

Kings River Conservation District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date & Time: April 10, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. **Location:** Kings River Conservation District Offices

Called to Order: 1:31 p.m. **Adjourned:** 3:42 p.m.

Attendees: **Directors:** David Cehrs, Ph.D. (President), D. Paul Stanfield (Vice President), Gregory Beberian, Ceil Howe, Jr. arrived 1:34p.m., Mark McKean, Norman B. Waldner, Mike Yoshimoto
KRCD Staff: David Merritt, Christine Simon (Assistant Secretary), Paul G. Peschel (Secretary), Randy Shilling, Brian Trevarrow, Cristel Tufenkjian, Eric Osterling, Eric Athorp
Consultants & Others: Steven Haugen (Kings River Water Association), Todd Flanagan (North American Weather Consultants), Mark Solack (North American Weather Consultants)

Absent: None.

Minutes

1. Additions or Deletions from the Agenda

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

2. Public Presentations or Comments

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director Waldner, and carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner and Yoshimoto that the Minutes of the February 13, 2018 Regular Board meeting be approved.

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Waldner, and carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner and Yoshimoto that the Minutes of the March 13, 2018 Regular Board meeting be approved.

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

Kings River Water Association (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 April 8, 2018 was 821,400 acre feet (ac-ft) with a vacant space of 372,600 ac-ft. On that date, the calculated natural inflow to the Reservoir was 17,758 cfs. Storage is being released from Pine Flat Dam by approximately 137 cfs.

Haugen reported on the recent storms' influence on the Kings River watershed snowpack and that snow survey data is matching the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) snow surveys. As a note, Haugen informed the Board that NASA's Airborne Snow Observatory program even more information through depth-of-snow measurements across the watershed. Local agencies are attempting to have these activities included in DWR's budget. KRWA staff anticipate that Pine Flat storage might reach the 1,000,000 ac-ft mark in May 2018 with a low potential for a brief flood release, with zero water leaving the service area.

North American Weather Consultants (NAWC) staff Todd Flanagan presented to the Board weather patterns and precipitation augmentation program activity. March 2018 experienced 200-300% watershed precipitation. NAWC generators ran continuously during four storm periods for a total of 871.5 hours and flight seeding conducted for a total of 9.84 hours. NAWC staff are expecting above-normal precipitation for April 2018.

Actions:

None.

5. Directors' Reports
Presenter: President Cehrs
Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

6. Staff Reports
Presenter: Paul Peschel
Discussion:

Paul Peschel, General Manager; provided updates to supplement his written report to the Board. Peschel provided water quality highlights including recent SB 623 (Monning) outreach activity sponsored by the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition (SSJV WQC), the CV-SALTS regulatory package timeline and letters of support sent on behalf of the SSJV WQC. Peschel summarized ongoing state discussions and activity to implement the *Human Right to Water*.

9. Closed Session
Presenter: President Cehrs
Discussion:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) to confer with its Legal Counsel regarding the initiation of one matter of potential litigation.

Actions:

None.

6. Staff Reports (continued)**Presenter: Paul Peschel****Discussion:**

Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs; reported to the Board on Fisheries Management Program outreach conducted at the Spring Fling on the Kings event and an upcoming trout fry release event on April 26, 2018. The Association of Water Agencies (ACWA) highlighted KRCD Manager of Environmental Sciences, Heidi Isner, in their "Faces of ACWA" series, thereby promoting both KRCD and the Fisheries Management Program (FMP) on their ACWA newsletter and on Twitter. Tufenkjian also summarized feedback received on Prop 218 election outreach for the various Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) KRCD administers.

Eric Osterling, Deputy General Manager of Water Resources; reported on various water resources and quality activities, including upcoming Kings River Water Quality Coalition (KRWQC) and SWRCB meetings, progress on trend monitoring programs and anticipated changes, Prop 218 election progress, and GSA meetings held regarding boundary conditions and data sharing. Staff are preparing for budgets that are being considered by various boards for approval in June 2018. Eric Athorp, Program and Resources Analyst, updated the Board on Coalition membership activities and increased Coalition outreach offerings.

David Merritt, Deputy General Manager; presented information regarding the Jeff L. Taylor Power Plant at Pine Flat Dam, flood control projects, environmental program progress, updates on grant activity and on the Terranova project.

Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager; updated the Board on the fence-building project and the installation of the upgraded phone system now in use.

Actions:

None.

7. Budget Augmentation/Adjustments**Presenter: Randy Shilling****Discussion:**

Randy Shilling presented adjustments and augmentations to the budget in the General Fund, River Maintenance Fund and Pine Flat funds, as presented in the agenda packet.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner, and Yoshimoto that the adjustments be approved.

8a. Financial Report: Budget Expenditures**Presenter: Randy Shilling****Discussion:**

While reviewing the Financial Report, as detailed in the agenda packet, Shilling drew to the Board's attention that KRCD is operating under budget and current grant activity may roll

over into next year's budget. The financial report next month will reflect the budget augmentation changes made.

Actions:

None.

8b. Review of Monthly Disbursements

Presenter: __Mark McKean

Discussion:

Director McKean reported that he reviewed the bills, found them to be in order, and recommended that they be approved.

Actions:

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner, and Yoshimoto that bills in the amount of \$795,693.67, as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

10. Other Items for Discussion

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Shilling noted that, due to the earlier meeting date, only a disbursement list will be available for the Board.

Actions:

None.

Adjournment

Adjourned: 3:42 p.m.

Submitted by:

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

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Board President