

Kings River Conservation District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date & Time: September 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. **Location:** Kings River Conservation District Offices

Called to Order: 1:30 p.m. **Adjourned:** 3:03 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, Charlotte Gallock
Consultants & Others: Steven Haugen (Kings River Water Association)

Absent: **Director(s):** Mike Yoshimoto

Minutes

1. Additions or Deletions from the Agenda

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

The president announced that closed session will be held at the beginning of the Board Meeting.

Actions:

None.

2. Closed Session

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

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

Actions:

None.

3. Public Presentations or Comments

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

4. 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 August 14, 2018 Regular Board meeting be approved.

5. 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 September 9, 2018 was 364,958 acft with a vacant space of 829,042 acft. On that date, the calculated natural inflow to the Reservoir was 289 cfs. Storage is being released from Pine Flat Dam by approximately 1,469 cfs.

The Board discussed irrigation distribution expectations for September 2018. Although it was a 75% average water year, releases operated similar to a 100% water year due to carryover storage in the Pine Flat Reservoir.

Haugen introduced NASA's Airborne Snow Observatory program and discussed how valley entities are working together to secure ASO technology for future forecasting efforts. Haugen explained how the ASO program measures snow depth in conjunction with ground truthing surveys.

Actions:

None.

6. Directors' Reports**Presenter: President Cehrs**

Discussion:

President Cehrs reported on discussions surrounding beneficial use of recharged water.

Actions:

None.

7. Staff Reports**Presenter: Paul Peschel**

Discussion:

Paul Peschel, General Manager; provided updates to supplement his written report to the Board. Highlights included federal and state legislative activities, governmental appointments, upcoming ACWA Committee meetings, local agency activities, flood flows, potential projects in the Valley, and upcoming events.

Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs; reported to the Board on KRCD's social media presence as well as outreach and educational materials. Tufenkjian presented updates to KRCD-administered Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) websites to the Board.

Charlotte Gallock, Manager of Water Resources; reported on additions to her written report, including the State Water Resources Control Board activities, CV-SALTS implementation, upcoming Water Quality Coalition outreach events, Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative and trend monitoring network, and upcoming Kings Basin Water Authority (KBWA) meetings. President Cehrs inquired on the status of California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM)-produced maps.

David Merritt, Deputy General Manager; presented information regarding the Jeff L. Taylor Power Plant at Pine Flat Dam, flood control projects, environmental program progress and updates on the Terranova project. Merritt discussed how the recent passage of SB 100 (De Leon) will affect the Jeff L. Taylor Power Plant's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license renewal, located at Pine Flat Dam.

Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager; provided no additional report.

Actions:

None.

8. Resolution 18-03

Presenter: David Merritt

Discussion:

Introduced by Haugen earlier, Merritt presented a resolution for Board approval that would allow KRCD to apply for \$835,000 in grant funds in order to develop models that will result in more accurate snow runoff predictions and flood forecasting for the Upper Kings River watershed.

Actions:

It was moved by Director McKean seconded by Director Howe and unanimously carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, and Waldner that the Board approve the application for Grant Funds for the Kings River Watershed Airborne Snow Observatory Program.

9a. Review of Financial Statements

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

Shilling presented the August 2018 financials for the Board's consideration.

Actions:

None.

9b. 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 Stanfield, and unanimously carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, and Waldner that bills in the amount of \$3,162,121.97, as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

10. Other Items for Discussion

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

Adjournment

Adjourned: 3:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

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Board President