

Kings River Conservation District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

Called to Order: 1:30 p.m. **Adjourned:** 3:36 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, Christine Simon (Assistant Secretary), Paul G. Peschel (Secretary), Randy Shilling, Brian Trevarrow, Cristel Tufenkjian, Charlotte Gallock, Eric Athorp
Consultants & Others: Ed Dittenbir (Kings River Water Association), Todd Flanagan (North American Weather Consultants), Don Wright (WaterWrights.net)

Absent: None.

Minutes

1. Additions or Deletions from the Agenda

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

None.

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 Howe, seconded by Director Waldner, and carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner and Yoshimoto that the Minutes of the October 9, 2018 Regular Board meeting be approved.

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

Discussion:

Kings River Water Association (KRWA) staff Ed Dittenbir summarized a report on water conditions stating that the total storage available to KRWA units in Pine Flat Reservoir as of 2400 hours on November 12, 2018 was 315,453 acft with a vacant space of 878,547 acft. On that date, the calculated natural inflow to the Reservoir was 191 cfs. Storage is being released from Pine Flat Dam by approximately 124 cfs.

Todd Flanagan (NAWC) reported on preparatory and maintenance-related activities ready for cloud seeding by the end of November-early December. Flanagan expected one (1) to three (3) storms in November. December might yield above-normal precipitation, with low in January-February with a potential pick up in March. Staff are expecting a warm season and are close-to-normal precipitation with clumps of storms. This is a product of a changing climate; precipitation will come in quicker more sporadic and intense shots.

Actions:

None.

5. Directors' Reports
Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

Director Yoshimoto thanked Director Cehrs for the article on the great valley flood handed out at the October meeting.

President Cehrs reported on the ACWA Region 6 & 7 panel discussions. Cehrs also handed out a Kings Subbasin technical coordination group groundwater storage and flows report for the Board's review.

Actions:

None.

6. Staff Reports
Presenter: Paul Peschel

Discussion:

Paul Peschel, General Manager; provided updates to supplement his written report to the Board. Paul attended the ACWA Region 6 & 7 and met with the new Executive Director, Dave Eggerton regarding incorporating agricultural perspectives in decision-making. Peschel reported on future meetings scheduled with federal and state lobbyists end of November-early December. The Board discussed ACWA's history of leadership and positions.

Cristel Tufenkjian, Manager of Community & Public Relations; reported to the Board on fisheries outreach activity through the e-fishing volunteer event. Tufenkjian presented Facebook vlog posts, shares, and views to the Board. Staff are building an email list for future newsletters.

Charlotte Gallock, Manager of Water Resources; reported on the proposed revisions to Tulare Lake General Order released by the State Water Resources Control Board. Written

comments are due December 21, 2018 and a public hearing will be held February 7-8, 2019. The Kings River Water Quality Coalition (KRWQC) received grant funding to create a nitrate management zone from the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Solutions (CV-SALTS). Staff completed trend monitoring activities and expect to receive results by November 16, 2018.

Information regarding six outreach events were mailed with the membership invoices sent. In the midst of educational classes and the new templates were approved by the Regional Water Quality Control Board and are incorporating them; new forms due for 2019. For SGMA, Gallock referred to the Kings Subbasin technical coordination groups. Gallock provided handouts on the isotope study and provided sample results. The Board discussed the results of the sampled wells and its varied sources of contaminants. The Board expect this study to prove that agriculture is not the only contributor to groundwater pollution, despite previous reports that resulted in current regulatory fees for agricultural users.

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. The Power Plant is undergoing routine maintenance.

10. Closed Session

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to:

- Government Code Section 54956.8 – To provide direction to the General Manager or his designee regarding negotiations about the potential sale of real property located at 9664 S. Bethel, Selma, CA 93662, also identified as APN # 358-032-41T
- Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – To confer with its Legal Counsel regarding the initiation of one matter of potential litigation.
- Government Code Section 54957 (b) – To consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of one or more public employees.

Actions:

None.

7. Staff Reports (Continued)

Presenter: Paul Peschel

Discussion:

David Merritt, Deputy General Manager; answered questions regarding the United States Army Corps of Engineers involvement on South Fork levee repairs and the status of the algae bloom occurring across the State. The Fisheries Management Program cancelled their first round of incubator eggs and will commence in January to allow time for water quality to improve. Relatedly, staff rescheduled the snorkel survey for December 2018-January 2019. Merritt reported on the success of this year's electrofishing survey. Staff are expecting a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission strategic plan and a water storage investigatory report by November 16, 2018.

Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager; provided his report during the Financial Report.

Actions:

None.

