who focused on the technical aspects of groundwater management.
 - 2. DWR is soliciting public comments regarding their upcoming Proposition 1 application process.

Actions:

None.

9. Appointment of District Committees and/or Representatives **Presenter: President Cehrs**
Discussion:

None.

Actions:

- a. President Cehrs removed himself from the Budget and Audit Committee and appointed Director Beberian in his place.

10a. Financial Report: Budget Expenditures **Presenter: Randy Shilling**
Discussion:

- a. Budgeted and actual expenditures are tracking closely together.
- b. Will be spending time speaking with an investment advisor to look into investments that would provide better return rates than KRCD is currently receiving.

Actions:

None.

10b. Review of Financial Statements **Presenter: Director McKean**
Discussion:

None.

Actions:

- a. Approved: It was moved by Director McKean, and seconded by Director Howe and unanimously carried by Directors Waldner, Yoshimoto, McKean, Stanfield, Howe, and Cehrs;

bills in the amount of \$695,345.41 as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

**11. Adoption of Resolution in Support of ACWA's Policy Presenter: Paul Peschel
Statement on Bay-Delta Flow Requirements**

Discussion:

- a. The Kings River Legislative Committee will be reviewing the resolution during their Monday, April 17, 2017 meeting.
- b. The Board referred this item to the Legislative Committee to present a recommendation to the Board during the Tuesday, May 16, 2017 meeting.

Actions:

None.

Submitted by:

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

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Board President