

Kings River Conservation District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date & Time: November 14, 2017
at 1:30 p.m. **Location:** Kings River Conservation
District Offices

Called to Order: 1:31 p.m. **Adjourned:** 3:45 p.m.

Attendees: **Directors:** David Cehrs, Ph.D. (President), D. Paul Stanfield (Vice President), Gregory Beberian, Ceil W. Howe Jr., 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), Steve Stadler (James Irrigation District)

Absent: **KRCD Staff:** Casey Creamer

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 Howe, seconded by Director Stanfield, and carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner and Yoshimoto that the Minutes of the October 10, 2017 Regular Board meeting be approved.

4. Water Conditions and Weather Conditions
**Presenters: Steve Haugen,
Todd Flanagan**

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 November 12, 2017 was 590,944 acft with a vacant space of 673,056 acft. On that date, the calculated natural inflow to the Reservoir was 311 cfs. Storage is being released from Pine Flat Dam by approximately 520 cfs. The Board discussed winter flood release probability.

North American Weather Consultants (NAWC) staff meteorologist Todd Flanagan announced that the Kings River Weather Modification Program is almost ready for operation with an expected start date of December 1, 2017. Flanagan advised the Board that although this winter season is categorized as a La Niña, Californian La Niñas are unpredictable. Current weather patterns, however, are mimicking those of last year's winter season.

Actions:

None.

5. Directors' Reports
Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

President Cehrs' article, "California's water problem? Demand keeps rising and supply stays the same" was published in the Sacramento Bee on November 1, 2017.

Actions:

None.

6. Staff Reports
Presenter: Paul Peschel

Discussion:

Paul Peschel, General Manager; provided additional legislative, regulatory and operational updates to supplement his written report to the Board. Of particular interest, Peschel informed the Board on how the Federal Energy Regulatory Commissions' (FERC) recent actions, including a newly-approved 4-year license renewal policy, could affect the Jeff L. Taylor Power Plant at Pine Flat Dam. Peschel discussed ongoing regulatory and legislative work at the federal level regarding hydropower, wildfire, Endangered Species Act (ESA), Waters of the United States (WOTUS) and federal taxes. Peschel reported on events and meetings of note attended in the month of October and potential capital project funding prospects.

David Merritt, Deputy General Manager; presented information regarding the Jeff L. Taylor Power Plant at Pine Flat Dam, flood control projects, and environmental program progress. Merritt presented historical data of energy generation from the Power Plant and informed the Board that annual maintenance on the Plant will occur November 20, 2017-January 31, 2018. Flood control is completing critical erosion repair work on the North Fork and the Flood Operations & Maintenance Committee is meeting to determine next steps for the South Fork of the Kings River. Merritt reported on activities taking place within the Fishery

Management Program; work on Green LiDAR proposal, the supplemental stocking plan, incubator progress, and the upcoming electro-fishing surveys scheduled for November 28-29, 2017.

Cristel Tufenkjian, Manager of Community & Public Relations; gave a presentation of the draft KRCD website, not yet published.

Eric Osterling, Manager of Water Resources; reported on well monitoring and Groundwater Sustainability Agencies' (GSAs) activities in the last month. Of particular note, the North Fork Kings GSA and Mid-Kings River GSA submitted Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development grants. Contracts with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) are expected to reach final negotiations February-April 2018. Osterling informed the Board that DWR released a "Best Management Practices 8" document intended to provide GSAs greater detail regarding undesirable results, thresholds and criteria for sustainable management that will be helpful for GSP development. Osterling promised to send the link to the Board members.

Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager; reported that he is receiving bids to build the board-approved fence and expects to take action after the neighbor's driveway is paved.

Actions:

None.

7a. Financial Report: Budget Expenditures

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

While reviewing the Financial Report, as detailed in the agenda packet, Shilling drew the Board's attention noting the annual insurance bill for Pine Flat and audit were paid and that KRCD received the Cross Creek warrant.

Actions:

None.

7b. Review of Financial Statements

Presenter: Vice President Stanfield

Discussion:

Vice President Stanfield reported that he reviewed the bills, found them to be in order, and recommended that they be approved.

Actions:

It was moved by Vice President Stanfield, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner, and Yoshimoto that bills in the amount of \$768,076.66, as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

8. Closed Session

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

The Board will adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) and Section 54957 (b)(1) to confer with its Legal Counsel regarding the initiation of one matter of potential litigation and to discuss matters related to the General Manager's employment and take potential action.

Actions:

None.

9. Report Action Taken During Closed Session

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

10. Other Items for Discussion

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

Adjournment

Adjourned: 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

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Board President

