

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: November 9, 2021 – Tuesday
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Paul Stanfield, President
Gregory Beberian, Vice President (absent after 2:50 p.m.)
David Cehrs, Ph.D.
Mark C. McKean
Chris Kapheim
Ceil W. Howe, Jr.
Mike Yoshimoto (2:17 p.m.)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff

David Merritt
Brian Trevarrow
Charlotte Gallock
Cristel Tufenkjian
Stacy Wright
Corey McLaughlin
Soua Lee
Eric Athorp

Consultants & Others

Matthew Meadows (KRWA)
Rick Stone (RHS Consulting)

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. Public Presentations or Comments

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried with one absence, that the Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be approved with one correction to Item 9 made by staff during the meeting.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, and McKean -NOES: None -ABSENT: Director Yoshimoto)

REPORTS

5. 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.

6. Weather Modification

Richard Stone of RHS Consulting presented on the formation of RHS, the methodology used by RHS to conduct weather modification activities, the plan for weather modification activities for 2021-2022, and the options for future activities. Mr. Stone also reported on the current weather conditions and forecast.

7. Directors' Reports

Director McKean commended the public relations piece put out by KRCD's External Affairs team, as well as reiterating the effectiveness of the ACWA Regions 6 and 7 Meeting held at Harris Ranch on October 8, 2021.

8. 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.
 - iv. Summary of performance and maintenance activities at Pine Flat power plant, including the purchase of an essential new boat and metering transformer replacements; the Unit 4 FERC License Amendment and progress on 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 throughout.
- 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 to advance the ASR Program, Kings River Fishery, ASO Program, and a Renewable Hydroelectric project at Pine Flat.
 - iii. Progress on strategic objectives.
 - 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, amount of late-fees due to-date, as well as members dropped or active acreage reduced.
 - ii. Kings Water Alliance activities related to well sampling and providing drinking water.

- iii. SGMA activities, including exploration of a new method of processing well completion reports to analyze geologic information and a potential partnership to obtain funding for completing the development of the tool.
 - iv. Fishery activity, including the upcoming electro-fishing survey schedule.
 - v. Kings River Clean-up volunteer efforts.
 - vi. Flood Project activities.
 - vii. Addressed questions from the Board Members on several items.
- d. Brian Trevarrow, CFO/Auditor, presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending October 31, 2021. In addition, the monthly investment report for October 2021 was presented.

ACTION ITEMS

9. Review of Monthly Disbursements

It was moved by Director Stanfield, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried with one absence, that bills in the amount of \$1,763,025.27, as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, be approved and ordered paid.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Directors Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, Yoshimoto, and McKean -NOES: None -ABSENT: Vice-President Beberian)

10. Creation of Standing Water Resources Committee

David Merritt informed the Board of the need and potential benefits of forming a standing Water Resources Committee, and asked the Board to consider forming one.

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried with one absence, to create a standing Water Resources Committee.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Directors Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, Yoshimoto, and McKean -NOES: None -ABSENT: Vice-President Beberian)

11. Nominations and Appointments to Standing Water Resources Committee

It was moved by Director Stanfield, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried with one absence, to nominate and appoint the following Directors to the newly formed standing Water Resources Committee: Directors Cehrs, Kapheim, and McKean.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Directors Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, Yoshimoto, and McKean -NOES: None -ABSENT: Vice-President Beberian)

12. Ratification of Letter of Agreement: Between Kings River Conservation District and Sierra Resource Conservation District

The Board was asked to consider ratification of a Letter of Agreement, signed by David Merritt, between Kings River Conservation District and Sierra Resource Conservation District regarding the framework for future cooperation between the two agencies. The Board was provided with information regarding the circumstances leading to the origination and signature of the Letter of Agreement.

It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director McKean, and carried by 5 to 1 majority vote with one absence, to ratify the Letter of Agreement between Kings River Conservation District and Sierra Resource Conservation District.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Directors Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, and McKean -NOES: Director Yoshimoto -ABSENT: Vice-President Beberian)

13. Resolution 21-06: Proposition 68 Grant Application

The Board was provided information regarding, and was asked to consider approving, Resolution 21-06: Approving the joint application with Excelsior-Kings River Resource Conservation District for grant funds from the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68).

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried with one absence, to adopt Resolution 21-06, approving the joint application with Excelsior-Kings River Resource Conservation District for grant funds from the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68).

(AYES: President Stanfield, Directors Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, Yoshimoto, and McKean -NOES: None -ABSENT: Vice-President Beberian)

14. 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 two matters of potential litigation.

15. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:50 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session.

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

Next regular meeting is 1:30 p.m. on December 14, 2021 at the District Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President

Approved on _____, 2021

