

# Kings River Conservation District

## Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

**Called to Order:** 1:29 p.m.      **Adjourned:** 3:16 p.m.

**Attendees:**      **Directors:** David Cehrs, Ph.D. (President), D. Paul Stanfield (Vice President), Gregory Beberian, Ceil W. Howe Jr., Mark McKean arrived 1:40 p.m., Norman B. Waldner, Mike Yoshimoto  
**KRCD Staff:** David Merritt, Paul G. Peschel (Secretary), Christine Simon (Assistant Secretary), Randy Shilling, Eric Osterling, Brian Trevarrow, Eric Athorp, Cristel Tufenkjian, Stacy Wright, Rebecca Quist  
**Consultants & Others:** Steve Haugen (Kings River Water Association), Todd Flanagan (North American Weather Consultants)

**Absent:** None.

### Minutes

#### 1. Additions or Deletions from the Agenda

**Presenter:** President Cehrs

Discussion:

Agenda item "Approval of the Minutes" was deleted from the agenda and will be tabled for action at next month's meeting.

The agenda will be reorganized in order to hold closed session at 2:30 p.m.

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:

Tabled for the May 2018 Regular Board of Directors meeting agenda.

#### 4. Water Conditions and Weather Conditions

**Presenter:** Steve Haugen  
Todd Flanagan

## Discussion:

Steve Haugen, 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 March 11, 2018 was 564,724 acre-feet (ac-ft) with a vacant space of 629,276 ac-ft. On that date, the calculated natural flow of the Kings River was 766 cfs. Storage is being released from Pine Flat Dam at approximately 304 cfs.

Haugen discussed recent DWR snow course survey data and KRWA snow sensor readings which collectively indicate a snowpack of 42% of the April 1 average. KRWA expects a compressed water run this season, with less storage available at Pine Flat Dam than last year's amount.

Todd Flanagan, North American Weather Consultants reported that February 2018 was dry with record high temperatures. Wind patterns impeded with weather modification efforts, but expect a productive effort for the upcoming storms in March 2018. Flanagan compared differences between weather forecasting models to actual weather output.

## Actions:

None.

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**5. Directors' Reports**

**Presenter: President Cehrs**

## Discussion:

None.

## Actions:

None.

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**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 meetings attended on behalf of the District. Items of note include the various retirements announced among ACWA and Turlock Irrigation District as well as the promotion of Cristel Tufenkjian from Manager of Community Relations & Public Affairs to Director of External Affairs and the promotion of Eric Osterling from Manager of Water Resources to Deputy General Manager of Water Resources.

**David Merritt, Deputy General Manager;** reported Power Plant energy production expectations and progress on McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture and Recharge Project .

**Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs;** reported on completed outreach meetings conducted for the North Fork King Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (GSA) Prop 218 election, emphasizing how local control is the more beneficial and less expensive approach. Tufenkjian announced that both McMullin GSA and South Fork Kings GSA are considering Prop 218 elections of their own. With the assistance of KRCD's new Public Affairs Associate, Rebecca Quist, the Public Affairs department will conduct more outreach for the Kings River Fisheries Program, including a media event on trout fry release on April 26, 2018, and will have a booth at the Kings River Conservancy Spring Fling on April 7, 2018.

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**7. Closed Session**
**Presenter: President Cehrs**

Closed Session is conducted in accordance with applicable sections of California law. Closed Sessions are not open to the public.

**a. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)**

The Board may adjourn 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.

**b. Government Code Section 54957.6**

The Board may adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to meet with designated labor negotiators, Deputy General Manager of Business Operations Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager David Merritt and Manager of Human Resources Stacy Wright, to consider a one (1) year extension of the Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with the Stationary Engineers Local 39 for the Hydro Unit and the Flood Unit.

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**8. Reconvene to Open Session**
**Presenter: President Cehrs**

Discussion:

None.

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 Board approve to extend the contract for one year as provided in Sections 5.161 of each MOU.

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**9. Staff Reports (continued)**
**Presenter: President Cehrs**

Discussion:

**Eric Osterling, Deputy General Manager of Water Resources;** reported on Prop 218 elections among various GSAs in the region, including the GSAs KRCD staffs, and on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) preparations. Staff are working on data compilation among the GSAs in the Kings and Tulare Lake subbasins for GSP development. KRCD staff are conducting spring well surveys. The Kings Basin Water Authority (KBWA) is awaiting a final Prop 1 implementation grant schedule and are updating the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and developing a new Stormwater Resources development plan.

**Eric Athorp, Program and Resource Analyst;** reported on well sampling activity and progress uploading the data from the SWRCB-required Nitrogen Management Plan surveys and Farm Evaluation surveys. The Coalition hired a temporary staff member to free up Coalition time to assist farmers. Outreach is completed for the year, with the exception of isolated events (Kings County Farm Bureau in Hanford) and upcoming self-certification Nitrogen Management Plan classes.

**Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager;** announced that Form 700s due April 2, 2018. Shilling drew attention to an Attorney General court order detailing the misuses of finances

made by a local agency and explained the role in the KRCD Board's Accounts Payable/Review Team of Directors to prevent misuse.

Actions:

None.

**10. Appointment of District's Designated Labor Negotiators Presenter: Randy Shilling**

Discussion:

Shilling explained that while negotiations will not be necessary, it is customary to appoint negotiators for the District. Shilling recommended the Board reappoint Randy Shilling, David Merritt and Stacy Wright as the District's designated labor negotiators. The labor negotiators will communicate the Board's action to extend the MOU for one year as provided in Sections 5.161 of each MOU.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Stanfield, and unanimously carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner, and Yoshimoto that the District reappoint Randy Shilling, David Merritt and Stacy Wright as the District's labor negotiators.

**11. Award Contract to Build Fence**

**Presenter: Randy Shilling**

Discussion:

Shilling received three quotes ranging from \$14,465.00-21,400.00 to build a 6' cyclone fence around KRCD's 1.88 acres just to the West of the District Office. After discussion with representatives from Modern Custom Fabrication, Shilling expects the cost to return to the original \$10,000 amount approved at the September 12, 2017 Board meeting and will not require further action by the Board. The Board directed Shilling to continue discussions with Modern Custom Fabrication.

Actions:

None.

**10a. 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 informed the Board that he may present a budget adjustment to the Board at a future meeting and will also present investment options first to the Budget Committee for recommendations.

Actions:

None.

**10b. Review of Monthly Disbursements**

**Presenter: Gregory Beberian**

Discussion:

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

Actions:

It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner, and Yoshimoto that bills in the amount of \$867,458.65, as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

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**11. Other Items for Discussion**

**Presenter: President Cehrs**

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

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**Adjournment**

**Adjourned: 3:16 p.m.**

Submitted by:

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Paul G. Peschel  
Board Secretary

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Board President

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable  
 Presented March 13, 2018  
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending February 28, 2018)

Employee Payroll	02/07/18	90,213.66	
Director's Payroll	02/13/18	2,843.04	
Employee Payroll	02/21/18	95,070.68	
			188,127.38
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		597,546.60	597,546.60
	Sub-Total		785,673.98
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	02/14/18		39,558.73
Director's Tax Deposits	02/16/18		929.59
Employee Tax Deposits	02/28/18		41,296.35
	TOTAL		<u>867,458.65</u>