

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 10, 2019 – Tuesday
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno

President Stanfield called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Paul Stanfield, President
Gregory Beberian, Vice President
Ceil W. Howe Jr.
Mark C. McKean (Entered at 1:38 p.m.)
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
Joe Hughes, Attorney (Via Phone)

ROUTINE OPENING BUSINESS

1. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda
2. Public Presentations or Comments
 - a. None
3. Approval of Minutes of the August 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
 - a. It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried, that the minutes of the August 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as amended to correct Watermaster's report and to correct a typo on page 3, line 3.

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

REPORTS

4. Water Conditions (KRWA Staff)

- a. Steve Haugen, KRWA Watermaster, reported that Pine Flat is at 625,000 AF in storage and is drawing down. Upstream storage is at 184,000 AF and drawing down. Vacant space in the system is at 445,000 AF. In-flows are currently at around 800 c.f.s. In 2017, in-flows were around 1,500 c.f.s at this same time. Average in-flows this time of year are around 200 – 300 c.f.s. The current release from Pine Flat is around 3,200 c.f.s. and tapering down daily. It is anticipated that the release will average 2,000 c.f.s. through the end of October.

5. Directors' Reports

- a. Director Kapheim reports that Mark Arax will be in Dinuba for a book signing (*The Dreamt Land*) in November.

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) Congress will be in and out of session around half the time through the end of the year.
 - ii) The ACWA Federal Affairs Committee discussed five bills that could be of interest to KRCDD going forward.
 - iii) Conversations are being held with the Army Corps of Engineers pertaining to CAP funding and other funding opportunities.
 - iv) The California legislative session ends September 13. Approved bills must be signed or vetoed by the Governor no later than October 13. The next Legislature session begins January 6, 2020.
 - v) ACWA and ACWA JPIA have been hesitant to spearhead outreach associated with the potential development of an ACWA JPIA GSA litigation pool insurance instrument. As such KRCDD Staff are taking more of a leadership role in coordinating outreach.
 - vi) A Water Resilience portfolio comment letter was sent to Nancy Vogel. A number of items were outlined, including supporting of GSAs and addressing water quality issues. State funding of the Airborne Snow Observatory program was emphasized as a key component for ensuring water resiliency.
 - vii) The September 17th CV-SALTS public hearing associated with approval of the Basin Plan Amendments was delayed until October.
 - viii) KRCDD signed on to a letter opposing SB 1.
 - ix) Although water rights permit precedent setting concerns remain regarding AB 658, the primary remaining concern pertains to water rights holders' subsidization of permitting costs. As such KRCDD's lobbyists are convening these subsidization concerns to Arambula's staff.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs

- i. There have been multiple outreach events for the McMullin Area GSA and the North Fork Kings GSA, related to their Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP).
 - ii. The Social Media strategy of KRCD resulted in an increase in both activity (up 50%) and in followership (up 27%) from 2018. Followership includes other water agencies, several associations, a sizeable number of media representatives, and academics.
- c. Charlotte Gallock, Director of Water Resources
- i. Coalition: 2018 Crop Reporting has been submitted to the Regional Board. 77 members (5,300 acres, or 1% of total acreage) still need to complete their reporting and have received notices from the Regional Board.
 - ii. CV-SALTS/Management Zone: California EPA Secretary Jared Blumenfeld has spoken out against the CV-SALTS Basin Plan Amendments, and the scheduled hearing for mid-September has been postponed in large part as a result of letters sent to the Governor by environmental groups. The Management Zone Pilot Project will also be impacted by this, as it is part of the Basin Plan amendments.
 - iii. The fill station agreement with the Kings Area Rural Transit Agency, to locate the Hanford fill station at their 7th Street facility, has been executed. Ms. Gallock anticipates receiving an executed agreement for the second fill station from The Living Word Church in Dinuba soon.
 - iv. SGMA: The North Fork Kings GSA has not received any comments on their GSP to date.
- d. David Merritt, Deputy General Manager/COO
- i. Pine Flat: A contractor award for the relay upgrade project will be made by 9/18/2019, HDR continues all engineering design for this project.
 - ii. Flood Operations and Maintenance: Pool 1, just above Empire 1, had a few boils appear, which have been repaired. A large number of dead trees are contributing to the recurring problems in that area, and work is underway to remove as much of the problem vegetation as possible.
 - iii. Storage investigation: The results from the consultant have been received and are being reviewed for reporting back to the Board.
 - iv. Grants:
 - 1. Levee Assessment Grant: The geotechnical study has been completed and the 1,000 page document is under review. The grant is on track to be completed by no later than Spring 2020.
 - 2. The amendment extension sought for the McMullin grant has been approved, extending the contract to November 2020. Additional funds were also obtained for installing a flowmeter on the headwork for providing telemetry reporting.
 - v. McMullin Project: Major construction is completed on the conveyance system. The motor and pumps should be received in October/November, and the discharge pipes will be installed thereafter.
- e. Brian Trevarrow, Deputy General Manager/CFO
- i. All three vehicles for sale on govdeals.com were successfully sold.

ACTION ITEMS

- 7. Financial Report
 - a. Budget Expenditures (Brian Trevarrow)

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

b. Review of Monthly Disbursements (Greg Beberian)

It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried, that bills in the amount of \$2,880,401.56, 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. CLOSED SESSION (2:30 p.m.)

a. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) To confer with its Legal Counsel regarding exposure to two matters of potential litigation.

b. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

9. Reconvene to Open Session/Report Any Action Taken in Closed Session (3:24 p.m.)

a. No action was taken under closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Paul G. Peschel
Board Secretary

Board President

Approved on _____, 2019

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable
 Presented September 10, 2019
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending August 31, 2019)

Employee Payroll	08/07/19	97,811.45	
Director's Payroll	08/13/19	2,996.48	
Employee Payroll	08/21/19	98,632.56	
Employee Payroll	08/30/19	32,325.29	
			231,765.78
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		2,551,410.82	2,551,410.82
	Sub-Total		2,783,176.60
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	08/14/19		50,849.05
Director's Tax Deposits	08/16/19		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	08/28/19		45,238.66
	TOTAL		<u>2,880,401.56</u>