

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: October 12, 2021 – Tuesday
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Paul Stanfield, President
Gregory Beberian, Vice President (via Zoom)
David Cehrs, Ph.D.
Mark C. McKean
Chris Kapheim
Mike Yoshimoto (1:40 p.m.)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Ceil W. Howe, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff
David Merritt
Brian Trevarrow
Charlotte Gallock
Debra Dunn (via Zoom)
Cristel Tufenkjian
Stacy Wright (via Zoom)
James Reynolds
Corey McLaughlin

Consultants & Others
Steve Haugen (KRWA, via Zoom)
Matthew Meadows (KRWA, via Zoom)
Ruth McColly (Flo Analytics,
Demographers; via Zoom)
Marguerite Leoni (Nielsen Merksamer,
Redistricting Attorney; via Zoom)

OPENING BUSINESS

1. CONVENE

President Stanfield called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

None.

3. Convene Public Hearing on KRCD Redistricting

President Stanfield convened the second public hearing regarding draft redistricting plans at 1:30 p.m. The Board and public received a presentation from the District's demographic consultant, Ruth McColly of Flo Analytics, and the District's legal counsel for redistricting, Marguerite Leoni of Nielsen Merksamer, regarding the redistricting process to-date – including the materials presented at the Special Meeting Workshop on September 30, 2021 (Scenario 4) – and the newest draft redistricting plan (Scenario 5) for realignment of the director division boundaries in light of the 2020 Census.

Following the presentation, Directors asked questions which the demographic consultants and legal counsel addressed. No members of the public were present to offer any comment or ask any questions.

4. Adjourn Public Hearing on KRCD Redistricting

President Stanfield adjourned the second public hearing regarding draft redistricting plans at 1:54 p.m. No public comments were offered.

5. Adoption of Resolution 21-05: Re-Alignment of Director Divisions – 2021

It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried by Roll Call Vote, with one absence, to adopt Resolution 21-05, designating Scenario 5 as the approved Director Divisions re-alignment plan.

Roll Call Vote:

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

6. Public Presentations or Comments

None.

7. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried by roll call vote with one absence, that the Minutes of the September 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and September 30, 2021 Special Board Meeting be approved as presented by staff during the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

REPORTS

8. 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.

9. Directors' Reports

Directors Cehrs, Kapheim, and McKean reported on their attendance at, and the take-aways they thought important from, the ACWA Regions 6 and 7 Meeting held at Harris Ranch on October 8, 2021. Director McKean further reported that he had attended and testified at the State Water Resources Control Board

10. Staff Reports

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

- a. David Merritt, General Manager, reported the following:
 - i. Administrative and Organizational matters affecting the District.
 - ii. Upcoming events and meetings of note, especially with the SWRCB, local entities, and other interested parties.
 - iii. Regulatory matters of importance to the District, especially around water fees and water rights and SGMA adjudications underway in neighboring areas.
 - iv. 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; FERC License renewal process; and potential additional renewable energy and storage options being explored. Highlights of a tour/public meeting of Pine Flat Power Plant and the proposed Unit 4 area.
 - v. Board member questions and comments were addressed.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs, reported the following:
 - i. Legislative matters of import to the District, including meetings with Representatives' Staff.
 - ii. Funding opportunities KRCD is exploring, specifically Airborne Snow Observatory and Fisheries Habitat improvements.
 - iii. Progress on strategic objectives and development of a KRCD promotional video; showed the near-final take of the video itself.
 - iv. Outreach, including webinars and tours, for supported entities.
 - v. Addressed questions from Board Members on several items.
- c. Charlotte Gallock, Director of Water Resources and Chief Engineer, reported the following:
 - i. SGMA, including the introduction of James Reynolds, the new Program and Regulatory analyst for SGMA just hired by KRCD.
 - ii. Kings River Water Quality Coalition activities, including members paid/reporting, as well as members dropped or active acreage reduced; the SWRCB did adopt fee increases at their meeting on September 22, 2021.
 - iii. Kings Water Alliance activities related to sampling and providing drinking water, and efforts to obtain/work with volunteers on outreach activities.
 - iv. Flood Project activities.
 - v. Kings River Clean-up volunteer efforts.
 - 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 September 30, 2021. In addition, the monthly investment report for September 2021 was presented.

ACTION ITEMS

11. Review of Monthly Disbursements (Mark McKean)

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that bills in the amount of \$759,332.31, 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 Howe: Absent
 Director Cehrs: Aye
 Director Kapheim: Aye
 Director McKean: Aye
 Director Yoshimoto: Aye

12. Appointment of Second Alternate Director to Kings River Water Quality Coalition Authority (KRWQC) Board

The Board was informed that an interim Second Alternate to the KRWQC had been appointed previously, and was asked to consider appointment of David Merritt as the permanent Second Alternate.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to appoint David Merritt as the Second Alternate to the KRWQC Board.

Roll Call Vote:

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

13. Appointment of Second Alternate Director to Kings Basin Water Authority (KBWA) Board

The Board was informed that an interim Second Alternate to the KBWA had been appointed previously, and was asked to consider appointment of David Merritt as the permanent Second Alternate.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to appoint David Merritt as the Second Alternate to the KBWA Board.

Roll Call Vote:

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

14. Appointment of Alternate Director to Association of California Water Agencies / Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) Board

The Board was informed that a vacancy for the position of Alternate Director to the ACWA/JPIA Board was created when Paul Peschel resigned from KRCD and was asked to consider appointment of David Merritt as the new Alternate Director.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to appoint David Merritt as the Alternate Director to the ACWA/JPIA Board.

Roll Call Vote:

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

15. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 2:30 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) to confer with its Legal Counsel regarding exposure to one matter of potential litigation.

16. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:00 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session.

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

Next regular meeting is 1:30 p.m. on November 9, 2021 and after discussion, the expressed wish of the Board was to return to in-person meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President

Approved on _____, 2021

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable
 Presented October 12, 2021
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending September 30, 2021)

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|
| Employee Payroll | 09/01/21 | 100,160.87 | |
| Employee Payroll | 09/10/21 | 893.08 | |
| Director's Payroll | 09/14/21 | 2,738.58 | |
| Employee Payroll | 09/15/21 | 101,599.38 | |
| Employee Payroll | 09/20/21 | 1,276.96 | |
| Employee Payroll | 09/29/21 | 107,925.62 | |
| | | | 314,594.49 |
| Accounts Payable (KRCD) | | 349,960.89 | 349,960.89 |
| | Sub-Total | | 664,555.38 |
| Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers: | 09/08/21 | | 46,018.95 |
| Employee Tax Deposits | | | |
| Employee Tax Deposits | 09/15/21 | | 290.31 |
| Director's Tax Deposits | 09/17/21 | | 1,137.25 |
| Employee Tax Deposits | 09/22/21 | | 46,908.84 |
| Employee Tax Deposits | 09/24/21 | | 421.58 |
| | TOTAL | | <u>759,332.31</u> |