

**Minutes**

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** December 8, 2020 – 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.  
 Chris Kapheim (via Zoom)  
 Mark C. McKean  
 Mike Yoshimoto

**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 (via Zoom)  
 Debra Dunn (via Zoom)

Consultants & Others

Matthew Meadows (KRWA, via Zoom)  
 Todd Flanagan (NAWC, via Zoom)  
 Osvaldo Gutierrez (Price Paige & Co., via Zoom)  
 Ceil W. Howe Jr. (via Zoom)

**ROUTINE OPENING BUSINESS**1. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

Items 13 and 14 – Closed Session and Reconvene to Open Session/Report Closed Session Actions – were both deleted.

2. Public Presentations or Comments

None.

3. Approval of Minutes of the November 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

It was moved by Director Yoshimoto, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved. After the approval, Todd Flanagan noted that, for future minutes, Mr. Camman's name is Garrett, not Kyle as it was in the approved minutes.

## Roll Call Vote:

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

## 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. Audit Report

Oswaldo Gutierrez of Price, Paige & Co. presented a report on the audit performed on KRCD for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Mr. Gutierrez and staff addressed questions from the Board. As this was under Reports on the agenda and not under Action Items, no action was taken.

### 7. Directors' Reports

Director Kapheim reported on his participation in the ACWA-JPIA Board Meeting, as well as the ACWA Virtual Conference.

### 8. 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. Participation in the ACWA Virtual Conference.
  - 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. Shared a video prepared on behalf of KRWA by External Affairs staff member Rebecca Quist regarding the way snow pack is measured and related items.
- 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. 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.
  - ii. Flood Project maintenance activities.
  - iii. Plan for super catchable fish being added to the fishery.
- e. Brian Trevarrow, CFO, had nothing to add to his written report.

ACTION ITEMS9. Financial Reporta. Budget Expenditures (Brian Trevarrow)

The Auditor presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending November 30, 2020. In addition, the monthly investment report for November 2020 was presented, and Board member questions were answered. Discussion of the District's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation was referred to the Budget and Audit Committee for review.

b. Review of Monthly Disbursements (Greg Beberian)

It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that bills in the amount of \$1,237,700.35, 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 Kapheim: Aye  
 Director McKean: Aye  
 Director Yoshimoto: Aye

10. Ratification of Agreement with Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Cristel Tufenkjian)

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, to ratify the agreement between KRCD and the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency, with two typo corrections noted for correction by staff.

## Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Appointment of Board President and Vice President (D. Paul Stanfield)

It was moved by Director Cehrs to nominate, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to elect Director D. Paul Stanfield to serve as President of the KRCD Board for a term of two years.

## Roll Call Vote:

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

It was moved by Director Cehrs to nominate, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to elect Director Gregory Beberian to serve as Vice President of the KRCD Board for a term of two years.

Roll Call Vote:

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

12. Appointment of General Manager and Other Officers (D. Paul Stanfield)

It was moved by Director Yoshimoto, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to reaffirm the appointments of KRCD's General Manager and other District Officers as follows:

- General Manager ..... Paul G. Peschel, P.E.
- Board Secretary ..... Paul G. Peschel, P.E.
- Board Assistant Secretary ..... Corey A. McLaughlin
- Board Auditor ..... Brian Trevarrow

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Next regular meeting is 1:30 p.m. on January 12, 2021, with a special meeting for purposes of Brown Act training to be held from 10:30 a.m. to Noon on January 12, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:30 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 December 8, 2020  
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending November 30, 2020)

Director's Payroll	11/10/20	2,706.40	
Employee Payroll	11/12/20	103,496.21	
Employee Payroll	11/25/20	102,964.63	
			209,167.24
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		939,824.16	939,824.16
	Sub-Total		1,148,991.40
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	11/04/20		42,922.59
Director's Tax Deposits	11/13/20		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	11/18/20		44,649.11
	TOTAL		<u><u>1,237,700.35</u></u>