

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: July 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
Chris Kapheim
Ceil W. Howe, Jr.
Mike Yoshimoto
David Cehrs, Ph.D.
Mark C. McKean (arrived at 1:49 pm)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff
David Merritt
Brian Trevarrow
Cristel Tufenkjian
Sandra Soares
Pawan Niroula
Charlotte Gallock

Consultants & Others
Steve Haugen (KRWA)

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 Kapheim, and carried, that the Minutes of the June 14, 2022 Regular Meetings be approved.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors Cehrs, McKean, Howe, Kapheim and Yoshimoto -NOES: None, -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 Kapheim reported that he attended the Strategic Planning process for ACWA-JPIA this month.

Director Cehrs reported on historical groundwater elevation change within the Upper Kings Basin.

7. Business Operations Report (Trevarrow / Merritt)

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

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Vice-President Beberian, and unanimously carried that bills in the amount of \$722,668.74, 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. Annual Report of Reimbursement (Trevarrow)

The Board received the District's Annual Report of Reimbursement for the Fiscal Year ended June 2022 (Gov Code Section 53065.5).

It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director Kapheim, and carried, that the Annual Report of Reimbursement for Fiscal Year ended June 2022 be approved.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice-President Beberian, Directors Cehrs, McKean, Howe, Kapheim 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; the Kings Water Alliance; Sustainable Groundwater Management Act matters and Environmental/Fisheries Management. Directors' questions were addressed.

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

Ongoing grant project status update was provided

11. Power Resources Report (Niroula / Merritt)

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

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

Cristel Tufenkjian provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2022-23 State Budget. Total State Funds \$286 billion and State Budget-Natural Resources \$11.5 billion. Cristel stated that the items the District would be interested in are the \$2.8 billion for Drought, \$4.2 billion for Nature-Based Solutions & Climate Change, and the \$8.1 billion for Energy.

Ms. Tufenkjian also reported on the ACWA Urban and Agricultural Communications Partnership Program and the QuenchCA campaign. KRCD has been partnered with Mesa Water District in Orange County (Costa Mesa) for this project.

David Merritt, General Manager, reported legislative updates on status AB 2201 (Bennett) Groundwater Extraction Permit. Provided an update on coalition work to provide bill revision language. This will be moving to the Appropriations Committee in August when the session returns.

Mr. Merritt also reported on AB1164 (Flora) Dams and Reservoirs: publicly owned or operated regulating basins. Will move to Appropriations Committee in August when the session returns – Modesto ID is the bill sponsor and KRCD provided a letter of support.

13. General Manager's Report (Merritt)

David Merritt provided the Board with an update regarding progress on the Zalda Reclamation District matter; LAFCo, Pine Flat Study, upcoming ACW-JPIA executive tour of our area, and other items of importance 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

14. Resolution 22-07 Authorizing A Proposal for Funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Under the FY 2023 WaterSMART, Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program and Designating A Representative

The Board was asked to consider adoption of Resolution 22-07, Authorizing A Proposal for Funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Under the FY2023 WaterSMART, Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program and Designating a Representative.

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Howe, and carried that the Authorizing A Proposal for Funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Under the FY2023 WaterSMART, Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program and Designating a Representative be approved as presented.

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

15. Addendum No. 9 Pine Flat Power Sale Contract

The Board was asked to approve Addendum 9 Pine Flat Power Sale Contract Between KRCD and Department of Water Resources.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously carried that Addendum No. 9 Pine Flat Power Sale Contract Between KRCD and the State of CA, Department of Water Resources be approved as presented.

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

16. Closed Session (3:32 p.m.)

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 3:32 p.m. for the following:
Public Employee Performance Evaluation

- a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: to confer with General Manager

17. Return to Open Session / Report Action

The Board returned to Open Session at 4:17 p.m. No reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

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

Next regular meeting is 1:30 p.m. on August 9, 2022 at the District Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Board Secretary

Approved on _____, 2022

Board President

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable
 Presented July 12, 2022
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending June 30, 2022)

Employee Payroll	06/08/22	106,670.16	
Director's Payroll	06/14/22	5,109.38	
Employee Payroll	06/22/22	103,302.91	
			215,082.45
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		363,421.47	363,421.47
	Sub-Total		578,503.92
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	06/01/22		45,257.10
Employee Tax Deposits	06/15/22		50,556.82
Director's Tax Deposits	06/17/22		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	06/29/22		47,213.65
	TOTAL		<u>722,668.74</u>

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

RESOLUTION NO 22-07

AUTHORIZING A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION UNDER THE FY 2023 WATERSMART WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FOR THE JEFF L. TAYLOR PINE FLAT HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT No. 2741 – UNIT 4

WHEREAS, the Kings River Conservation District (District) is a California public agency with responsibility to participate in or implement projects that will benefit flood control, hydroelectric power generation, improve water management and efficiency, provide environmental oversight and groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to make an application for funding under the FY 2023 WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program to expand the Jeff L. Taylor Pine Flat Hydroelectric Project No. 2741 to include Unit 4 to maximize the energy generation potential at Pine Flat Dam; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau of Reclamation);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District as follows:

1. That pursuant and subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the FY 2023 WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program, the Kings River Conservation District shall submit a proposal to obtain funding for the construction of a proposed Unit 4 at the Jeff L. Taylor Pine Flat Hydroelectric Project No. 2741 (Unit 4) from the Bureau of Reclamation.
2. That the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District authorizes the General Manager, or his designee, to make application for and execute a grant funding or cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation, and any amendments thereto.
3. That the General Manager, or his designee, shall prepare the necessary data, make investigations, and take other such actions as necessary and appropriate to cooperate with the Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines and to complete the proposed Unit 4.

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 12th day of July 2022, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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 12th day of July 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 12th day of July 2022.

Secretary

(Seal)