

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 14, 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
Mike Yoshimoto

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Ceil W. Howe, Jr.
Chris Kapheim

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff

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

Consultants & Others

Matthew Meadows (KRWA, via Zoom)
Ruth McColly (Flo Analytics,
Demographers; via Zoom)
John McKenzie (Flo Analytics,
Demographers; via Zoom)
Chris Skinnell (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 first public hearing regarding draft redistricting plans at 1:30 p.m. The Board and public received a presentation from the District's demographic consultants, Ruth McColly and John McKenzie of Flo Analytics, and the District's legal counsel for redistricting, Chris Skinnell of Nielsen Merksamer, regarding three draft redistricting plans for realignment of the director division boundaries in light of the 2020 Census.

Following the presentation, Directors expressed their concerns and 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. The demographic consultants and legal counsel were given direction for revisions to present at a Special Meeting and Workshop prior to the next public hearing, at a date to be determined later.

4. Adjourn Public Hearing on KRCD Redistricting

President Stanfield adjourned the first public hearing regarding draft redistricting plans at 2:09 p.m. No public comments were offered, and no actions were taken.

5. Public Presentations or Comments

None.

6. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Director Yoshimoto, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that the Minutes of the August 10, 2021 Regular 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: Absent
 Director McKean: Aye
 Director Yoshimoto: Aye

REPORTS7. 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. Directors' questions were addressed.

8. Directors' Reports

There were no reports on KRCD related activities from the Directors.

9. 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 local entities and interested parties; specific mention made of the ACWA Conference and the elections anticipated to take place there.
 - iii. Regulatory matters of import to the District, especially around water fees and water rights, and an opportunity to present at the next State Water Resources Control Board meeting.
 - 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.
 - v. Board member questions and comments were addressed.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs, reported the following:
 - i. Progress on strategic objectives, and development of a KRCD promotional video.
 - ii. Legislative matters of import to the District.
 - iii. Funding opportunities KRCD is exploring, specifically Airborne Snow Observatory funding and Fisheries Habitat improvements.

- 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. Kings River Water Quality Coalition activities, including members paid/reporting, as well as members dropped or active acreage reduced.
 - ii. Kings Water Alliance activities related to sampling and providing drinking water.
 - iii. Flood Project activities.
 - iv. Kings River Clean-up volunteer efforts.
 - v. Addressed questions from the Board Members on several items.
- d. Brian Trevarrow, CFO/Auditor, presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending August 31, 2021. In addition, the monthly investment report for August 2021 was presented.

ACTION ITEMS

10. Review of Monthly Disbursements (Greg Beberian)

It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that bills in the amount of \$1,519,190.15, 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: Absent
 Director McKean: Aye
 Director Yoshimoto: Aye

11. Adoption of Resolution 21-04

The Board received information regarding the nomination of Charlotte Gallock to serve on the ACWA Region 6 Board.

It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to adopt Resolution 21-04: Resolution of Support for Charlotte Gallock's Appointment to the ACWA Region 6 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

12. Approval of Contract for Weather Modification Services

The Board received a presentation on the staff-recommended contract for Weather Modification Services.

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve signing a contract with RHS Consulting, LTD., totaling \$1,981,960.00 over a five-year term, for Weather Modification services.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Next regular meeting is 1:30 p.m. on October 12, 2021 and will include the second Public Hearing regarding the District's draft redistricting plan. A Special Meeting and Workshop for the Board will be scheduled at a later date, prior to the next regular meeting.

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 September 14, 2021
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending August 31, 2021)

Employee Payroll	08/04/21	101,375.22	
Director's Payroll	08/10/21	2,720.10	
Employee Payroll	08/18/21	99,688.42	
			203,783.74
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		1,216,077.62	1,216,077.62
	Sub-Total		1,419,861.36
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	08/04/21		5,826.25
Employee Tax Deposits	08/11/21		46,781.51
Director's Tax Deposits	08/13/21		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	08/25/21		45,583.78
	TOTAL		<u>1,519,190.15</u>

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-04

PLACING IN NOMINATION CHARLOTTE GALLOCK
AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
REGION 6 BOARD

WHEREAS, the Kings River Conservation District (DISTRICT) is a member agency of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), and;

WHEREAS, the District is represented by ACWA Region 6, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the DISTRICT does encourage and support the participation of its Members and District Staff in the affairs of ACWA, and;

WHEREAS, Charlotte Gallock has indicated a desire to serve on the ACWA Region 6 Board;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the DISTRICT does place its full and unreserved support in the nomination of Charlotte Gallock as a member of the ACWA Region 6 Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of the DISTRICT does hereby determine that the expenses attendant with the service of Charlotte Gallock in ACWA Region 6 shall be borne by the DISTRICT.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District on this 14th day of September 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Merritt, 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 14th day of September 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 14th day of September 2021.

Secretary

(Seal)