

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 10, 2023 – Tuesday
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Paul Stanfield, President
 Chris Kapheim, Vice-President
 Ceil W. Howe, Jr.
 Mike Yoshimoto
 Mark C. McKean
 Anthony Nonini

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Division 7- Vacant

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff

David Merritt
 Brian Trevarrow
 Charlotte Gallock
 Cristel Tufenkjian
 Pawan Niroula
 Debra Dunn
 Binu Brar
 Corey McLaughlin

Consultants & Others

Steve Haugen (KRWA)
 Matt Meadows (KRWA)
 Rick Stone (RHS Consulting)
 Anne Cehrs (Spouse of the late David Cehrs,
 Ph.D.)

5. CONVENE

President Stanfield called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

6. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

None.

7. Public Presentations or Comments

None.

8. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting be approved as corrected.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice President Kapheim, Directors McKean, Howe, Nonini, and Yoshimoto -NOES: None, -ABSENT: Division 7 - Vacant)

9. Resolution 23-01: In Memoriam of David Charles Cehrs, Ph.D.

It was moved by Director Stanfield, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 23-01: In Memoriam of David Charles Cehrs, Ph.D., which was then presented to Anne Cehrs, spouse of the deceased Director Cehrs.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Directors McKean, Howe, Kapheim, Nonini, and Yoshimoto - NOES: None, -ABSENT: Division 7 - Vacant)

10. Weather Modification

Richard Stone, of RHS Consulting, reported on the current weather conditions and forecast, and provided information on the ground generators in use, as well as flights made, during seeding actions. Directors' questions were addressed.

11. 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. Specifically, a presentation was made regarding general information on how the Kings River system functions, especially in light of heavy precipitation events. Directors' questions were addressed.

12. Directors' Reports

None.

13. Business Operations Report (Trevarrow)

Brian Trevarrow provided the Board with a financial position update; the December 2022 Fund Statements; and overall District administrative updates, including the file management improvement project currently underway; David Merritt contributed information as needed. Directors' questions were addressed.

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried that bills in the amount of \$962,685.75, as presented in the Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, be approved and ordered paid.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice President Kapheim, Directors McKean, Howe, Nonini, and Yoshimoto -NOES: None, -ABSENT: Division 7 - Vacant)

14. Water Resources Report (Gallock)

Charlotte Gallock, with input from David Merritt, provided the Board with an update on matters related to the Kings River Water Quality Coalition; the Fishery Management Program; Kings River Cleanup activities; the Kings Water Alliance; and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, specifically the subsidence survey results from September and October 2022. Directors' questions were addressed.

15. Flood Operations & Maintenance Report (Gallock)

Ongoing grant project status updates were provided, as well as a status report on proactive preparations for emergency response should there be a breach of the levee system. Directors' questions were addressed.

16. Power Resources Report (Niroula)

Pawan Niroula, with input from David Merritt, provided the Board with an update on Pine Flat operations and maintenance, FERC renewal, and Unit 4 progress updates. Directors' questions were addressed.

17. External Affairs and Legislative Matters (Tufenkjian)

Cristel Tufenkjian presented information on the advocacy program for the upcoming year including KRCD's priority issues and various tools and methods that will be employed. Directors' questions were addressed. David Merritt also updated the Board on Legislative/Advocacy matters of note.

18. General Manager's Report (Merritt)

David Merritt noted certain information in the GM's written report, as well as information regarding other matters not already addressed in other reports. Specifically noted was progress to-date in the vetting of applications for the vacant Division 7 Director's seat, as well as noting that Committee and other representation appointments will be brought back to the Board in February 2023 for consideration, which has been delayed until the Board vacancy has been filled. Directors' questions and comments were addressed.

ACTION ITEMS19. Resolution 23-02: Authorization of Bank Signatories and Authorization for Transfer of Funds

It was moved by Director Yoshimoto, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 23-02, Authorization of Bank Signatories and Transfer of Funds, establishing those officers and individuals who may establish accounts and/or transfer or withdraw funds among or from those accounts.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice President Kapheim, Directors McKean, Howe, Nonini, and Yoshimoto -NOES: None, -ABSENT: Division 7 - Vacant)

20. Resolution 23-03: Appointing Trustees of the Kings River Conservation District Retirement Plans

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 23-03, appointing the Trustees of the Kings River Conservation District Retirement Plans.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Vice President Kapheim, Directors McKean, Howe, Nonini, and Yoshimoto -NOES: None, -ABSENT: Division 7 - Vacant)

21. Approval of Contract for Renewable Energy Feasibility Assessment of Parlier Property

It was moved by Director Yoshimoto, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to execute a consulting agreement with NV5 for renewable energy feasibility assessment of the Parlier property owned by the District.

(AYES: President Stanfield, Directors McKean, Howe, Kapheim, Nonini, and Yoshimoto -NOES: None, -ABSENT: Division 7 - Vacant)

22. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on February 14, 2023 at the District Office. The Board was made aware of several other meeting dates and times of importance, as follows:

- **January 24, 2023** at 1:30 p.m. – Special Meeting for Appointing a Director to fill the Division 7 Vacancy
- **February 14, 2023** at 11:00 a.m. – Special Meeting for Mandatory Sexual Harassment Prevention Training
- **February 14, 2023** at 1:30 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Approved on _____, 2023

Board President

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-01

IN MEMORIAM
DAVID CHARLES CEHRS, PH.D.

