

Kings River Conservation District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date & Time:	June 13, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.	Location:	Kings River Conservation District Offices
Called to Order:	1:31 p.m.	Adjourned:	3:55 p.m.
Facilitator:	Vice President Stanfield	Note taker:	Christine Simon
Attendees:	Directors: David Cehrs, Ph.D. (President) ^{arrived 2:37PM} , D. Paul Stanfield (Vice President), Mark McKean, Norman B. Waldner, Gregory Beberian, Ceil W. Howe Jr. KRCD Staff: David Merritt, Christine Simon, Paul G. Peschel, Randy Shilling, Brian Trevarrow, Cristel Tufenkjian, Casey Creamer. Consultants & Others: Steven Haugen (Kings River Water Association).		
Absent:	Director Mike Yoshimoto.		

Minutes

1. Additions or Deletions from the Agenda

Presenter: Vice President Stanfield

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

2. Public Presentations or Comments

Presenter: Vice President Stanfield

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

3. Approval of Minutes of the May 16, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Presenter: Vice President Stanfield

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

- a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director McKean, and carried by Directors Stanfield, Howe, McKean, Beberian, and Waldner that the Minutes of the May 16, 2017 Regular Board meeting be approved, as presented.

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

Discussion:

- a. KRWA Watermaster Steve Haugen summarized a report on water conditions stating that the total storage available to KRWA units in Pine Flat Reservoir as of 2400 hours on June 11, 2017 was 1,074,671 acft with a vacant space of 119,329 acft. On that date, the calculated natural inflow to the Reservoir was 14,691 cfs.
- b. Storage is being increased in the Pine Flat Dam by approximately 10,273 acft/day.
- c. We are experiencing extraordinarily cold temperatures in June 2017 with 18-19" of water content on some snow pillows in the Southern Sierra mountain range. The water content on these pillows is above the historical average.
- d. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 120 June 8, 2017 Update (B120UP) reflects that we are 200% of average for unimpaired runoff.

Actions

None.

5. Directors' Reports**Presenter: Vice President Stanfield**

Discussion:

- a. Director McKean reported that he and the GM had met with Congressman Valadao.

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. Director McKean and Peschel met with Congressman David Valadao regarding water and energy storage issues and opportunities;
 2. Peschel drew attention to two letters included in the Board packet: one sent to local United States Representatives and Senators supporting the current tax exemption for municipal bonds and a letter written to the Public Advisory Group in response to the paper "Crisis on the Kings";
 3. Peschel highlighted statewide workforce stressors, recent legislation, regulatory issues, and federal funding opportunities not mentioned in the written report.

Actions:

None.

7. Public Information**Presenter: Cristel Tufenkjian**

Discussion:

- a. Cristel Tufenkjian, Manager of Community & Public Relations, reported to the Board the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-Salts) brochure that was developed by the CV-Salts Public Outreach Committee. The brochure will be distributed at outreach events and as mailers.

Actions:

None.

8a. Power Resources, Flood O&M, and Environmental Status Report **Presenter: David Merritt and Presentation**

Discussion:

- a. David Merritt, Deputy General Manager, presented the following information to the Board:
 1. Pine Flat generated \$897,010.52 in revenue May 2017.
 2. Flood target is up to 2,500 cfs as of June 12, 2017.
 3. Will conduct flood and watching South Fork closely for seepage.
 4. All nine Zalda pumps are in operational condition.

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. Five budget committee meetings (KRCD, KBWA, KRWQC and two GSAs) were held since the last KRCD board meeting.
- b. Eric Osterling, Manager of Water Resources, is attending a Groundwater Sustainability Plan Grant meeting at Fresno Irrigation District today. Shilling reported the following on his behalf:
 1. Five cities (Sanger, Parlier, Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg) within Consolidated Irrigation District filed as the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) with the Department of Water Resources (DWR). There are some concerns regarding the boundaries they proposed on their application.
 2. Kings and Tulare Lake Subbasin groups are working together to apply for a \$1.5 million Groundwater Sustainability Plan grant.
 3. Osterling was recently appointed to the Kings County Water Commission.
- c. Casey Creamer, Manager of Water Quality, provided the following updates to the Board:
 1. Creamer commended Tufenkjian for her involvement creating the CV-Salts brochure.

Actions:

None.

9. Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget **Presenter: Paul Peschel, Randy Shilling**

Discussion:

- a. Shilling reported that the Budget and Audit committee met and reviewed the Budget and agreed to recommend it to the Board for approval. He also reported that the Labor & Personnel Committee met and reviewed and recommended certain salary adjustments that are included in the budget.
- b. Shilling reviewed the proposed budget with the Board.
- c. President Cehrs joined the meeting at 2:27p.m.

Actions:

- a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Direction McKean, and carried by Directors Cehrs, Stanfield, Howe, McKean, Beberian, and Waldner that the Board adopt the General Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget.

10. Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Strategic Plan **Presenter: Paul Peschel**

Discussion:

- a. Director McKean asked that water storage be included in the Strategic Plan.

Actions:

- a. This agenda item was tabled until the next Board meeting.

11. Annual Review of District's Statement of Investment Policy **Presenter: Randy Shilling**

Discussion:

- a. Shilling presented the District's Statement of Investment Policy, in accordance with Government Code Section 63646(a).

Actions:

- a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Waldner, and carried by Directors Cehrs, Stanfield, Howe, McKean, Beberian, and Waldner that the Board approve the District's Statement of Investment Policy.

12. Resolution No. 17-02 Nomination of David Cehrs, PhD, to the ACWA Region 6 Board **Presenter: Vice President Stanfield**

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

- a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Waldner, and carried by Directors Cehrs, Stanfield, Howe, McKean, Beberian, and Waldner that the Board Resolution No. 17-02 Nomination of David Cehrs, PhD, to the ACWA Region 6 Board as presented.

13a. Financial Report: Budget Expenditures **Presenter: Randy Shilling**

Discussion:

- a. Randy Shilling, Deputy Manager of Business Operations, summarized the June 2017 budget expenditures and investment report to the Board.

Actions:

None.

13b. Review of Financial Statements **Presenter: Director Beberian**

Discussion:

- a. Director Beberian reported that he had reviewed the bills, found them to be in order, and recommended that they be approved.

Actions:

- a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried by Directors Cehrs, Stanfield, Howe, McKean, Beberian, and Waldner that bills in the amount of \$1,432,104.97 as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

14. Closed Session

Presenter: Vice President Stanfield

Discussion:

- a. The Board adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1) to discuss the General Manager's performance.

Actions:

None.

15. Reconvene to Open Session

Presenter: Vice President Stanfield

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

Other Items for Discussion

Presenter: Vice President Stanfield

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

Submitted by:

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

Board President

approved on July 11, 2017

