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Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: May 14, 2019 – Tuesday
Time: 1:30 P.M.
Location: 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Paul 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
Corey McLaughlin
David Merritt
Brian Trevarrow
Cristel Tufenkjian
Charlotte Gallock
Debra Dunn
Eric Athorp

Consultants & Others

Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Association
Matt Meadows, Kings River Water Association

ROUTINE OPENING BUSINESS

1. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda
 - a. None.
2. Public Presentations or Comments
 - a. None
3. Approval of Minutes of the April 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
 - a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried, that the minutes of the April 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

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

REPORTS

4. Water and Weather Conditions (KRWA Staff)

- a. Pine Flat Storage: at 747,822; 787,000 is the current top of conservation space. Pine Flat inflow is currently 6,000 AF/day. Vacant space in the whole system is 380,000 AF. Currently at an 8,500 c.f.s. release to meet all irrigation demands and flood release needs. For the next 5-10 days, the cooling could make it such that more water is released from Pine Flat than is coming in, due to decreased melt.

5. Directors' Reports

- a. Director Kapheim attended the JPIA Board Meeting. They are creating a California Water Insurance program in Utah, which should be a revenue generator. \$4.5M was refunded to 120 JPIA members. Property related claims were up in the past year. GSAs are getting Errors and Omissions insurance through JPIA. He went to the Groundwater Committee meeting as well.
- b. Director Yoshimoto also attended ACWA Conference meetings, and emphasized that – with improved water surveys – more accurate water flows can be predicted. He reported that the Monterey salt-water desalination plant is on-line, and the angled drilling that uses the in-place sand to filter the water that is drawn in will reduce energy, etc. by 50%.
- c. Director Cehrs reported on the climate change recovery talks he attended. One such talk had to do with Atmospheric River forecasting and capture. He also spoke at a couple of meetings regarding the San Joaquin Valley Blue Print and concerns about its efficacy.
- d. Director Stanfield reported that, from a farmer's viewpoint, the ACWA Conference highlighted the importance of getting SGMA information out to the farmers, because there are a large number of decisions to be made regarding cropping patterns, etc.

6. Staff Reports

The Board received reports on the prior month's activities from members of the District management staff:

- a. Paul Peschel, General Manager/Secretary
 - i. Mr. Peschel reported on the ACWA conference. One topic of discussion was liability insurance for GSAs. SB1 – reserving and maintaining Federal environmental requirements in California, even if they were to be relaxed by the Federal government – was also a topic of conversation. Some constituents have inquired about KRCD filling a broader water resource role.
 - ii. Mr. Peschel further reported that, Federally, HR 2473 is a funding bill that looks at a number of things related to water storage, etc. He also highlighted some items from Governor Newsom's proposed budget.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs
 - i. In addition to her written report, Ms. Tufenkjian reported on the Kings Subbasin Tour, done in cooperation with Self-Help Enterprises; largely DAC residents participated.
 - ii. Ms. Tufenkjian showed a SGMA informational video.
- c. Charlotte Gallock, Director of Water Resources
 - i. In addition to her written report, Ms. Gallock, began by introducing Debra Dunn – the new Manager of Water Resources – to the Board.
 - ii. Ms. Gallock talked about the water resiliency portfolio requirement established by Governor Newsome.
 - iii. The contract for the isotope study has been signed with Lawrence Livermore Labs, and they should be paid and beginning the study soon.

- iv. The Management Zone pilot study is still in progress.
- v. Discussions continue for building Kiosks for drinking water, one in Hanford and one in Reedley or Dinuba.
- vi. 90% of required farm evaluation reports are in; 85% of nitrogen reports are in.
- vii. Surface Water Program Plan submitted.
- viii. The first full GSP has been released. There is 13,000 AF of overdraft forecast in that Agency.
- ix. Director Cehrs emphasized the need for more and better CASGEM maps.
- d. David Merritt, Deputy General Manager/COO
 - i. Provided an update on Pine Flat operations and USACE maintenance activities performed to the dam tainter gates and future north slope stabilization work.
 - ii. Provided an update on Flood O&M activities..
 - iii. Provided a construction update of the McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture and Recharge Project.
- e. Brian Trevarrow, Deputy General Manager/CFO
 - i. Nothing to add.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Resolution 19-05 Approving Pursuit of Electrical Vehicle Grant and Purchase
- a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried that the Board adopt Resolution No. 19-05, authorizing the pursuit of a grant to purchase a new electric utility vehicle for Pine Flatt, and to purchase the vehicle if the grant is awarded.
- (AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors McKean, Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, Yoshimoto -NOES: None - ABSENT: None)*
8. Resolution 19-06 Approving Application for a Grant to Provide an Improved Sensor Network – Forecast-Coordinated Operations (F-CO)
- a. It was moved by Director Yoshimoto, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried that the Board adopt Resolution No. 19-06, authorizing the application for grant funding from the State of California for improving the Kings River Basin sensor network.
- (AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors McKean, Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, Yoshimoto -NOES: None - ABSENT: None)*
9. Resolution 19-07 Supporting the Nomination of Director David Cehrs to Serve on the ACWA Region 6 Board
- a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried that the Board adopt Resolution No. 19-07 – as modified to remove specification of the Vice President position – supporting the nomination of Director David Cehrs as a candidate for the Association of California Water Agencies Region 6 Board.
- (AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors McKean, Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, Yoshimoto -NOES: None - ABSENT: None)*

10. Kings River Weather Modification Program Contract

- a. It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried to move forward with securing the proposed contract extension terms with North American Weather Consultants, pending the cooperation of KRWA and PG&E.