8. Resolution No. 18-04

Presenter: Paul Peschel

Discussion:

Peschel reported that Christine Simon, Executive Assistant, tendered her resignation effective Monday, November 26, 2018.

Norman Waldner served as Director of Kings River Conservation District for thirty-seven (37) years, representing the District with exemplary leadership.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director McKean, and carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner and Yoshimoto that Resolution No. 18-04 be approved.

9. Resolution No. 18-05

Presenter: Paul Peschel

Discussion:

Shilling presented the updated Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for Board approval. The IRWMP for the Kings Basin Water Authority (Authority) was originally prepared in 2007, updated in 2012, and recently updated in 2018 to satisfy new State guidelines. The Authority adopted the 2018 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan on October 17, 2018.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director McKean, and carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner and Yoshimoto that Resolution No. 18-05 be approved.

9a. Financial Report: Budget Expenditures

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

Shilling reported a delay receiving the Audit Report from Price, Paige & Co. and are expecting the Audit will be presented at the December 2018 board meeting. Shilling provided updates on the amended conflict of interest code and reminder Directors of upcoming ethics training opportunities.

While reviewing the Financial Report, as detailed in the agenda packet, Shilling drew the Board's attention to temporary staffing expenses at the Riverdale office, the investments report, and answered a question regarding a technical consultant payment for the McMullin Terranova grant.

Actions:

None.

9b. 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 Beberian, and unanimously carried by Directors Beberian, Cehrs, Howe, McKean, Stanfield, Waldner, and Yoshimoto that bills in the amount of \$937,081.71 as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

Other Items for Discussion

Presenter: President Cehrs

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

Adjournment

Adjourned: 3:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

_____ approved on December 11, 2018
Board President

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 18-04

RESOLUTION IN COMMENDATION OF NORMAN WALDNER

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2018, Norman Waldner retired as the Division I Director on the Kings River Conservation District's (District) Board of Directors, having served for thirty-seven (37) years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waldner served as President of the District's Board of Directors from 1993-1997, providing exemplary leadership to fellow Directors and District staff; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waldner has held leadership positions on numerous boards, including the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority, Kings River Water Association, Kings Basin Water Authority, Alta Irrigation District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waldner served the District and his constituents with unwavering commitment to public service and the pursuit of sound water policy throughout the state; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District commends Norman Waldner for his outstanding service to the District and the entire Kings River service area.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District this 13th day of November 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: President Cehrs, Vice President Stanfield, Directors Beberian; Howe; McKean; Waldner; Yoshimoto.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

President

ATTEST:

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Paul G. Peschel, Secretary of Kings River Conservation District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said District duly and regularly held at the regular meeting place thereof on the 13th day of November 2018, of which meeting all of the members of said Board of Directors had due notice and at which a majority thereof were present.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of Kings River Conservation District this 13th day of November 2018.

Secretary

(Seal)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 18-05

ADOPTION OF THE KINGS BASIN
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (also known as "Kings Basin Water Authority") is a Joint Powers Authority organized in accordance with California law to pursue integrated regional water management planning strategies for the Kings Basin region; and

WHEREAS, the Kings River Conservation District is a Member of the Kings Basin Water Authority; and

WHEREAS, in response to new integrated regional management planning standards and changed conditions within the Kings Basin, the Kings Basin Water Authority has revised and updated the Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (the "Kings Basin IRWMP"); and

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Water Resources requires that organizations and agencies individually adopt the Kings Basin IRWMP to be eligible for Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management grant funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Kings River Conservation District hereby affirms its support for and adoption of the revised Kings Basin IRWMP and shall support its continuing development and implementation.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Kings River Conservation District staff is authorized and directed to take such further actions as they deem necessary or appropriate to implement the foregoing resolutions.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District on this 13th day of November 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

President

ATTEST: _____

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Paul G. Peschel, P.E., Secretary of Kings River Conservation District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of said District duly and regularly held at the regular meeting place thereof on the 13th day of November 2018, of which meeting all of the members of said Board of Directors had due notice and at which a majority thereof were present.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of Kings River Conservation District this 13th day of November 2018.

Secretary

(Seal)

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable
 Presented November 13, 2018
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending October 31, 2018)

Employee Payroll	10/03/18	95,573.74	
Director's Payroll	10/09/18	2,611.65	
Employee Payroll	10/17/18	98,835.26	
Employee Payroll	10/31/18	102,756.48	
			299,777.13
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		549,399.49	549,399.49
	Sub-Total		849,176.62
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	10/10/18		42,558.35
Director's Tax Deposits	10/12/18		929.59
Employee Tax Deposits	10/24/18		44,417.15
	TOTAL		<u>937,081.71</u>