

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: March 8, 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. (left at 3:45 p.m.)
Mike Yoshimoto

DIRECTORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff
David Merritt
Brian Trevarrow
Charlotte Gallock
Cristel Tufenkjian
Pawan Niroula
Corey McLaughlin
Binu Brar

Consultants & Others
Matt Meadows (KRWA)
Rick Stone (RHS Consulting)
Joe Hughes (Legal Counsel, 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 Howe, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the February 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting be approved as updated by staff.
(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors Howe, Cehrs, Kapheim, McKean, and Yoshimoto -NOES: None -ABSENT: None)

REPORTS5. Water Conditions

The Kings River Water Association Assistant Water Master, Matt Meadows, reported on snow survey information, 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 reported on the current weather conditions and forecast, and provided information on the ground generators in use during seeding actions. Directors' questions were addressed.

7. Directors' Reports

Director McKean complimented the manner in which KRCD employee Jose Soto comports himself as he shares information and addresses questions during Kings River Water Quality Coalition Nitrate Management Workshops.

8. Business Operations Report (Trevarrow / Merritt)

Brian Trevarrow, with input from David Merritt, provided the Board with a financial position update; the February 2022 Fund Statements; and overall District administrative updates; follow-up to questions the Board asked at the previous meeting; and reminded the Board of the AB 1234 training occurring in April. David Merritt informed the Board of a request submitted for Form 700s and emphasized the importance of ensuring those are submitted on time. Directors' questions were addressed.

It was moved by Director Beberian, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried that bills in the amount of \$753,590.72, 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)

9. Water Resources Report (Gallock / Merritt)

Charlotte Gallock, with input from David Merritt, provided the Board with an update on matters related to the Kings River Water Quality Coalition and complimented all staff on their work to pursue timely payment of membership fees; Kings Water Alliance; Sustainable Groundwater Management Act; and Environmental/Fisheries Management. Directors' questions were addressed.

10. Flood Operations & Maintenance Report (Gallock / Merritt)

Charlotte Gallock, with input from David Merritt, provided the Board with an update on activities along the Kings River levee system and planned studies and channel improvements.

11. Power Resources Report (Niroula / Gallock / Merritt)

Pawan Niroula, with input from David Merritt as needed, provided the Board with an update on Pine Flat operations and Unit 4 updates.

12. External Affairs and Legislative Matters (Tufenkjian / Merritt)

Cristel Tufenkjian, with input from David Merritt as needed, provided the Board with an update on External Affairs activities; the hiring of Megan Powers to the KRCD External Affairs staff; and legislative/advocacy matters. Directors' questions were addressed.

13. General Manager's Report (Merritt)

David Merritt provided the Board with an update regarding High-Speed Rail and legal activities; Thorburn property matters as they relate to KRCD; the potential for taking on the management of Zalda Reclamation District No. 801; organizational improvement activities; and other items of import to the Board that were not already covered in other reports.

ACTION ITEMS

14. Resolution 22-03

The Board was asked to consider adoption of Resolution 22-03, nominating Director Chris Kapheim for election to the ACWA-JPIA Board Executive Committee.

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Beberian, and unanimously carried with one absence to adopt Resolution 22-03, nominating Chris Kapheim for election the ACWA-JPIA Board Executive Committee.

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

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

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 2:30 p.m. for the following:

- a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): to confer with legal counsel regarding one potential matter of initiation of litigation
- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): to confer with legal counsel regarding one potential matter of exposure to litigation

16. 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.

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

Next regular meeting is 1:30 p.m. on April 12, 2022 at the District Office. A Special Meeting will be held prior, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., for a required AB 1234 training.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Board Secretary

Approved on _____, 2022

Board President

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable
 Presented March 8, 2022
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending February 28, 2022)

Employee Payroll	02/02/22	103,016.53	
Director's Payroll	02/08/22	2,833.50	
Employee Payroll	02/16/22	103,271.29	
			209,121.32
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		446,548.79	446,548.79
	Sub-Total		655,670.11
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	02/02/22		2,497.63
Employee Tax Deposits	02/09/22		47,093.03
Director's Tax Deposits	02/11/22		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	02/23/22		47,192.70
	TOTAL		<u>753,590.72</u>

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

RESOLUTION NO 22-03

NOMINATING THE DISTRICT'S JPIA BOARD MEMBER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE
AUTHORITY ("JPIA")

WHEREAS, this district is a member district of the JPIA that participates in all four of its Programs: Liability, Property, Workers' Compensation, and Employee Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to JPIA's Executive Committee, the member district must place into nomination its member of the JPIA Board of Directors for such open position;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District that its member of the JPIA Board of Directors, Chris Kapheim, be nominated as a candidate for the Executive Committee for the election to be held during the JPIA's Spring 2022 Board of Directors' meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the JPIA staff is hereby requested, upon receipt of the formal concurrence of three other member districts, to effect such nomination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District on this 8th day of March 2022, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Howe

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, David Merritt, Secretary of the 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 8th day of March 2022, 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 8th day of March 2022.

Secretary

(Seal)

