

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 11, 2022 – Tuesday
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Paul Stanfield, President
Gregory Beberian, Vice President
David Cehrs, Ph.D.
Mark C. McKean
Chris Kapheim
Ceil W. Howe, Jr.
Mike Yoshimoto

DIRECTORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff
David Merritt
Brian Trevarrow
Charlotte Gallock
Debra Dunn
Cristel Tufenkjian
Pawan Niroula
Corey McLaughlin
Soua Lee

Consultants & Others
Steve Haugen (KRWA)
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 McKean, and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the December 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

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

REPORTS

5. Weather Modification

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

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 commented on observed snow conditions around Grant's Grove.

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, noted changes to the Staff Report section of the meeting, both for this meeting and changes expected for future meetings.
- b. Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs, reported the following:
 - i. Legislative matters of import to the District, including the Governor's proposed budget as it relates to matters of import to KRCD.
 - ii. Funding opportunities KRCD is exploring, and related materials, to advance the ASR Program, Kings River Fishery, ASO Program, and a Renewable Hydroelectric project at Pine Flat.
 - iii. Progress on strategic objectives.
 - iv. Addressed questions from Board Members on several items.
- c. Debra Dunn, Manager of Water Resources, reported the following:
 - i. Kings River Water Quality Coalition activities, noting usage of the drinking water kiosks and membership activities.
 - ii. Kings Water Alliance activities related to outreach, well sampling, and providing drinking water.
 - iii. SGMA activities and matters of concern, including anticipated deficiency notices for GSPs in the Kings and Tulare Lake subbasins.
 - iv. Grant activities.
 - v. Fishery activity.
 - vi. Addressed questions from the Board Members on several items.
- d. Pawan Niroula, Hydroelectric Power Plant Manager, reported on maintenance activities completed at the plant, as well as anticipated further maintenance activities. Questions from Board Members were addressed.
- e. Brian Trevarrow, CFO/Auditor, presented expenditure to budget comparison reports for the period ending December 31, 2021. In addition, the monthly investment report for December 2021 was presented. Board Member questions were addressed.
- f. David Merritt, General Manager, reported a summary of the Unit 4 FERC License Amendment and progress on development of Unit 4 at Pine Flat; FERC License renewal process and State Water Resource Control Board activities related to the same; and potential additional renewable energy and storage options being explored. Board member questions and comments were addressed throughout.

ACTION ITEMS9. Review of Monthly Disbursements

Item was moved up in the agenda and taken up prior to David Merritt's report above. It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried, that bills in the amount of \$793,014.92, 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)

10. Adoption of Resolution 22-01

The Board was asked to consider adoption of Resolution 22-01 and received information from staff on the same.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 22-01 authorizing a proposal for funding from the Department of Water Resources, and designating a representative to execute the agreement and any amendments thereto, for the Kings Floodplain Groundwater Recharge Basins in Kings and Fresno Counties Project..

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

11. Adoption of Resolution 22-02

The Board was asked to consider adoption of Resolution 22-02 and received information from staff on the same.

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 22-02 authorizing a proposal for funding from the Department of Water Resources, and designating a representative to execute the agreement and any amendments thereto, for the Kings River Channel Restoration for Flood Control Project.

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

12. Closed Session (2:30 p.m.)

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 2:30 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), to confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of anticipated litigation.

13. Return to Open Session / Report Action

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:10 p.m. No reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

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

Next regular meeting is 1:30 p.m. on February 8, 2022 at the District Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President _____ Approved on _____, 2022