

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District (District) held February 14, 2017 at the District offices.

President Cehrs called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

David Cehrs, President
 Paul Stanfield, Vice President
 Mark McKean
 Norman B. Waldner
 Mike Yoshimoto
 Ceil W. Howe Jr.
 Gregory H. Beberian

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff

Casey Creamer
 David Merritt
 Sandra Soares
 Paul G. Peschel
 Randy Shilling
 Brian Trevarrow
 Cristel Tufenkjian

Consultants & Others

Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Association
 Todd Flanagan, NAWC

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Director Howe, and seconded by Vice-President Stanfield, and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Regular Board meeting be approved, as presented.

(AYES: President Cehrs, Vice-President Stanfield, Directors McKean, Howe, Beberian, Waldner, Yoshimoto- NOES: None- ABSTAIN: None)

WATER CONDITIONS

Water Conditions: Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Association (KRWA), summarized a report on water conditions stating total storage available to KRWA units in Pine Flat Reservoir (Reservoir) as of 2400 hours on February 12, 2017 was 782,805 AF with the Reservoir having a vacant space of 411,195 AF. On that date, the calculated natural inflow to the Reservoir was 7,538 cfs.

Mr. Haugen reported that Eric Osterling has put together a presentation on the KRWA Snow Survey that was conducted on February 1st, March 1st, and April 1st that he will be presenting for Mr. Osterling. Eric Osterling, Ed Dittenbir, and Adam Claes were taken to the locations from a helicopter contractor from Paso Robles.

Weather Conditions: Todd Flanagan, North American Weather Consultants, reported that the Weather Modification Program has been suspended for the remainder of the season due to the extremely wet season to date. Mr. Flanagan also presented an overview of the recent weather conditions and the 2016-2017 cloud seeding program which began on November 16th. Mr. Flanagan reported several storms moving through the state. Temperatures were generally near to above normal across the state. Ground generators were on for 280.00 hours during the January storms and flight seeding was done for 8.12 hours. Flanagan reported that precipitation in Fresno from July 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 is well above normal (171.9% of normal).

FRESNO SEASONAL PRECIPITATION INFORMATION

Precipitation 2015-2016 season (7/1/15 – 6/30/16)	14.84"
Current precipitation season (7/1/16 – 1/31/17)	10.06" (+4.21")
Normal season precipitation (7/1 – 1/31)	5.85"
Percent of average	171.9

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Beberian stated that the California Special Districts Association are trying to get a local Chapter started at the Clovis Memorial Building soon.

Director Beberian reported that there is a Tree Mortality Funding of \$60 million for special districts on the clean-up for dying trees.

President Cehrs reported that Provost & Pritchard Engineering will be holding a North Kings GSA meeting on March 22nd for all six GSA's on the Upper Kings Basin.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Paul Peschel reported that a tour of the Pine Flat Reservoir is being planned for the Fresno Irrigation District Board Members.

Mr. Peschel stated the District will have Jack Gualco handle the "Killing of the Kings River" questions with DeeDee Damo.

Mr. Peschel reported that a joint letter regarding the Semitropic Water Storage District has been sent in the response to their Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Tulare Lake Storage Floodwater Protection Project.

Mr. Peschel reported that a trip is being planned to Washington to meet with the Federal legislators in early April.

Mr. Peschel also reported that on February 7th the State Water Resources Control Board extended the water emergency declaration.

LEGISLATION

AB 5 (Gonzalez) Employer Opportunity to Work Act - This bill would require an employer with 10 or more employees to offer additional hours of work to an existing nonexempt employee before hiring additional employee or subcontract, except as specified, would require an employer to

post o notice of employee rights, as specified, and would require the employer to maintain certain documentation. The Committee has taken the position of "Watch".

AB 18 (Eduardo Garcia) California Clean Water, Climate, Coastal Protection , and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 – This bill would enact the California Clean Water, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount of \$3,105,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a clean water, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all programs. The Committee has taken the position of "Watch".

SB 5 (Machado) Flood Management – This bill would require each city, including a charter city, and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, within 24 months of data and analysis contained in that flood protection plan, goals and policies for the protection of lives and property that will reduce the risk of flood damage, and related feasible implementation. The Committee has taken the position of "Watch".

AB 68 (Mathis) School Facilities – This bill would require a rural school district to make an additional finding that the school district has provided notice to the planning commission having jurisdiction and that the planning commission has approved the acquisition of the property for the schoolsite or for an addition to the present schoolsite in accordance with specified provision. The Committee has taken the position of "Watch".

AB 176 (Salas) Water Project – This bill would make legislative findings and declaration as to the necessity of a special statute for the Friant-Kern Canal. The Committee has taken the position of "Watch".

