

**Minutes**

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** March 9, 2021 – 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.  
Ceil W. Howe, Jr.  
Chris Kapheim (via Zoom)  
Mark C. McKean (1:39 p.m.)  
Mike Yoshimoto (1:39 p.m.)

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Consultants & Others  
Steve Haugen (KRWA, via Zoom)  
Matthew Meadows (KRWA, via Zoom)  
Todd Flanagan (NAWC, 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 February 9, 2021 Regular and February 23, 2021 Special Board Meetings

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that the Minutes of both the February 9, 2021 Regular and February 23, 2021 Special Board Meeting be approved.

Roll Call Vote:

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

President Stanfield reminded Directors that Form 700s are due April 1, 2021.

### 7. Staff Reports

The Board received reports on the prior month's activities from members of the District management staff:

- a. David Merritt, Interim General Manager, reported the following:
  - i. Activities related to change in leadership and reporting format related to transition after Paul Peschel's resignation as General Manager.
  - ii. Regulatory monitoring and meetings.
  - iii. Meetings with local GMs of Irrigation Districts, Fresno LAFCo, and Sierra RCD.
  - iv. Upcoming events and meetings of note.
  - v. 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; and FERC License renewal process.
  - vi. Flood Project activities.
  - vii. Addressed questions from the Board Members on several items.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs, reported the following:
  - i. Snow Survey Story Map publication.
  - ii. Recent news stories and social mediate interactions related to KRCD and supported entity activities, and upcoming outreach activities.
  - iii. Local, State, and Federal legislative, budgetary, and regulatory activities of note.
- 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/project progress.
  - iii. Developments with CV-SALTS and the Management Zones, including a service agreement with KRCD that is in development.
  - 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 the Board Members on several items.
- d. Brian Trevarrow, CFO/Auditor, presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending February 28, 2021. In addition, the monthly investment report for February 2021 was presented, and Board member questions were answered.

ACTION ITEMS8. 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 \$765,496.93, 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. Kings Water Alliance (KWA) Administrative Services Agreement (David Merritt)

The Board was provided information regarding the scope and terms of an agreement drafted for KRCD to provide administrative and financial services to the KWA. It was noted to the Board that timing may require signature of the agreement, but that the agreement would be brought back to the Board for ratification.

10. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items (David Merritt)

Next regular meeting is 1:30 p.m. on April 13, 2021.

11. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 2:57 p.m.:

- a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS, to discuss with KRCD's Negotiator, David Merritt, the price and terms of payment for lease of the Real Property commonly known as Fresno County Assessor's Parcel No. 358-032-41 to prospective Lessee Jesse Lujan; and
- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT, to discuss, consider and may take action on the process whereby a new General Manager will be recruited, identified, and employed.

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION / REPORT ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:29 p.m. and reported the following actions taken during Closed Session:

- a. It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to authorize staff to pursue the lease of Real Property commonly known as Fresno County Assessor's Parcel No. 358-032-41 to prospective Lessee Jesse Lujan, for a term of three years (seasons), at the rate of \$300 per acre for 31.5 acres each year, and payment of the Consolidated Irrigation District assessment each year.

## Roll Call Vote:

Director Stanfield: Aye  
 Director Beberian: Aye  
 Director Cehrs: Aye  
 Director Howe: Aye

Director Kapheim: Aye  
Director McKean: Aye  
Director Yoshimoto: Aye

- b. Board President D. Paul Stanfield appointed Directors McKean, Beberian, and Kapheim to be an Ad Hoc Committee for the recruitment of a new General Manager for the District. The Ad Hoc Committee's business will conclude upon the Board's selection of a new General Manager.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

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Board Secretary

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Board President

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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