

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 12, 2021 – 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 (via Zoom)
 David Cehrs, Ph.D. (via Zoom)
 Ceil W. Howe, Jr. (via Zoom)
 Chris Kapheim (via Zoom)
 Mark C. McKean
 Mike Yoshimoto (via Zoom, 1:50 p.m.)

DIRECTORS ABSENT**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
 Matthew Meadows (KRWA, via Zoom)
 Todd Flanagan (NAWC, via Zoom)
 Rob Sandquist, via Zoom

ROUTINE OPENING BUSINESS1. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

Clarification was made that the reference to November 2020 Investment Report in item 8a. should say December 2020.

2. Public Presentations or Comments

None.

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

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that the minutes of the December 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

Roll Call Vote:

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

REPORTS

4. Water Conditions

The Kings River Water Association Assistant Water Master, Matthew Meadows, 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. Weather Modification

Todd Flanagan, from North American Weather Consultants, presented a report to the Board on planned weather modification activities and the expected forecast.

6. Directors' Reports

Director Stanfield asked Paul Peschel to briefly report on the Budget and Audit Committee meeting that occurred January 8, 2021. No action was taken during the Committee meeting, but staff were given direction for research and evaluation of several items that will be addressed during the Budget development and approval process.

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, reported the following:
 - i. COVID-19 updates.
 - ii. KRWA Legislative Committee updates.
 - iii. Local, State, and Federal legislative, budgetary, and regulatory activities of note.
 - iv. Upcoming events and meetings of note.
 - v. Addressed questions from Board Members on several items.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs, reported the following:
 - i. Completed and upcoming outreach events for the District and supported agencies.
 - ii. Specific emphasis given to Early Action Plan related outreach for Management Zones, CV-SALTS, and drinking water programs.
- 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.
- d. David Merritt, Deputy General Manager, reported the following:
 - i. KRFMP stocking of super-catchable fish.
 - ii. Updates regarding potential solar opportunities on the property in Parlier.
 - iii. Summary of performance and maintenance activities at Pine Flat power plant; the FERC License Amendment progress; plans for development of Unit 4 at Pine Flat.
 - iv. Addressed questions from the Board Members on several items.
- e. Brian Trevarrow, CFO, had nothing to add to his written report.

ACTION ITEMS**8. Financial Report****a. Budget Expenditures (Brian Trevarrow)**

The Auditor presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending December 31, 2020. In addition, the monthly investment report for December 2020 was presented, and Board member questions were answered.

b. Review of Monthly Disbursements (Mark McKean)

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that bills in the amount of \$775,578.00, 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

9. Audit Report (Brian Trevarrow)

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, to approve the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020, as presented by representatives of Price, Paige & Co. at the December 8, 2020 meeting.

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. Appointment of Committee Members (D. Paul Stanfield)

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to ratify the current appointments as presented on the appointments list in the agenda packets, for the period of two years or until the Board takes further action.

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. Approval of Resolution 21-01: Authorization to Execute Contract and Assignment Agreement (David Merritt)

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to adopt Resolution 21-01, authorizing the General Manager, Deputy General Manager, or their designee to execute a contract with Western Area Power Administration, and an assignment agreement with James Irrigation District.

Roll Call Vote:

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

12. Research and Deployment Partnership with the National Science Foundation (NSF) Nanosystems Engineering Research Center for Nanotechnology Enabled Water Treatment Systems (NEWTE) (Charlotte Gallock)

It was moved by Director Kapheim and seconded by Director Howe to approve entering into the partnership. After discussion by the Board, the motion to approve and second were withdrawn, and staff were directed to obtain answers to questions from the Board. No action was taken.

13. CLOSED SESSION (2:35 p.m.)

The Board adjourned to closed session at 2:35 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), to confer with its Legal Counsel regarding exposure to four matters of potential litigation.

14. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION/REPORT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

The Board reconvened to open session at 2:47 p.m. No reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

15. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items (Paul Peschel)

Next regular meeting is 1:30 p.m. on February 9, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

 Paul G. Peschel
 Board Secretary

 Board President

Approved on _____, 2021

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable
 Presented January 12, 2021
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending December 31, 2020)

Director's Payroll	12/08/20	2,678.80	
Employee Payroll	12/09/20	104,205.13	
Employee Payroll	12/23/20	102,454.68	
			209,338.61
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		434,441.53	434,441.53
	Sub-Total		643,780.14
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	12/02/20		43,964.54
Director's Tax Deposits	12/11/20		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	12/16/20		44,455.60
Employee Tax Deposits	12/30/20		42,240.47
	TOTAL		<u>775,578.00</u>

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-01

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR
ELECTRICAL SERVICE WITH THE WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION
AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Western Area Power Administration (Western) is one of four power marketing administrations within the U.S. Department of Energy having the role to market and transmit electricity from multi-use water projects to retail power distribution companies and public authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Kings River Conservation District (District) made an application to Western to receive an allocation of Base Resource energy from their 2015 Resource Pool for the Sierra Nevada Region and was allocated 0.00491% of the Base Resource energy; and

WHEREAS, the District through an Assignment Agreement provided the 0.00491% of Base Resource energy from the 2015 Resource Pool (Allocation) to James Irrigation District with a ten year term; and

WHEREAS, the District now seeks to continue utilization of the Allocation for the purpose of benefitting water resource management activities within the District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the District has been offered 0.00481% of the 2025 Resource Pool and through assignment to James Irrigation District (JID), JID will agree to utilize the Allocation for the aforementioned purpose and pay for all costs of receiving the Allocation until such time that the District can effectively utilize the Allocation; and

WHEREAS, the District will be tendered an Assignment Agreement from Western to facilitate this utilization after execution of the Contract for Electrical Service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District authorizes either the General Manager, Deputy General Manager, or their designee to sign the Contract for Electrical Service with the Western Area Power Administration and all documents necessary to accept and administer the Allocation including the Assignment Agreement with James Irrigation District.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District on this 12th day of January 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

President

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 12th day of January 2021, 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 12th day of January 2021.

Secretary

(Seal)