

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: June 8, 2021 – Tuesday
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno

President Stanfield called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.; delayed due to technical difficulties.

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Consultants & Others
Steve Haugen (KRWA, via Zoom)
Matthew Meadows (KRWA, via Zoom)

ROUTINE OPENING BUSINESS

1. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to find based on the advice of Legal Counsel that there is a need for immediate action regarding potential litigation, which came to the attention of the District after posting the Agenda for this meeting, and that a Closed Session Item under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) must be added to the Agenda pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2((b)(2) for the purpose of consulting with Legal Counsel regarding the potential initiation of one matter of litigation. This item is to be added as the next item to be addressed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

2. Closed Session

The Board entered into Closed Session at 1:51 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) to confer with Legal Counsel – Joe Hughes – regarding the potential initiation of one matter of litigation.

Item 10 of the Agenda was moved up to be included in the Closed Session: a 2:30 p.m. scheduled call-in by Rob Greenfield of ACWA-JPIA, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) regarding exposure to one matter of exposure to potential litigation.

3. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board reconvened to open session at 2:40 p.m. No reportable actions were taken during either Closed Session item.

4. Public Presentations or Comments

None.

5. Approval of Minutes of the May 11, 2021 Regular Board Meetings

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that the Minutes of the May 11, 2021 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: Aye

REPORTS

6. Water Conditions

The Kings River Water Association Water Master, Steve Haugen, 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. Directors' questions were addressed.

7. Directors' Reports

Director Cehrs reported on his attendance at the ACWA Board Meeting.

8. 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. Administrative matters affecting the District.
 - ii. Upcoming events and meetings of note, especially with local entities and interested parties.
 - 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; and FERC License renewal process.
 - iv. Flood Project activities, including continued work on the removal of invasive plant species and trash in the river channel.

- v. An award secured for Outstanding Sustainable Engineering Project for the McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture and Recharge Project.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs, reported the following:
 - i. Local, State, and Federal legislative, budgetary, and regulatory activities of note.
 - ii. Recent news stories, social media interactions related to KRCD and supported entity activities, and upcoming outreach activities.
- c. Charlotte Gallock, Director of Water Resources, reported the following:
 - i. Various Kings River Water Quality Coalition membership activities, including submittal processes and progress.
 - ii. Developments with CV-SALTS and the Management Zones, including upcoming meetings and development of activities.
 - iii. SGMA activities in both the Kings and Tulare Lake Subbasins, and developments and activities at the State level.
 - iv. Addressed questions from the Board Members on several items.
- d. Brian Trevarrow, CFO/Auditor, presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending May 31, 2021. In addition, the monthly investment report for May 2021 was presented.

ACTION ITEMS

9. Review of Monthly Disbursements (Greg Beberian)

It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that bills in the amount of \$558,858.54, 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

10. Approval of Budget and Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022

The Board received a presentation on budgetary matters from David Merritt – Interim General Manager, and Brian Trevarrow – Auditor.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Beberian, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the Budget and Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022, as presented by staff.

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. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items (David Merritt)

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Interim Board Secretary

Board President

Approved on _____, 2021

