

Kings River Conservation District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date & Time: February 13, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. **Location:** Kings River Conservation District Offices

Called to Order: 1:30 p.m. **Adjourned:** 3:42 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, Paul G. Peschel (Secretary), Christine Simon (Assistant Secretary), Randy Shilling, Casey Creamer, Eric Osterling, Brian Trevarrow, Eric Athorp

Consultants & Others: Ed Dittenbir (Kings River Water Association), Todd Flanagan (North American Weather Consultants)

Absent: None.

Minutes

1. Additions or Deletions from the Agenda

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

No closed session.

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 McKean, and carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner and Yoshimoto that the Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Board meeting be approved.

4. Water Conditions and Weather Conditions
**Presenter: Ed Dittenbir
Todd Flanagan**

Discussion:

Ed Dittenbir, Kings River Water Association (KRWA), reported on water conditions stating that the total storage available to KRWA units for all reservoirs as of 2400 hours on February 11, 2018 was 550,126 acre-feet (ac-ft) with a vacant space of 643,874 ac ft. On that date, the calculated natural flow of the Kings River was 480 cfs. Storage is being released from Pine Flat Dam at approximately 309 cfs. Staff project storage to be close to 100,000 ac-ft after the irrigation season's end.

Todd Flanagan, North American Weather Consultants (NAWC) reported that the watershed is 50% less of normal precipitation, with 3-5" of precipitation over the Sierras. Cloud seeding was conducted on January 18-19th and January 24-25th for a combined total of 5.38 flight hours and 4.37 generator hours. Flanagan answered questions regarding how the Kings River region precipitation compares with the rest of the country. Flanagan present a new model (High Resolution Rapid Refresh) NAWC is using for better targeting cloud seeding efforts and will use this model to determine the effectiveness of their seeding efforts.

Actions:

None.

5. Directors' Reports
Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

When asked, Director Waldner responded that Alta Irrigation District Board has yet to take action on the Isotope Study up for discussion.

Actions:

None.

6. Staff Reports
Presenter: Paul Peschel

Discussion:

Paul Peschel, General Manager; provided supplemental updates to the written report including federal regulatory and legislative activity, state regulatory and legislative activity and minutes attended on behalf of the District. Items of note include the public ratio benefit results from the California Water Commission (CWC) regarding Prop 1, anticipated water bonds that will appear on the next two ballots, and reporting on staffing reorganization due to Casey Creamer's departure.

David Merritt, Deputy General Manager; reported that Pine Flat completed the annual scheduled maintenance and ready for the upcoming operational season. Merritt reported progress on the following projects: LiDAR, Terranova, feasibility studies with Stantec, and Local Levee Grant. Merritt also updated the Board on communications between the Fishery Management Program (FMP) Public Advisory Group, Fly Fishers International, Cramer Fish Sciences, and the Kaweah Fly Club. Merritt informed the Board that financial expectations of the FMP's Framework Agreement expire in 2019 and that those terms are being reviewed. The Board discussed the Fishery.

Cristel Tufenkjian, Manager of Community and Public Relations; reported about Board and outreach activity conducted within the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and the North Fork Kings GSA.

Casey Creamer, Director of Water Quality; updated the Board on Central Valley Water Quality Board activity and history, the approval of the East San Joaquin petition and how it will affect Nitrogen Management Plans and those operating under CV-SALTS, and domestic water well sampling. Creamer also thanked the Board for their support over the last four years.

Eric Osterling, Manager of Water Resources; reported that DWR recommended all applicants be awarded their full requested amount of Prop 1 GSA planning grant funding, save one application which received partial funding. The Tulare Lake Basin GSA Steering Committee received four (4) proposals in response to a RFP and will be selecting a team to develop the GSP for the basin. Osterling summarized discussions regarding Prop 218 elections for neighboring GSAs as well as the SFK and NFK GSAs. GSAs are submitting a letter to the Kings County Board of Supervisors by the end of the month opposing the County's plans to develop a groundwater export ordinance.

Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager; reminded the Board that original, hardcopy Form 700s are due April 2, 2018. He also reported progress on the Fresno office's fiber optic installation project.

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 to the budget-to-actual reports, the investment report and expected bills. Shilling reported on ongoing discussions with an investment specialist and received direction from the Board to investigate new investment options for the Board's consideration, in compliance with the District's Investment Policy.

Actions:

None.

7b. Review of Monthly Disbursements

Presenter: Paul Stanfield

Discussion:

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

Actions:

It was moved by Director Stanfield, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner, and Yoshimoto that bills in the amount of \$934,508.72, as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

8. Set May Meeting Date

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

The Board discussed their availability.

Actions:

The May 8, 2018 1:30 p.m. regular Board meeting date was rescheduled to May 1, 2018 1:30 p.m.

8. Other Items for Discussion

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

Adjournment

Adjourned: 3:42 p.m.

Submitted by:

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

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Board President