AB 277 (Mathis) Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program – This bill would, to the extent funding is made available, authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to establish the Water and Wasterwater Loan and Grant Program to provide funding to eligible applicants for specified purposed relating to drinking water and waterwater treatment. The Committee has taken the position of "Watch".

AB 305 (Arambula) School accountability report card; drinking water access points – This bill would amend the act to also require the school the school accountability report card to include an assessment of the drinking water access points at each school site, as specified. The Committee has taken the position of "Watch".

AB 313 (Gray) Water – This bill would revise the qualifications for the membership to the board by eliminating those requirements for qualification in the field of water rights. The Committee has taken the position of "Watch".

SB 234 (Berryhill) Fishing: local regulations: prohibition – This bill would prohibit a local agency from adopting or enforcing an ordinance to regulate fishing and would provide that this provision is declaratory of existing law. The Committee has taken the position of "Watch".

SB 252 (Dodd) Water wells: permits: critically overdrafted groundwater basins – This bill would require an applicant for a new well permit in a city or county overlying a critically overdrafted basin, as defined, to comply with certain requirements as part of an application for a well permit. The Committee has taken the position of "Watch".

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Cristel Tufenkjian, Manager of Community & Public Relations, reported a website has been developed for the North Fork Kings GSA Outreach. The website includes information on events, meeting dates and notices, and a sign-up form for Interested Persons.

STATUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Power Resources, Flood O&M, and Environmental: David Merritt, Deputy General Manager, reported that Pine Flat started operation on January 27th, bringing Unit 1 online. Unit 2 was brought online on the 28th.

Mr. Merritt reported that the 66" Turbine Bypass Valve is only opening 40%. We will contact experienced valve companies to further evaluate the required repair.

Mr. Merritt also stated that the current USACE directed target is 3,000 cfs at Crescent Weir. Daily patrols have been increased to monitor the levees and a determination to start 24/7 patrols is pending further increases in the target at Crescent Weir.

Mr. Merritt reported that the Zalda drain pumps are starting to experience some issues and resources are being brought in to stay on top of the issues.

Mr. Merritt reported on the Fisheries Management Program, in regards to the public request for additional supplemental stocking of rainbow trout. The Technical Steering Committee has been tasked to work on a plan to address the stocking effort.

STATUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Business Operations: Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager, reported that on April 11th a Sexual Harassment Prevention for Supervisors class from 10-12 p.m. will be held at the District by a staff attorney from ACWA/JPIA.

Mr. Shilling reported that Directors' Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700, are due by April 3rd. Please see Randy Shilling for the forms.

Mr. Shilling reported that the ACWA Spring Conference will be held in Monterey on May 9th-12th.

Mr. Shilling also reported that Mark McKean was elected Chair of the North Fork Kings GSA board. Also the Kings Basin Water Authority Board has appointed Buzz Burlison of Fresno Met Flood Control as their Chair.

Water Quality: Casey Creamer, Manager of Water Quality, reported that farm evaluations and Nitrogen Management Plans are due on March 1st for the Kings River Water Quality Coalition.

Mr. Creamer stated that a Nitrogen Management Plan self-certification workshop will be held on March 1st in Parlier and another self-certification workshop will be held on March 30th in Selma.

Mr. Creamer reported that the State Water Resources Control Board is proposing to change the East San Joaquin precedential order.

Mr. Creamer reported that the Regional Board will approve discharges in areas where permittees cannot meet standards or current water quality is impaired as long as drinking water sources.

BUDGET AUGMENTATION/ADJUSTMENTS

Randy Shilling presented an overview for Board consideration regarding certain adjustments and augmentations to the fiscal year (FY) 2016-17 budget.

After some discussion, it was moved by Director Yoshimoto and seconded by Vice-President Stanfield and unanimously carried approving and authorizing the General Manager and/or his designees to execute an augmentation/adjustment to the FY 2016-17 Budget.

(AYES: President Cehrs, Vice-President Stanfield, Directors McKean, Howe, Beberian, Waldner, Yoshimoto- NOES: None- ABSTAIN: None)

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager of Business Operations presented an overview of the Budget Comparison report for the month of November, and an expenditure-to-budget comparison report for the period ending January 31, 2017.

It was moved by President Cehrs, and seconded by Director Waldner and unanimously carried, bills in the amount of \$596,860.42 as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

(AYES: President Cehrs, Vice-President Stanfield, Directors McKean, Howe, Beberian, Waldner, Yoshimoto- NOES: None- ABSTAIN: None)

Submitted by:

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

Approved on March 14, 2017
Board President