

**Minutes**

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** October 13, 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 (via Zoom)  
David Cehrs, Ph.D. (via Zoom)  
Ceil W. Howe Jr. (via Zoom)  
Chris Kapheim (via Zoom)  
Mark C. McKean  
Mike Yoshimoto

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

KRCD Staff  
Paul Peschel  
David Merritt  
Brian Trevarrow  
Charlotte Gallock (via Zoom)  
Cristel Tufenkjian (via Zoom)  
Stacy Wright (via Zoom)  
Corey McLaughlin

Consultants & Others  
Steve Haugen (via Zoom)  
Joe Hughes – Legal Counsel (via Zoom)

**ROUTINE OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda  
None.

2. Public Presentations or Comments  
None.

3. Approval of Minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

It was moved by Director Yoshimoto, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried, that the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Stanfield: Aye  
Director Beberian: Aye  
Director Cehrs: Aye  
Director Howe: Aye  
Director Kapheim: Aye  
Director McKean: Aye  
Director Yoshimoto: Aye

**REPORTS**

4. Water Conditions

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

5. Directors' Reports

None.

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, reported the following:
  - i. District Office status report related to COVID-19.
  - ii. State and Federal legislative, budgetary, and regulatory activities of note.
  - iii. Upcoming events and meetings of note.
  - iv. Addressed questions from Board Members on several items.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs, reported the following:
  - i. Upcoming outreach events for the District and supported agencies.
  - ii. Participation in development of Management Zone early action plan.
- c. Charlotte Gallock, Director of Water Resources, reported the following:
  - i. SGMA activities in both the Kings and Tulare Lake Subbasins.
  - ii. Status of grant applications.
  - iii. Developments with CV-SALTS and the Management Zones.
  - iv. Various Kings River Water Quality Coalition membership activities, including drinking water fill stations, and submittal processes.
  - v. Environmental and Fishery Management activities.
  - vi. Addressed questions from Board Members on several items.
- d. David Merritt, Deputy General Manager, reported the following:
  - i. Summary of performance and maintenance activities at Pine Flat power plant; insurance cost and provider changes for coverage of the plant; and the FERC License Amendment progress.
  - ii. Flood Project maintenance activities; System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) progress; McMullin Flood Project updates; and capital project updates.
  - iii. Unit 4 RFI response process status.
  - iv. Cloud seeding plans for weather modification program year.
- e. Brian Trevarrow, CFO, reported that the KRCD 2019-2020 audit presentation will be delayed.

**ACTION ITEMS**

7. Financial Report

a. Budget Expenditures (Brian Trevarrow)

The Auditor presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending September 30, 2020. In addition, the monthly investment report for September 2020 was presented.

b. Review of Monthly Disbursements (Mark McKean)

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried, that bills in the amount of \$800,329.49, as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, be approved and ordered paid.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Stanfield: Aye

Director Beberian: Aye

Director Cehrs: Aye  
 Director Howe: Aye  
 Director Kapheim: Aye  
 Director McKean: Aye  
 Director Yoshimoto: Aye

8. Isotope Study RE: Nitrates (Paul Peschel)

Mr. Peschel updated the Board on the status of the Isotopy Study that was conducted for the Kings River Water Quality Coalition (KRWQC). Mr. Peschel addressed questions from Board members. No Action was taken.

9. Consideration of Adoption of Policies (Cristel Tufenkjian)

Paul Peschel presented the Board with information related to communications made and compliance with the Brown Act. This information was pertinent to the two policies being put before the Board for approval. District legal counsel, Joe Hughes, assisted in addressing questions from the Board.

Ms. Tufenkjian presented specifically on the two policies being put before the Board for approval. Agenda Items 9a. (Mediate Relations Policy) and 9b. (External Communications Policy) were considered together by the Board.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried to approve the Media Relations Policy and the External Communications Policy contingent on the addition of a specific and appropriate time-frame for staff receiving supervisor approval to speak at events within the latter policy.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Stanfield: Aye  
 Director Beberian: Aye  
 Director Cehrs: Aye  
 Director Howe: Aye  
 Director Kapheim: Aye  
 Director McKean: Aye  
 Director Yoshimoto: Aye

10. Ratification of Agreement with Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Cristel Tufenkjian)

Ms. Tufenkjian presented the executed agreement to the Board for their ratification, addressing questions from the Board.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried to ratify the agreement with the Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Stanfield: Aye  
 Director Beberian: Aye  
 Director Cehrs: Aye  
 Director Howe: Aye  
 Director Kapheim: Aye  
 Director McKean: Aye  
 Director Yoshimoto: Aye

11. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 3:02 p.m.

12. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION/REPORT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 3:27 p.m. No action was taken under Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

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Paul G. Peschel  
Board Secretary

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Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Board President

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable  
 Presented October 13, 2020  
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending September 30, 2020)

Employee Payroll	09/02/20	102,227.64	
Director's Payroll	09/08/20	2,706.40	
Employee Payroll	09/16/20	103,387.63	
Employee Payroll	09/25/20	3,227.79	
Employee Payroll	09/30/20	106,892.57	
			318,442.03
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		386,931.32	386,931.32
	Sub-Total		705,373.35
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	09/09/20		45,976.81
Director's Tax Deposits	09/11/20		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	09/23/20		45,969.97
Employee Tax Deposits	09/30/20		1,872.11
	TOTAL		<u>800,329.49</u>

