

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District (District) held January 8, 2019 at the District offices.

President Stanfield called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

David Stanfield, President
Gregory Beberian, Vice President
Ceil W. Howe Jr.
Mark C. McKean
David Cehrs
Chris Kapheim
Mike Yoshimoto

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff

Paul Peschel
Sandra Soares
David Merritt
Randy Shilling
Brian Trevarrow
Cristel Tufenkjian
Soua Lee
Eric Athorp

Consultants & Others

Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Association
Matt Meadows, Kings River Water Association
Todd Flanagan, North American Weather Consultants
Steve Stadler, James Irrigation District

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Director McKean, and seconded by Director Howe and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Regular Board meeting be approved, as presented.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors McKean, Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, Yoshimoto -NOES: None - ABSENT: None)

WATER CONDITIONS

Water Conditions: Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Association (KRWA), summarized a report on water conditions stating total storage available to KRWA units in Pine Flat Reservoir (Reservoir) as of 2400 hours on January 7, 2019 was 351,506 AF with the Reservoir having a

vacant space of 842,494 AF. On that date, the calculated natural inflow to the Reservoir was 514 cfs.

Mr. Haugen also presented the snow sensor readings taken from the Kings watershed on January 7, 2019 as follows:

Current Snow Sensor Readings as of January 7, 2019	ELEVATION	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	APRIL 1 AVERAGE (INCHES)	PERCENT APRIL 1 AVERAGE
SENSOR				
Big Meadows	7600	13.2	25.9	51.0%
West Woodchuck	8800	6.9	32.8	21.0%
Upper Burnt	9700	11.5	34.6	33.2%
Mitchell Meadow	9900	14.1	32.9	42.9%
State Lakes	10300	11.7	29.0	40.3%
Black Cap Basin	10300	N/R		-
Charlotte Lakes	10400	N/R		-
Bishop Pass	11200	5.4	35.6	15.2
Snow Sensor Average		10.5	31.8	32.9%

Weather Conditions: Todd Flanagan, North American Weather Consultants, presented an overview of the recent weather conditions and the 2018-2019 Precipitation Augmentation Program reporting December was active with several storms moving through the State and temperatures were above normal for the month.

Mr. Flanagan's report also included the following data:

FRESNO SEASONAL PRECIPITATION INFORMATION

Precipitation 2017-2018 season (7/1/17 – 6/30/18)	6.89"
Current precipitation season (7/1/18 – 12/31/18)	2.33" (-1.33")
Normal season precipitation (7/1 – 12/31)	3.66"
Percent of average	63.7

WATERSHED PRECIPITATION AMOUNTS

Station	Nov (avg)	% of Normal
Balch Camp	1.65" (4.65")	35.5
Grant Grove	2.98" (6.67")	44.7
Wishon Dam	2.11" (7.47")	28.2

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

None.

STATUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

General Manager: Paul Peschel, General Manager, reported that when the 2018 America's Water Infrastructure ACT (AWIA) was signed by President Trump, which included approval of WRDA, it did not include approval of certain California provisions approved under the 2016 Water Infrastructure for Improvements for the Nation (WIIN), which also included that year's version of WRDA. A separate bill will be required to ensure the California provisions remain and are maintained.

Mr. Peschel reported that there will be two tours in January. One with Fresno County Farm Bureau (FAACT) on January 18th and AG Leaders on January 25th.

Mr. Peschel reported that federal forecasts predict the anticipated water level in Lake Mead, which supplies Arizona, Nevada and Southern California, will trigger mandatory distribution cuts.

Mr. Peschel also reported that Bob Reeb has concerns with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Draft Statewide Wetland Definition and Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to the Waters of the State. Mr. Reeb is looking for a representative from the VAWC group to attend a series of meeting with SWRCB members.

Mr. Peschel reported that Kristi Moore from Ferguson Group has sent a new agreement to KRCD and KRWA to be signed. Rates have remained the same since 2013. The new agreement will be through 2020 with an approximate total increase of 9%.

Water Quality: Eric Athorp reported that the Regional Board has returned comments on the Amended Surface Water Monitoring Plan. Staff is currently in process of addressing comments and has requested an additional 90 days to address the modifications required by the Regional Board.

Mr. Athorp reported that Outreach has five upcoming workshops scheduled. They will be held on January 10th in Selma, January 15th in Riverdale, January 24th in Dinuba and January 29th in Kerman. Staff will be assisting on an outreach event on January 30th with minority growers.

Mr. Athorp also reported that the Kings River Water Quality Membership has received 6% of the Farm Evaluations Surveys and 3% of the Nitrogen Summary Reports for the 2018 crop year. There are approximately 78 accounts with outstanding balances. Staff will be sending out a third invoice for the outstanding balances for 2018/2019.

