

Kings River Conservation District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

Called to Order: 1:30 p.m. **Adjourned:** 3:59 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
KRCD Staff: David Merritt, Christine Simon (Assistant Secretary), Paul G. Peschel (Secretary), Randy Shilling, Brian Trevarrow, Cristel Tufenkjian, Eric Osterling, Stacy Wright, Charlotte Gallock
Consultants & Others: Steven Haugen (Kings River Water Association)

Absent: **Directors:** Mike Yoshimoto

Minutes

1. Additions or Deletions from the Agenda **Presenter: President Cehrs**

Discussion:

Closed session item 9a: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) was removed from the agenda.

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 McKean seconded by Director Stanfield and carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, and Waldner that the Minutes of the June 12, 2018 Regular Board meeting be approved, as presented.

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 July 8, 2018 was 792,600 acft with a vacant space of 401,400 acft. On that date, the calculated natural inflow to the Reservoir was 1,044 cfs. Storage is being released from Pine Flat Dam by approximately 6,316 cfs.

KRWA staff projected water usage for July-August 2018 and, based on current conditions, anticipate Pine Flat Reservoir minimum storage to be 200,000-250,000 acft this water year.

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. Updates included local water agency projects and activities, federal and state legislation, regulatory activity, and updates regarding Propositions 1 and 3.

Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs; reported to the Board that the three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) KRCD administers successfully completed Prop 218 election; all three passing public approval. Tufenkjian unfolded the next steps in KRCD's GSA communications and outreach plan and responded to questions from the Board regarding stakeholder outreach and education. Directors McKean and Howe reported their experiences serving as Directors for the North Fork Kings GSA and South Fork Kings GSA and thanked staff for their contributions that led to the successful Prop 218 elections.

Eric Osterling, Deputy General Manager of Water Resources; reported on the additional work the GSAs will undergo after the successful Prop 218 election and progress related to the coordination efforts among the GSAs within the Kings and Tulare Subbasin.

Charlotte Gallock, Manager of Water Resources; reported on Kings River Water Quality Coalition activities, including the approved \$2.15/acre rates for the 2018-2019 fiscal year and working with Coalition growers to collect Farm Evaluation Surveys and NMP. Staff are responding to the regulation and planning for future water quality needs by representing the Coalition on the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition and MPEP Committee, the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS), and the Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative.

David Merritt, Deputy General Manager; presented status updates regarding the Jeff L. Taylor Power Plant at Pine Flat Dam, flood control projects, environmental program progress and progress related to the Terranova Farm Flood Capture and Recharge and Power Plant Unit 4 projects. Merritt reported that energy production for the month of June was 110,497 NET MWhrs and reported on Reservoir conditions. Merritt also presented a draft budget for the Fisheries Management Program and will return to the Board for authorization at a later date.

Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager; reminded the Board that Divisions 1, 3 and 5 are up for election in November and the declaration of candidacy period is July 16, 2018 through August 10, 2018.

Actions:

None.

7. Annual Report of Reimbursements

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

Shilling presented the District's Annual Report of Reimbursements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018, in accordance with Government Code Section 53065.5. The report discloses any reimbursement paid by the district within the immediately preceding fiscal year of at least one hundred dollars (\$100) for each individual charge for services or product received.

Actions:

It was moved by Director McKean seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner, and Yoshimoto to accept the Annual Report of Reimbursements, as presented.

8a. Financial Report: Budget Expenditures

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

While reviewing the Financial Report, as detailed in the agenda packet, Shilling presented a summary of revenue and expenses for the completed FY2017-2018 budget year. In the FY2018-2019 fiscal report, Shilling drew the Board's attention to the interest rate changes on the Investment Report.

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 \$720,375.53, as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

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

Discussion:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of one or more public employees.

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

Actions:

None.

11. Other Items for Discussion**Presenter: President Cehrs**

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

Adjournment**Adjourned: 3:59 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

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Board President

