

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: December 14, 2021 – Tuesday
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Paul Stanfield, President
Gregory Beberian, Vice President
David Cehrs, Ph.D.
Mark C. McKean
Chris Kapheim
Ceil W. Howe, Jr.
Mike Yoshimoto (1:42 p.m.)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff

David Merritt
Brian Trevarrow
Charlotte Gallock (via Zoom)
Cristel Tufenkjian
Corey McLaughlin

Consultants & Others

Steve Haugen (KRWA)
Osvaldo Gutierrez (Price Paige & Company,
via Zoom)
Rick Stone (RHS Consulting, 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. Public Presentations or Comments

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried with one absence, that the Minutes of the November 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

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

REPORTS5. Audit Report and Approval

The audit consultant representative from Price Page & Company, Osvaldo Gutierrez, presented a report on the audit of Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Directors' questions were addressed.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Beberian, and unanimously carried to approve and accept the audit report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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

6. Weather Modification

Richard Stone reported on the current weather conditions and forecast, and provided information on the ground generators in use during seeding actions.

7. 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.

8. Directors' Reports

Director Cehrs reported on his experience at the ACWA Fall Conference, especially information on funding opportunities, the Regions 6 & 7 meeting, and hacking/ransomware incidents. Director Kapheim reported on his attendance at the ACWA Fall Conference and the ACWA-JPIA Board meeting and focused on regional representation needs on the ACWA-JPIA Executive Committee. Director Beberian also reported on his attendance at the ACWA Fall Conference and made note of the focus on cyber security.

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, with input from other staff as needed to address questions:
 - i. Attendance at, and take-aways from, the ACWA Fall Conference, with emphasis on the topics of trust and collaboration.
 - ii. Administrative and Organizational matters affecting the District, including the full return of all District Office staff to the physical office workplace.
 - iii. Previous and Upcoming events and meetings of note, especially with elected representatives/staff, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), local entities, and other interested parties.
 - iv. Regulatory matters of importance to the District.
 - v. Summary of performance and maintenance activities at Pine Flat power plant; 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.
 - vi. Board member questions and comments were addressed throughout.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs, reported the following, some during David Merritt's report in response to Board member questions:
 - i. Legislative matters of import to the District, including meetings with Representatives' Staff.

- ii. Funding opportunities KRCDD 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. Recognition of Rebecca Quist's efforts in developing the materials for the various key meetings with elected representatives and State regulators.
 - vi. 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, noting that the only required report for this year is the Irrigation and Nitrate Management Plan Summary Report.
 - ii. Kings Water Alliance activities related to well sampling and providing drinking water.
 - iii. SGMA activities and matters of concern, including initial letters from the SWRCB expressing identification of deficiencies with GSPs, though not enumerating them yet, in the Kings and Tulare Lake subbasins.
 - iv. A storymap regarding the recently completed subsidence survey, showcasing the areas surveyed.
 - v. Ms. Gallock's potential appointment to represent ACWA Region 6 on the ACWA Water Quality Committee.
 - vi. Fishery activity, including the recently completed electro-fishing survey schedule.
 - vii. Kings River Clean-up volunteer efforts.
 - viii. Flood Project activities.
 - ix. Addressed questions from the Board Members on several items.
- d. Brian Trevarrow, CFO/Auditor, presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending November 30, 2021. In addition, the monthly investment report for November 2021 was presented.

ACTION ITEMS

10. Review of Monthly Disbursements

It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried with one absence, that bills in the amount of \$932,423.11, as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, be approved and ordered paid.

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

11. Adoption of Resolution 21-07

The Board was asked to consider adoption of Resolution 21-07 in support of the appointment of KRCDD Director Chris Kapheim to the Executive Committee of the ACWA-JPIA Board.

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 21-07 in support of the appointment of KRCDD Director Chris Kapheim to the Executive Committee of the ACWA-JPIA Board.

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

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

Next regular meeting is 1:30 p.m. on January 11, 2022 at the District Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Board Secretary

Approved on _____, 2021

Board President

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable
 Presented December 14, 2021
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending November 30, 2021)

Director's Payroll	11/09/21	2,940.74	
Employee Payroll	11/10/21	103,477.11	
Employee Payroll	11/24/21	103,013.58	
			209,431.43
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		627,522.96	627,522.96
	Sub-Total		836,954.39
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	11/03/21		46,622.80
Director's Tax Deposits	11/12/21		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	11/17/21		47,708.67
	TOTAL		<u>932,423.11</u>

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-07

SUPPORTING APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR CHRIS KAPHEIM
AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT is a member of ACWA's Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA-JPIA) and is enrolled in ACWA-JPIA's Property, Workers' Compensation and Liability Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the DISTRICT does encourage and support the participation of its members in the affairs of ACWA-JPIA; and

WHEREAS, DISTRICT Director Chris Kapheim is actively involved with ACWA-JPIA and is currently serving as a member the ACWA-JPIA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Director Kapheim has indicated a desire to serve on the ACWA-JPIA Board Executive Committee;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the DISTRICT does place its full and unreserved support in the appointment of Director Kapheim as a member of the ACWA-JPIA Board Executive Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of the DISTRICT does hereby determine that the expenses attendant with the service of Director Kapheim in the ACWA-JPIA Executive Committee's activities 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 December 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors McKean, Yoshimoto, Cehrs, Kapheim and Howe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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 December 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 December 2021.

Secretary

(Seal)