

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: June 14, 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. (left at 3:43 pm)
Mike Yoshimoto
David Cehrs, Ph.D.
Mark C. McKean (arrived at 1:36 pm)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff
David Merritt
Brian Trevarrow
Debra Dunn
Corey McLaughlin
Binu Brar
Pawan Niroula
Megan Powers

Consultants & Others
Steve Haugen (KRWA)

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 carried, that the Minutes of the May 10, 2022 Regular Meetings be approved.
(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors Howe, Kapheim and Yoshimoto -NOES: Director Cehrs, McKean -ABSENT: None)

REPORTS

5. 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.

6. Directors' Reports

Director Yoshimoto reported on the June 6th Fresno Bee article "Think the Fresno region's drought is the worst ever? Tree data will make you think again" by Tim Sheenan.

7. Business Operations Report (Trevarrow / Merritt)

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

It was moved by Vice-President Beberian, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried that bills in the amount of \$762,999.45, 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 -NOES: None -ABSENT: None)

8. Water Resources Report (Dunn / Merritt)

Debra Dunn, with input from David Merritt, provided the Board with an update on her; 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.

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

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

10. Power Resources Report (Niroula / Merritt)

Pawan Niroula provided the Board with an update on Pine Flat operations and Unit 4 updates.

11. External Affairs and Legislative Matters (Powers / Merritt)

David Merritt provided the legislative updates on status AB2201 (Bennett) Groundwater Sustainability Agency: Groundwater Extraction Permit. Megan Powers provided the Board with an update on legislative/advocacy matters and noted the intention of an Annual Report for KRCD. Directors' questions were addressed.

12. General Manager's Report (Merritt)

David Merritt provided the Board with an update regarding progress on the Zalda Reclamation District matter; Pine Flat Study, 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.

ACTION ITEMS

13. Approval of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget and of District Investment Policy

The Board received a presentation on budgetary matters from David Merritt, General Manager and Brain Trevarrow, CFO.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Vice-President Beberian, and carried that the FY2022-2023 Budget and District Investment Policy be approved as presented.

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

14. Designation of Real Property Negotiator

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried that David Merritt will be designated District negotiator for KRCD.

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

15. Closed Session (2:31 p.m.)

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 2:31 p.m. for the following:

- a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8: to confer with legal counsel regarding Real Property Negotiator
- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): confer with legal counsel regarding one potential matter.

16. Return to Open Session / Report Action

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:02 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 July 12, 2022 at the District Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President

Approved on _____, 2022

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable
 Presented June 14, 2022
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending May 31, 2022)

Director's Payroll	05/10/22	2,955.18	
Employee Payroll	05/11/22	100,324.06	
Employee Payroll	05/25/22	100,070.62	
			203,349.86
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		466,760.06	466,760.06
	Sub-Total		670,109.92
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	05/04/22		45,923.59
Director's Tax Deposits	05/13/22		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	05/18/22		45,828.69
	TOTAL		<u>762,999.45</u>