WHEREAS, Dr. David Charles Cehrs, PhD, our esteemed colleague and fellow member of this Board of Directors, died on December 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cehrs had been a member of this board since December 9, 2008, representing the people of the District faithfully, with great energy, enthusiasm, courage, strength, and determination; and

WHEREAS, during his fourteen years as a Director he served as President, Vice-President, and on Board Committees, championing the maintenance and improvement of the flood control system, providing leadership during the sale of the Malaga Peaking Plant, and consistently sharing astute observations related to groundwater matters in the District;

WHEREAS, Dr. Cehrs had a long record of not only distinguished academic excellence and rigor as both a certified Geologist and Hydrogeologist, but also of putting those accomplishments to use in service to the Kings River Conservation District, the Association of California Water Agencies, the Kings River Water Quality Coalition, Kings Basin Water Authority, and the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cehrs was always willing to serve the District service area, sharing ideas and opinions that helped to improve and maintain agriculture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we cherish the memory of DR. DAVID CHARLES CEHRS, whose presence among us will be greatly missed as we convene to carry on the work to which he gave so much of himself;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our sincere sympathy to the members of his family and are most appreciative of the privilege that is ours to have served with him.

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 10th day of January 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: President Stanfield, Vice President Kapheim, Directors Howe, McKean, Nonini, and Yoshimoto

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, David Merritt, Secretary of Kings River Conservation District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors of said District duly and regularly held at the regular meeting place thereof on the 10th day of January 2023, 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 10th day of January 2023.

Secretary

(Seal)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-02

AUTHORIZATION OF BANK SIGNATORIES and
AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED, that this District maintains an account or accounts with JP MORGAN CHASE BANK ("BANK") and Investment Accounts with JP MORGAN SECURITIES (See Exhibit A) and the LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND ("LAIF") and the FRESNO COUNTY INVESTMENT POOL ("POOL") and the Investment Trust of California ("CALTRUST"), that the President or Vice President or General Manager/Secretary or Auditor, or their successors in office, are hereby authorized to establish such accounts upon such terms as may be agreed upon with the BANK, LAIF, POOL and the CALTRUST; and that effective January 10, 2023, the following persons: D. Paul Stanfield, President; Chris M. Kapheim, Vice President; David M. Merritt, General Manager/Secretary; and Brian Trevarrow, Auditor be – and that they or their successors in office are – authorized as President or Vice President or General Manager/Secretary or Auditor, to withdraw funds from said accounts by checks, drafts, or other items, for and on behalf of this District.

AUTHORIZED PERSONS

<u>Name of Director, Officer or Employee of Corporation or Agent</u>	<u>Title / Position</u>	<u>Specimen Signature</u>
D. Paul Stanfield	President	
Chris M. Kapheim	Vice President	
David M. Merritt	General Manager	
Brian Trevarrow	Auditor	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said persons are also authorized to request transfers (including wire transfers) of funds from or to those accounts held in the BANK, JP MORGAN SECURITIES, LAIF, POOL or the CALTRUST, from time to time for and on behalf of the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority hereby conferred shall be effective January 10, 2023, and shall remain in force until revocation thereof by sealed notification of such action by the Board of Directors of this District is received by said BANK, JP MORGAN SECURITIES, LAIF, POOL and CALTRUST at the office where such accounts are maintained; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution 21-03, of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District, dated August 10, 2021, is revoked effective January 10, 2023.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District this 10th day of January 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: President Stanfield, Vice President Kapheim, Directors Howe, McKean, Nonini,
and Yoshimoto

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Merritt, Secretary of 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 10th day of January 2023, 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 10th day of January 2023.

Secretary

(Seal)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-03

DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN TRUSTEES

BE IT RESOLVED, that D. Paul Stanfield, President, Chris M. Kapheim, Vice President, and Brian Trevarrow, Auditor/Chief Financial Officer, or their successors in office, be hereby named and appointed Trustees of the Kings River Conservation District Retirement Plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 19-02 of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District, dated March 12, 2019, is revoked effective January 10, 2023.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Kings River Conservation District this 10th day of January 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: President Stanfield, Vice President Kapheim, Directors Howe, McKean, Nonini, and Yoshimoto

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of Kings River Conservation District this 10th day of January 2023.

Secretary

(Seal)

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable
 Presented January 10, 2023
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending December 31, 2022)

Employee Payroll	12/02/22	5,801.13	
Employee Payroll	12/07/22	106,679.42	
Director's Payroll	12/13/22	3,248.73	
Employee Payroll	12/21/22	105,750.05	
			221,479.33
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		644,186.91	644,186.91
	Sub-Total		865,666.24
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	12/07/22		2,493.07
Employee Tax Deposits	12/14/22		47,435.15
Director's Tax Deposits	12/16/22		1,137.25
Employee Tax Deposits	12/28/23		45,954.04
	TOTAL		<u>962,685.75</u>