

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 13, 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
Eric Athorp

Consultants & Others

Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Association
Matt Meadows, Kings River Water Association
Joe Hughes, Attorney

ROUTINE OPENING BUSINESS

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

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

REPORTS

4. Water Conditions (KRWA Staff)

- a. Steve Haugen, KRWA Watermaster, reported that, as of August 11, there was over one million acre-feet of total storage available in the system. Current release is approximately 6,000 c.f.s. Pine Flat storage is likely to see a draw-down similar to that of 2017, and the low-point for Pine Flat this year is estimated to be between 400,000 and 500,000 a.f. Fall precipitation will have a direct impact on this.

5. Directors' Reports

- a. Director Cehrs reported that he has been attending the Kings River East Management Zone meetings. He reported specifically on the fact that Management Zones will receive an order to comply from the Regional Board on or about January of 2020, and the Management Zones will be required to be in compliance by submitting a preliminary Management Zone proposal within 270 days of the order. He reported that these expectations have been under-communicated, and that those affected have been occupied with completion of their Groundwater Sustainability Agencies' Groundwater Sustainability Plans – meaning they are likely to be caught off guard by the Management Zone compliance order.
 - a. Director Cehrs further reported that Nancy Vogel – the director of the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio Program – provided a presentation at the recent ACWA Board Meeting. He provided input, highlighting the costs involved in developing recharge projects, and noting specifically how little grant monies are available compared to the number of projects GSAs will need in order to be compliant.
 - b. Director Cehrs also commended Mark Arax's book *Dreamt Land* to those present at the meeting.

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:
 - (1) Currently, ACWA/JPIA is planning to present on the possible GSA litigation pool around September 1, though Mr. Peschel expressed that this time-frame appears unrealistic.
 - (2) The ACWA Agriculture Committee meeting held August 7, 2019 touched on the Water Resilience Portfolio. The intention is to influence the direction of the Water Resilience Portfolio.
 - (3) SB 1 was also discussed at the ACWA Agriculture Committee meeting. This is the bill that would, within California, freeze the Federal environmental standards in place prior to the Trump Administration's roll-back of Obama Administration rules.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs
 - i. A written report was provided. Ms. Tufenkjian was out of the office.
- c. Charlotte Gallock, Director of Water Resources
 - i. Kings River Water Quality Coalition: Ms. Gallock reported that staff provided reports to the Regional Water Quality Board on July 31, 2019. 92% of Farm Evaluations and 90% of

- Nitrogen Summary Reports were received. 90 accounts – totaling approximately 12,000 acres – were removed from the Coalition’s membership roles for non-reporting and non-payment. Those who have not reported/not paid will receive a letter from the Regional Board, after which time Ms. Gallock anticipates a sizeable influx of those seeking to be reinstated.
- ii. Water Fill Stations: Ms. Gallock made a presentation showing the two locations of the three required fill stations. Operations and maintenance will include routine water quality testing.
 - iii. Isotope Study: Ms. Gallock reported that she will receive a draft report from the contractor within a week.
 - iv. SGMA: Ms. Gallock reported that the North Fork Kings GSA’s GSP is available for public comment. There are two workshops scheduled to review the GSP with stakeholders and landowners. The Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP is being completed, and is expected to be available for public comment in October.
- d. David Merritt, Deputy General Manager/COO
- i. Pine Flat: The new relay modernization project is under development. The goal is to begin the project in October of 2019. The estimated project completion date is March of 2020.
 - ii. Flood Operations and Maintenance: There was a significant boil in the South Fork levee, just upstream from Empire 1 Weir. A temporary repair was made which stopped material erosion. The intent is to complete a permanent repair this winter. An unused irrigation valve/encroachment was also removed from the South Fork near the Upper San Jose turnout, bringing that section of levee into compliance with Army Corps requirements.
 - iii. McMullin Project: The main conveyance canal is nearing completion. The pumps for the project are expected to be delivered in the October/November timeframe. Other portions of the project continue to progress, with completion of Phase 1 anticipated by the end of 2019.
- e. Brian Trevarrow, Deputy General Manager/CFO
- i. Mr. Trevarrow noted that three District vehicles are going to auction online.
 - ii. Mr. Trevarrow also noted that some Board members need to complete some required trainings, and that those Board members should have already received instructions on how to complete those trainings.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Financial Report

a. Budget Expenditures (Brian Trevarrow)

