

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: March 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 (Left at 3:16 p.m.)
Jenifer Marshall

DIRECTORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

KRCD Staff
David Merritt
Brian Trevarrow
Charlotte Gallock
Cristel Tufenkjian
Pawan Niroula
Stacy Wright
Binu Brar
Corey McLaughlin
Jacob Courtney

Consultants & Others
Steve Haugen (KRWA)
Rick Stone (RHS Consulting, via Zoom)
John Tufenkjian

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 moving Agenda Item 17 for consideration under Item 18: Closed Session.

3. Public Presentations or Comments

None.

4. Employee Recognition for Years of Service

The following employees were recognized for their years of service:

- Lori Werner – 5 Years
- Jacob Courtney – 5 Years
- Cristel Tufenkjian – 35 Years

5. Resolution 23-05: Recognition of Cristel Tufenkjian

It was moved via a full reading of the Resolution by Director Stanfield, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 23-05, Recognition of Cristel Tufenkjian's Thirty-Five Years of Service on the Occasion of her Retirement.

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

Ms. Tufenkjian shared words of gratitude with the Board and staff present.

6. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the February 14, 2023 Special and Regular Meetings be approved.

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

7. 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 remains in suspension. Directors' questions were addressed.

8. 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.

9. Directors' Reports

None.

10. Business Operations Report (Trevarrow)

Brian Trevarrow provided the Board with a financial position update; the February 2023 Fund Statements; and overall District administrative updates. David Merritt contributed information as needed, with focus on current open positions with the District and the plan for dividing out Cristel's work in the interim. Directors' questions were addressed.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried that bills in the amount of \$1,008,410.84, 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)

11. 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 – including anticipated fees from the State Water Resources Control Board; the Kings Water Alliance – including development of a Management Zone Implementation Plan; and the Fishery Management Program – including difficulties resulting from the wet weather, and collaborative efforts with Water Resources staff, generally, in performing flood patrols along the levee system.

12. Flood Operations & Maintenance Report (Gallock)

A status report was given regarding the overall levee system and monitoring activities, both generally as well as during flood releases during the historic precipitation events happening this year. Directors' questions were addressed.

13. Power Resources Report (Niroula)

Pawan Niroula, with input from David Merritt, provided the Board with an update on Pine Flat operations and maintenance, especially given the issues created by precipitation and runoff levels, as well as an anticipated PG&E line outage for required

maintenance; FERC renewal; and Unit 4 progress updates. Directors' questions were addressed.

14. External Affairs and Legislative Matters (Tufenkjian)

Cristel Tufenkjian noted that her focus was on wrapping activities as she transitions to retirement. David Merritt also updated the Board on Legislative/Advocacy matters of note.

15. General Manager's Report (Merritt)

David Merritt noted certain information in the GM's written report, specifically noting that he attended the Fresno LAFCo hearing regarding the dissolution of Zalda Reclamation District and the status of the analysis of potential use for the Parlier property. Directors' questions and comments were addressed.

ACTION ITEMS

16. Resolution 23-06: Concurrent Resolution for Re-Election of Director Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E. to ACWA-JPIA Executive Committee.

It was moved by Director Yoshimoto, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 23-06, a concurring resolution for the re-election of Director Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E. to the ACWA-JPIA Executive Committee.

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

17. High Speed Rail Agreement

This item was moved for consideration under Closed Session.

18. Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 2:30 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): to confer with legal counsel regarding exposure to two matters of potential litigation.

19. Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:16 p.m. No reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

20. Moving May 2023 Meeting Date

The Board was asked to consider taking action to move the date of the May 2023 Board Meeting.

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried to approve moving the meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in order to accommodate attendance at the ACWA Spring Conference.

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

21. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on April 11, 2023 at the District Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

Board Secretary

Approved on _____, 2023

Board President