

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: May 10, 2022 – Tuesday
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Paul Stanfield, President
Gregory Beberian, Vice President
Chris Kapheim
Ceil W. Howe, Jr.
Mike Yoshimoto (arrived 1:46 p.m.)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Mark C. McKean
David Cehrs, Ph.D.

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff
David Merritt
Brian Trevarrow
Charlotte Gallock (via Zoom)
Pascoe Bowen
Corey McLaughlin

Consultants & Others
Matt Meadows (KRWA)
Rick Stone (RHS Consulting)
Don Wright (Journalist)

OPENING BUSINESS

1. CONVENE

President Stanfield called the meeting to order at 1:31 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 Kapheim, and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the April 12, 2022 Special and Regular Meetings be approved.

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

REPORTS

5. Water Conditions

The Kings River Water Association Assistant Water Master, Matt Meadows, reported on snow sensor 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 and the season-end totals. Directors' questions were addressed.

7. Directors' Reports

Director Kapheim reported on his attendance at the ACWA Spring Conference, including attendance at the Ag and Groundwater Committee meetings and items from the ACWA-JPIA Board meeting; noting specifically his election to the ACWA-JPIA Board's Executive Committee. He also noted that ACWA-JPIA is still impacted by the wildfires that have swept California.

Director Yoshimoto reported on his attendance at the ACWA Spring Conference, specifically noting wildfire concerns and related matters that he saw presentations on the same; and a presentation on the importance of compliance with anti-harassment policies due to large payouts for breaches of policy.

8. Business Operations Report (Trevarrow / Merritt)

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

It was moved by Director Stanfield, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried that bills in the amount of \$738,831.42, as presented in the schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, be approved and ordered paid.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors Howe, Kapheim, and Yoshimoto [present at 1:46 p.m.] -NOES: None -ABSENT: Directors Cehrs and McKean)

9. Water Resources Report (Gallock / Merritt)

Charlotte Gallock, with input from David Merritt, provided the Board with an update on her attendance at the ACWA Spring Conference; matters related to the Kings River Water Quality Coalition; the Kings Water Alliance; Sustainable Groundwater Management Act matters, including the upcoming hiring of a North Fork Kings GSA Executive Officer; and Environmental/Fisheries Management. Directors' questions were addressed.

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

Pascoe Bowen, with input from Charlotte Gallock and David Merritt, provided the Board with an update on activities along the Kings River levee system and planned studies and channel improvements. Mr. Bowen showed aerial drone footage of before and after certain stretches of completed projects, as well as the location of upcoming projects.

11. Power Resources Report (Niroula / Merritt)

David Merritt provided the Board with an update on Pine Flat operations and Unit 4 updates.

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

David Merritt provided the Board with an update on legislative/advocacy matters and noted the intention of an Annual Report for KRCD. Directors' questions were addressed.

13. General Manager's Report (Merritt)

David Merritt provided the Board with an update regarding upcoming conversations/meetings with legislators; his attendance at the ACWA Spring Conference progress on the Zalda Reclamation District matter; and other items of import to the Board that were not already covered in other reports. Director questions and comments were

addressed, especially as concerns water regulatory matters; Don Wright offered comments on the same.

ACTION ITEMS

14. Resolution 22-05

The Board was asked to consider adoption of Resolution 22-05, ordering even-year Board of Directors election, requesting the consolidation of elections, and providing specifications of the election order.

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 22-05, ordering the even-year Board of Directors election, requesting consolidation of the elections with the General Election to be held November 8, 2022, and providing the specifications of the election order.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors Howe, Kapheim, and Yoshimoto [present at 1:46 p.m.] -NOES: None -ABSENT: Directors Cehrs and McKean)

15. Resolution 22-06

The Board was asked to consider adoption of Resolution 22-06 regarding a required California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption (NOE) for Pine Flat Unit 4.

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 22-06, authorizing the required CEQA NOE to be filed with all required county and agency offices regarding the Jeff L. Taylor – Pine Flat Hydroelectric Project No. 2741 Non-Capacity Amendment to Existing License for Proposed Unit 4.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors Howe, Kapheim, and Yoshimoto [present at 1:46 p.m.] -NOES: None -ABSENT: Directors Cehrs and McKean)

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

Next regular meeting is 1:30 p.m. on June 14, 2022 at the District Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President

Approved on _____, 2022