The Auditor presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending July 31, 2019. In addition, the monthly investment report for July 2019 was presented.

b. Review of Monthly Disbursements (Paul Stanfield)

It was moved by Director Stanfield, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried, that bills in the amount of \$800,159.75, 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)

8. Resolution 19-08 Recognizing Keith Seligman on the Occasion of his Retirement (David Merritt)
 - a. It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 19-08 on the occasion of Keith Seligman's retirement, recognizing him for his nearly 27 years of service to the District.

9. CLOSED SESSION
 - a. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) To confer with its Legal Counsel regarding exposure to two matters of potential litigation. (2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.)

 - b. Government Code Section 54957(b) To evaluate the performance of the General Manager. (3:10 p.m. – 4:19 p.m.)

10. Reconvene to Open Session/Report Any Action Taken in Closed Session
 - a. The Board reconvened to open session at 2:50 p.m. after Closed Session Item 9a., in order to complete Agenda Items 6d - 8. No action was taken on Item 9a.

 - b. The Board reconvened to open session at 4:19 p.m. after Closed Session Item 9b. No action was taken on Item 9b.

11. Strategic Plan
 - a. President Stanfield created a Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee to continue development of the Strategic Plan. He appointed Directors Beberian, McKean, and Kapheim to the Ad Hoc Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

Approved on _____, 2019
Board President

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-08

RECOGNITION OF KEITH SELIGMAN FOR HIS NEARLY TWENTY-SEVEN (27) YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2019 Keith R. Seligman, Manager of Flood Operations and Maintenance, will retire from his nearly twenty-seven (27) years of dedicated service and leadership to the Kings River Conservation District (District); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seligman has served the District within the Flood Operations and Maintenance team since September 7, 1992, in multiple capacities ranging from Skilled Laborer to Manager of Flood Operations and Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seligman has consistently demonstrated his willingness to go above and beyond expectations – without objection –to ensure that essential Flood Projects were completed and potential flood risks were addressed, always maintaining a positive attitude and demeanor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seligman has worked on or led the repair of at least three levee breaches, most recently closing the 2017 breach along the South Fork in just six (6) hours; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seligman has reestablished four (4) levee sections along the Flood Project, protecting the District’s constituents and ensuring proper maintenance of the levees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seligman has secured and implemented a grant to eradicate Arundo Donax – an invasive species of giant cane – from the Clark’s Fork; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seligman has successfully monitored and maintained the one hundred thirty-nine (139) miles of the Army Corps of Engineers’ “Kings River Channel Improvement Project” levees, as well as implementation of the Army Corps’ “System-Wide Improvement Framework;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED , that the Board of Directors commends Keith Seligman for his achievements and outstanding service to the District, and congratulates him on the occasion of his Retirement.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District this 13th day of August 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 13th day of August 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 13th day of August 2019.

Secretary

(Seal)

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable
 Presented August 13, 2019
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending July 31, 2019)

Director's Payroll	07/09/19	2,937.38	
Employee Payroll	07/10/19	94,533.76	
Employee Payroll	07/24/19	100,058.74	
			197,529.88
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		460,832.62	460,832.62
	Sub-Total		658,362.50
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	07/03/19		46,471.79
Director's Tax Deposits	07/12/19		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	07/17/19		43,363.22
Employee Tax Deposits	07/31/19		50,824.99
	TOTAL		<u>800,159.75</u>