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

11. Financial Report

- a. Budget Expenditures (Brian Trevarrow)

The Auditor presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending April 30, 2019. In addition, the monthly investment report for April 2019 was presented.

- b. Review of Monthly Disbursements (Mark McKean)

It was moved by Director Stanfield, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried, that bills in the amount of \$888,184.43, 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)

12. Closed Session

- a. Government Code Section 54957 (b) To consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of one or more public employees.
- b. Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4) To confer with its Legal Counsel regarding the initiation of one matter of potential litigation.

13. Reconvene to Open Session/Report Any Action Taken in Closed Session

- a. No items were discussed or acted upon in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:21 P.M.

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

Board President

Approved on _____, 2019

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-05

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF NEW ELECTIRC UTILITY VEHICLE
TO REPLACE AGED GAS UTILITY VEHICLE AT PINE FLAT DAM**

WHEREAS, the 1985 gas powered Cushman utility vehicle has reached the end of its serviceable life-span and needs to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District has a public benefit grant program to assist in the purchase of new alternative fuel vehicles (GRANT); and

WHEREAS, the Pine Flat buyer has found a suitable 2019 electric powered ZeroNox EC4 utility vehicle (ELECTRIC VEHICLE) that meets the requirements of the GRANT;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Kings River Conservation District (DISTRICT) hereby authorizes Deputy General Manager/Chief Operating Officer David Merritt to direct the Pine Flat buyer to pursue the GRANT application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, conditioned upon the award of the GRANT, the DISTRICT authorizes Mr. Merritt to contractually obligate the DISTRICT in the purchase of the ELECTRIC VEHICLE.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District on this 14th day of May 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors Howe, McKean, Cehrs, Kapheim, and Yoshimoto

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

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 14th day of May 2019, 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 14th day of May 2019.

Secretary

(Seal)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-06

**AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR
IMPROVED SENSOR NETWORK OF KINGS RIVER BASIN**

WHEREAS, the Kings River Conservation District proposed to implement Improved Sensor Network of Kings River Basin project; and

WHEREAS, the Kings River Conservation District intends to apply for grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources for the project costs;

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Department of Water Resources require a resolution certifying the approval of an application by the applicant's governing board before submission of the application to the State; and

WHEREAS, if the application is funded, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the project described in the application

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District:

1. That pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the California Proposition 84 "Water Quality, Safety and Supply, Flood Control, Natural Resource Protection, Park Improvements" Bond Law, application by this Agency be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant for the Improved Sensor Network of Kings River Basin project.
2. Authorize and direct the General Manager, or his designee, to prepare the necessary data, make investigations, sign, and file such application with the California Department of Water Resources, and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain the grant funding.

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 14th day of May 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors Howe, McKean, Cehrs, Kapheim, and Yoshimoto

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

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 Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors of said District duly and regularly held at the regular meeting place thereof on the 14th day of May 2019, 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 14th Day of May, 2019.

Secretary

(Seal)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-07

**PLACING IN NOMINATION DIRECTOR DAVID CEHRS
AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
REGION 6 BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Kings River Conservation District (DISTRICT) is a member agency of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), and;

WHEREAS, the District is represented by ACWA Region 6, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the DISTRICT does encourage and support the participation of its members in the affairs of ACWA, and;

WHEREAS, Director Dr. David Cehrs, Ph.D. is actively involved with ACWA and is currently serving as Vice Chair for the ACWA Region 6 Board, and;

WHEREAS, Director Cehrs has indicated a desire to continue serving on the ACWA Region 6 Board;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the DISTRICT does place its full and unreserved support in the nomination of Director Cehrs as a member of the ACWA Region 6 Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of the DISTRICT does hereby determine that the expenses attendant with the service of Director Cehrs in ACWA Region 6 shall be borne by the DISTRICT.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District on this 14th day of May 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors Howe, McKean, Cehrs, Kapheim, and Yoshimoto

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of Kings River Conservation District this 14th day of May 2019.

Secretary

(Seal)

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable
 Presented May 14, 2019
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending April 30, 2019)

Employee Payroll	04/03/19	97,913.95	
Director's Payroll	04/09/19	3,092.76	
Employee Payroll	04/11/19	2,715.49	
Employee Payroll	04/17/19	96,679.95	
			200,402.15
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		582,628.47	582,628.47
	Sub-Total		783,030.62
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	04/03/19		19,206.17
Employee Tax Deposits	04/10/19		41,437.83
Director's Tax Deposits	04/12/19		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	04/17/19		2,437.08
Employee Tax Deposits	04/24/19		40,935.48
	TOTAL		<u>888,184.43</u>