

**Minutes**

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** March 10, 2020 - 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, Ph.D.  
Mike Yoshimoto (present at 1:52 p.m.)

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Chris Kapheim

**OTHERS PRESENT**

KRCD Staff  
Paul Peschel  
David Merritt  
Brian Trevarrow  
Cristel Tufenkjian  
Charlotte Gallock  
Debra Dunn  
Corey McLaughlin

Consultants & Others  
Steve Haugen  
Todd Flanagan  
Matthew Meadows

**ROUTINE OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda  
Agenda Item 12b. was removed from the Agenda by President Stanfield.
2. Public Presentations or Comments  
None.
3. Approval of Minutes of the February 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting  
It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried, that the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

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

**REPORTS**

4. Water Conditions (KRWA Staff)

The Kings River Water Association Assistant Water Master reported on water storage on the Kings River System, inflow and outflow at Pine Flat Reservoir, snow course measurements, and the available flood control space on the system.

5. Weather Modification (Todd Flanagan)

Todd Flanagan, of North American Weather Consultants, reported on weather conditions, and both ground and flight-based weather modification activities to-date.

6. Directors' Reports

Director Cehrs reported on his attendance at the North Fork Kings GSA Board Meeting, and the potential raised there of engaging KRCD's External Affairs staff for outreach activities.

7. 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, reported the following:
  - i. Legal developments regarding the WOTUS definition and federal biological opinions.
  - ii. Trump Administration Budget proposals.
  - iii. Energy related legislation in Congress.
  - iv. Addressing Director's questions around various legislative and regulatory matters.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs, reported the following:
  - i. The Kings Subbasin Workshop, co-sponsored with Self-Help Enterprises.
  - ii. Changes to rules regarding generator use for water agencies during PG&E de-energization events.
  - iii. Fisheries Program fish release event with children assisting and Press present.
- c. Debra Dunn, Manager of Water Resources, reported the following:
  - i. Various Kings River Water Quality Coalition membership activities.
  - ii. Developments with CV-SALTS and the Management Zones.
  - iii. Progress of the various drinking water fill station projects.
  - iv. Activities and developments related to SGMA.
- d. David Merritt, Deputy General Manager/COO, reported the following:
  - i. Performance and activities at Pine Flat power plant, including annual maintenance and the relay upgrade project.
  - ii. Flood Project repairs and maintenance activities.
  - iii. Fisheries Management Program activities.
  - iv. COVID-19 preparedness activities.
- e. Brian Trevarrow, Deputy General Manager/CFO, reported the following:
  - i. Fleet management activities.
  - ii. District fiber connection upgrades at the District Office and Riverdale Office.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

8. Financial Report

a. Budget Expenditures (Brian Trevarrow)

The Auditor presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending February 29, 2020. In addition, the monthly investment report for February 2020 was presented.

b. Review of Monthly Disbursements (Greg Beberian)

It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried, that bills in the amount of \$783,443.50, as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, be approved and ordered paid.

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

9. Resolution 20-01 in Recognition of Rick Hoelzel’s 35yrs of Service (David Merritt)

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 20-01 in Recognition of Rick Hoelzel’s 35yrs of Service.

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

10. Adoption of the Strategic Plan (Paul Peschel)

It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried to adopt Kings River Conservation District Five-Year Strategic Plan for the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025.

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

11. Approval of Elevation Monitoring Cost Sharing Agreement (Charlotte Gallock)

It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried to approve the Elevation Monitoring Cost Sharing Agreement for use with parties interested in cost and data sharing.

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

12. CLOSED SESSION (2:32 p.m.)

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

13. Reconvene to Open Session/Report Any Action Taken in Closed Session (2:42 p.m.)

No action was taken in Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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Paul G. Peschel  
Board Secretary

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Board President

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-01**

**RECOGNITION OF RICK HOELZEL FOR HIS THIRTY-FIVE (35) YEARS OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020 Richard N. Hoelzel, Director of Resources, will retire from his thirty-five (35) years of dedicated service and leadership to the Kings River Conservation District (District); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoelzel has served the District within the Flood Operations and Maintenance and Water Resources areas since November 12, 1984, in multiple capacities ranging from Assistant Engineer to Director of Resources; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoelzel has continually and faithfully demonstrated his dedication to the District's Mission and needs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoelzel led the efforts as the project manager for the isotope study for part of the Comprehensive Groundwater Management Plan for the Kings River Water Quality Coalition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoelzel has led the efforts to develop and establish a ground water monitoring well network within the Kings Basin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoelzel has obtained and retained his Qualified Applicator License and Federal Aviation Administration Unmanned Aircraft Systems Remote Pilot Certification for the benefit of the District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoelzel has acted as the project manager for the Kings River Levee Evaluation, and the Kings River Flood Emergency grants;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors commends Rick Hoelzel 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 10th day of March 2020, by the following vote:

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Director Kapheim

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President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable  
 Presented March 10, 2020  
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending February 29, 2020)

|                                       |           |            |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|
| Employee Payroll                      | 02/05/20  | 97,907.79  |                   |
| Director's Payroll                    | 02/11/20  | 2,830.03   |                   |
| Employee Payroll                      | 02/19/20  | 98,116.14  |                   |
|                                       |           |            | 198,853.96        |
| Accounts Payable (KRCD)               |           | 497,164.60 | 497,164.60        |
|                                       | Sub-Total |            | 696,018.56        |
| Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers: |           |            |                   |
| Employee Tax Deposits                 | 02/12/20  |            | 43,013.94         |
| Director's Tax Deposits               | 02/14/20  |            | 1,137.25          |
| Employee Tax Deposits                 | 02/26/20  |            | 43,273.75         |
|                                       | TOTAL     |            | <u>783,443.50</u> |