

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: June 11, 2019 – Tuesday
Time: 1:30 P.M.
Location: 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno

President Stanfield called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Paul Stanfield, President
Gregory Beberian, Vice President
Ceil W. Howe Jr.
Mark C. McKean
David Cehrs, Ph.D.
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
Stacy Wright

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 May 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

- a. Director Cehrs amended his report in the minutes to clearly state that he spoke at a couple of additional ACWA meetings regarding the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint and expressed concerns about its efficacy.

- b. It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried, that the minutes of the May 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as amended.

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

REPORTS

4. Water and Weather Conditions (KRWA Staff)

- a. Pine Flat storage was 764,000AF on Sunday, June 9, 2019, and was approx. 12,000AF higher than that on June 11, 2019. Upstream has 184,000AF in it, and there are approx. 300,000AF of storage available combined Pine Flat/upstream. It is possible that June 12, 2019, will be peak inflow into Pine Flat. Releases from Pine Flat have been around 10,500c.f.s., with a target flow at Hwy. 99 of 7,500 c.f.s. To-date, 50,000 – 60,000AF have gone to the Mendota Pool and left the service area, but some of that is used still. Irrigation demand was low due to the rain that fell in May. 2.5 inches of precipitation came in May, and 0.63 inches is the typical precipitation amount. There is an estimated 2.25 MAF of runoff for this year, with the potential of 1MAF of runoff from the remaining snowpack by June 30.
- b. NOTE: Directors McKean and Yoshimoto arrived during this report, at 1:40 p.m.

5. Directors' Reports

- a. Director McKean presented on two panels: one for the KMPH Town Hall, and another at an informational event for Disadvantaged Communities.

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 several items:
 - (1) Federal
 - (a) WOTUS: some courts have stayed it, and others have not ordered any stays, so it is a complicated matter.
 - (b) One Minibus of the 12 Appropriation Bills is up for passage at the Federal level.
 - (c) The Harder Bill (HR2473) and HR1162 have both advanced
 - (d) The next legislative committee meeting should help clarify whether or not the D.C. Trip carries sufficient value at this time.
 - (2) State Issues:
 - (a) Newsome's water resilience portfolio initiative is having a "listening session" on June 19, 2019
 - (b) Potable Water Issues
 - (i) Funds for potable water are going to be coming from the greenhouse gas Cap and Trade fund
 - (c) He reported on several state bills where there were either significant changes, or which were new.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs

- i. A Kings Basin-wide workshop was held in partnership with Self-Help Enterprises in order to help educate Disadvantaged Community residents on SGMA and water quality
 - ii. Website revisions are being considered to make KRCD managed websites accessible to people with disabilities.
- c. Charlotte Gallock, Director of Water Resources
- i. Management Zone Pilot Study meeting will be held in Dinuba at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2019, to speak about the early action plan costs and governance structure of the Zone.
 - ii. State Board is having workshop on July 2 to talk about CV-SALTS and Basin Plan Amendments. If approved in August, a compliance schedule will begin in 2020. Ms. Gallock will be presenting on the Management Zone at the workshop.
 - iii. Kiosks are in development. There are a couple of promising locations being pursued in order to comply with the settlement agreement. The State Board has not yet recalled the subpoenas they issued to 27 landowners and coalitions.
 - iv. 91% of farm evaluation reports are in, and 88% of nitrogen summary reports. One more attempt will be made to garner compliance, but if not then the Coalition will have to report them to the State.
 - v. The Coalition had a quarterly meeting with the Regional Board, who have asked for maps indicating representative surface water monitoring locations, but have minimal comments on the Coalition's plan.
 - vi. There have been many workshops regarding SGMA for the GSAs, and there will be a good many more before the GSPs are submitted to the State in January of 2020.
 - vii. The isotope study will begin as soon as the individual running the study has completed re-onboarding with the lab.
- d. David Merritt, Deputy General Manager/COO
- i. Gross Power Revenue from Pine Flat for May was \$903,000.
 - ii. McMullin On-Farm Project: significant progress has been made on the pump station and the north / east conveyance canals. The final bore under the PG&E gas line for the east canal should be completed in a week. The project has been taking some floodwater under the Floodwater Use Agreement, with two large farm pumps.
 - iii. The California Department of Finance is performing an audit of two grant contracts, the McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture and Recharge and the 2014 Forecast Coordinated Operation.
- e. Brian Trevarrow, Deputy General Manager/CFO
- i. Moved down in the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

7. CLOSED SESSION – (ITEM MOVED UP IN AGENDA DUE TO 2:30 p.m. CALL-INTIME)
- 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.

8. Reconvene to Open Session/Report Any Action Taken in Closed Session (3:40 p.m.)
- a. No action was taken.
 - b. No action was taken.
9. Brian Trevarrow's Staff Report and Annual Review of District's Statement of Investment Policy (Brian Trevarrow)
- a. Given that there were no changes to the Statement of Investment Policy from last year, no action was taken. Mr. Trevarrow had nothing to add to his report.
10. CLOSED SESSION (ITEM MOVED WITHIN THE AGENDA TO AFTER THE OTHER CLOSED SESSION ITEMS) (3:50 p.m.)
- a. Government Code Section 5497.6 To meet with designated labor negotiators – Deputy General Manager/CFO Brian Trevarrow; Deputy General Manager/COO David Merritt; and Manager of Human Resources Stacy Wright – to consider, and to authorize the General Manager and Board President to sign, the individual Memorandum of Understanding with Stationary Engineers Local 39 for each of the Hydro Unit and Flood Unit.
11. Reconvene to Open Session/Report Any Action Taken in Closed Session (3:57 p.m.)
- a. It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried that the Board approve the Memoranda of Understanding with Stationary Engineers Local 39 for each of the Hydro Unit and Flood Unit, and to authorize the General Manager and Board President to sign them.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors McKean, Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, Yoshimoto -NOES: None - ABSENT: None)
12. Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget and Strategic Plan (Brian Trevarrow; Paul Peschel)
- a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget as presented.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors McKean, Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, Yoshimoto -NOES: None - ABSENT: None)
 - b. The Strategic Plan was deferred and an Ad Hoc Committee will be agendized for formation at the next regular board meeting, for the purpose of taking up the Strategic Plan and recommending next steps.
13. Financial Report
- a. Budget Expenditures (Brian Trevarrow)
The Auditor presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending May 31, 2019. In addition, the monthly investment report for May 2019 was presented.
 - b. Review of Monthly Disbursements (Greg Bebarian)

It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried, that bills in the amount of \$1,015,168.28, 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 Stanfield adjourned the meeting 4:23 P.M.

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

Board President

Approved on _____, 2019

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable
 Presented June 11, 2019
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending May 31, 2019)

Employee Payroll	05/01/19	97,336.04	
Employee Payroll	05/13/19	95,479.09	
Director's Payroll	05/14/19	3,293.54	
Employee Payroll	05/29/19	105,447.27	
			301,555.94
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		631,083.63	631,083.63
	Sub-Total		932,639.57
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	05/08/19		41,354.65
Director's Tax Deposits	05/17/19		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	05/22/19		40,036.81
	TOTAL	1,015,168.28	