

**Minutes**

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** February 14, 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  
Jenifer Marshall

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

**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)  
Rick Stone (RHS Consulting)

1. CONVENE

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

2. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

None, other than the Water Conditions report would be moved up in the current agenda.

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 January 10, 2023 Special and Regular Meetings, and the January 24, 2023 Special Meeting, be approved with the corrections from the previously distributed copies noted by staff.

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

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, snow sensor and related water-content data, and the available flood control space on the system. Directors' questions were addressed.

6. Weather Modification

Richard Stone, of RHS Consulting, reported on the current weather conditions and forecast. Due to the significant storms that moved through California, the seeding program has been put into suspension. Directors' questions were addressed.

7. Directors' Reports

None.

8. Business Operations Report (Trevarrow)

Brian Trevarrow provided the Board with a financial position update; the January 2023 Fund Statements; and overall District administrative updates. It was also noted that Form 700s are due. 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 \$1,912,798.02, 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, Yoshimoto, Nonini, and Marshall-NOES: None, -ABSENT: None)*

9. 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. Directors' questions were addressed.

10. Flood Operations & Maintenance Report (Gallock)

Ongoing grant project status/prospective updates were provided regarding completed and continued levee clean-up and channel dredging. Directors' questions were addressed.

11. 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. Information was also provided related to the impact of rain, etc. at the plant. Directors' questions were addressed.

12. External Affairs and Legislative Matters (Tufenkjian)

Cristel Tufenkjian presented information on the Federal Farm Bill update process and ideas being put forward for inclusion for funding. Ms. Tufenkjian also presented briefly on the Annual Report for KRCD that will be distributed soon. Directors' questions were addressed. David Merritt also updated the Board on Legislative/Advocacy matters of note.

13. 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 such as the Renewable Energy evaluation of the Parlier Property; updates related to a common use agreement with High Speed Rail; and potential changes to the way meeting information (packets, etc.) is provided to the Board and others, all with an eye to simplicity and reduction of paper use. Directors' questions and comments were addressed.

ACTION ITEMS14. Appointment of Board Committee Members

President Stanfield appointed the following Directors to the Committees listed below, leaving other Committees with their current membership:

- Power Resources: Director Stanfield appointed to fill a vacancy
- Flood Maintenance: Director Kapheim appointed to fill a vacancy
- Accounts Payable/Review Team:
  - Director Kapheim
  - Director Nonini
  - Director Marshall
- There was discussion of filling the vacancy on the Water Resources Committee, but it was decided that filling this vacancy would be put off for now, as the Committee is entering dormancy.

15. Appoint Director and Alternates to Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority / Kings River Water Quality Coalition Board

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried to appoint the following as Director and Alternates to the Kings River Water Quality Coalition Board:

Director: Mark McKean

Alternate: D. Paul Stanfield

Second Alternate: David Merritt

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

16. Appoint Director and Alternates – Kings Basin Water Authority

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried to re-appoint the current slate as the Director and Alternates to the Kings Basin Water Authority Board:

Director: D. Paul Stanfield

Alternate: Mark McKean

Second Alternate: David Merritt

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

17. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on March 14, 2023 at the District Office. The Board was made aware of a conflict for the May 9, 2023 meeting and directed staff to agendize a change-of-meeting-date item for the March 14, 2023 meeting.

The Board was also informed that, prior to the March 14, 2023 Board Meeting, photographs would be taken of managerial staff and the Board members – both individually and as a group – and that they would be informed of timelines via email.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

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Board Secretary

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Board President

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable  
 Presented February 14, 2023  
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending January 31, 2023)

Employee Payroll	01/04/23	105,294.30	
Director's Payroll	01/10/23	3,541.15	
Employee Payroll	01/18/23	106,978.19	
			215,813.64
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		1,593,032.38	1,593,032.38
	Sub-Total		1,808,846.02
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	01/11/23		52,710.51
Director's Tax Deposits	01/13/23		599.00
Employee Tax Deposits	01/25/23		50,642.49
	TOTAL		<u>1,912,798.02</u>