Mr. Athorp reported that the Regional Board was scheduled to take up the amendment General Order on the February 7th meeting. Sacramento has submitted a 46 page comment letter.

Mr. Athorp reported that staff is working with the UC Cooperative Extension to create a reporting program for minority growers to report nitrogen usage.

Mr. Athorp also reported that the CV-SALTS held two workshops on the implementation of the Management Zones. Also the Tule Water Quality Coalition has elected to withdraw from of the CV-SALTS.

Soua Lee reported that the Kings Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are currently developing water-monitoring networks and investigating potential projects and management actions to mitigate overdraft. Draft GSPs are estimate to be available for review in mid-2019.

Ms. Lee also reported that the State Water Resources Control Board is holding two Water Needs Assessment workshops in Sacramento. The first workshop, focused on Public Water Systems, will be held on January 11th and the second workshop, focused on Domestic Wells, will be held on January 18th. Also, a Flood Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) workshop will be held on January 25th in Davis and a Water Market Symposium will be held at Fresno State on January 24th.

Ms. Lee reported that the Roundtable of Regions released a request for proposal (RFP) for a Network Coordinator consulting position. Water Resources staff is investigating the feasibility for KRCD to submit a proposal for the Network Coordinator. Responses to the RFP are due on January 29, 2019.

Ms. Lee reported that the updated Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and Kings Basin Storm Water Resources Plan, both developed with the Prop 1 IRWM Planning Grant, has been completed and submitted to DWR.

Power Resources: David Merritt, Deputy General Manager, reported that the work on Unit 3 at Pine Flat with the draft tube coating failure will be starting mid-January and expected completion by mid-February.

Mr. Merritt also reported that review of the FERC License renewal process continues with our project consultant.

Grant Projects: McMullin On Farm Flood Capture and Recharge Grant - Mr. Merritt reported that work is close to completion on the public facilities. The installation of the headwork gates delayed by a month due to manufacturer constraints and expect this to occur late February / early March. Mr. Merritt also reported that on January 3, 2019, Terranova Ranch Inc. signed a proposal to start construction of the private facilities.

Local Levee Assistance Grant - Mr. Merritt reported that all geotechnical work is complete and our consultants (GEi) are in process of reviewing the samples. We expect project completion prior to the contract expiration this year (November).

Flood Operations and Maintenance: Mr. Merritt reported that shredding and sediment removal is occurring within the Crescent Bypass.

Mr. Merritt stated that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) started their assessment of the project levees. For this inspection, the USACE has contracted with SAGE Engineers. Staff is expecting a report of the assessments for levee Systems 332 and 335; the other levee systems are pending.

Business Operations: Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager of Business Operations, reported that Form 700's have been sent out and are due by April 2nd.

Mr. Shilling stated that he spoke with Andy Sells of JPIA regarding a SGMA Legal Defense Fund. Mr. Shilling suggested that Mr. Sells have a session at the ACWA Conference on the topic to get feedback.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES/REPRESENTATIVES

President Stanfield appointed Directors to serve on the District's Committees and other Agency Representatives as follows:

Committees

Budget and Audit:	Chris Kapheim Mark McKean Paul Stanfield
Labor and Personnel:	Ceil W. Howe, Jr. Mike Yoshimoto Paul Stanfield
Power Resources:	Ceil W. Howe, Jr. Mark C. McKean David Cehrs
Flood Maintenance:	David Cehrs Mark McKean Ceil Howe, Jr.
Accounts Payable/ Review Team:	Mark McKean Paul Stanfield Gregory Beberian

Agency Representation

Kings River Water Quality Coalition, Dir/David Cehrs, Alternate/Mark McKean/Paul Peschel, S/T

ACWA/JPIA, Chris Kapheim, Alternate/Randy Shilling

Kings Basin Water Authority, Dir/Paul Stanfield, Alternates Mark McKean/Paul Peschel/Randy Shilling

Ad hoc

Groundwater Committee (9-14-2015 to Present)	Ceil Howe, Jr. Mark McKean Paul Stanfield
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Randy Shilling, Deputy General Manager of Business Operations, presented an overview of the Budget-to-Actual Comparison reports for the period ending December 31, 2018.

It was moved by President Stanfield, and seconded by Director Howe and unanimously carried, bills in the amount of \$1,638,983.17 as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, were approved and ordered paid.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors McKean, Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, Yoshimoto -NOES: None - ABSENT: None)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Cehrs adjourned the meeting at 2:45 P.M.

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

Board President

Approved on February 12, 2019