

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: April 12, 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 approx. 4:00 p.m.)
Mike Yoshimoto

DIRECTORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff
David Merritt
Brian Trevarrow
Debra Dunn
Cristel Tufenkjian
Pawan Niroula
Pascoe Bowen
Corey McLaughlin
Binu Brar
Stacy Wright
Megan Powers

Consultants & Others
Steve Haugen (KRWA)
Rick Stone (RHS Consulting)
Joe Hughes (Legal Counsel, via Zoom)
Rob Greenfield, ACWA-JPIA

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
Rob Greenfield, General Counsel for the Association of California Water Agencies' Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA-JPIA), presented a refund check to the District of unspent premiums due to low claims as a result of safe practices, in the amount of \$35,353.00. Paul Garcia was specifically noted as a recipient of a Safety Award due to his proposal for improved safety measures in the use of mowers on levees; a proposal that was selected as one of the best in California.

4. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the March 8, 2022 Regular and March 18, 2022 Special Board Meetings be approved.

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

REPORTS5. Water Conditions

The Kings River Water Association Water Master, Steve Haugen, 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

None.

8. Business Operations Report (Trevarrow / Merritt)

Brian Trevarrow, with input from David Merritt, provided the Board with a financial position update; the March 2022 Fund Statements; and overall District administrative updates. Directors' questions were addressed.

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried that bills in the amount of \$978,166.91, as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, be approved and ordered paid.

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

9. Water Resources Report (Dunn / Merritt)

Debra Dunn, with input from David Merritt, provided the Board with an update on matters related to the Kings River Water Quality Coalition; the Kings Water Alliance; Sustainable Groundwater Management Act matters; and Environmental/Fisheries Management. Directors' questions were addressed.

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

Pascoe Bowen, 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 / 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 and legislative/advocacy matters. Directors' questions were addressed.

13. General Manager's Report (Merritt)

David Merritt provided the Board with an update regarding upcoming meetings with legislators; progress on the Zalda Reclamation District matter; apprehension and pressing of charges on a suspect in copper theft from pumps on the levee; and other items of import to the Board that were not already covered in other reports.

ACTION ITEMS

14. Resolution 22-04

The Board was asked to consider adoption of Resolution 22-04, authorizing application for a grant under the 2022 Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program.

It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director Kapheim, and carried with one absence and one nay, to adopt Resolution 22-04, authorizing application for a grant under the 2022 Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program and authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Conservation.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Directors, Cehrs, Kapheim, McKean, and Yoshimoto -NOES: Vice-President Beberian -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)(2): to confer with legal counsel regarding one potential matter of exposure to litigation
- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): to confer with legal counsel regarding one potential matter of initiation of litigation

16. Return to Open Session / Report Action

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:13 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 May 10, 2022 at the District Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President

Approved on _____, 2022

