

Minutes

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: June 13, 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
Binu Brar
Kevin Garcia
Pawan Niroula
Soua Lee
Corey McLaughlin
Diane Ruble
Pieter Bezemer

Consultants & Others
Steve Haugen (KRWA)
Stephanie Ruble (Public)

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. Employee Recognition for Years of Service

The following employees were recognized for their years of service to the District:

- Diane Ruble – 20 years
- Pieter Bezemer – 25 years

5. Adoption of Resolution 23-08: Authorizing Application for Cal-OES/FEMA Funding

Charlotte Gallock presented information to the Board regarding the purpose for the Resolution. David Merritt noted that the Resolution the Board is asked to approve was edited to reflect his title as General Manager/Chief Executive Officer, rather than merely General Manager, to meet certain Federal requirements.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 23-08: Authorizing Application for Cal-OES/FEMA Funding for flood levee maintenance and operations activities on the Kings River.

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

6. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the May 16, 2023 Special Meeting be approved.

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

7. 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' comments and questions were addressed.

8. Directors' Reports

None.

9. Business Operations Report (Trevarrow)

Brian Trevarrow provided the Board with a financial position update; the May 2023 Fund Statements; and overall District administrative updates. Directors' questions were addressed.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried that bills in the amount of \$1,323,849.73, 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)

10. Water Resources Report (Gallock)

Charlotte Gallock provided the Board with an update on matters related to the Kings River Water Quality Coalition, the Kings Water Alliance, and Environmental (Fisheries).

11. Flood Operations & Maintenance Report (Gallock / Garcia)

Kevin Garcia, with input from Charlotte Gallock and David Merritt as needed, provided a status report regarding the overall levee system under flood flows and related repairs and monitoring activities. Directors' comments and questions were addressed.

12. Power Resources Report (Niroula)

Pawan Niroula provided the Board with an update on Pine Flat operations and maintenance and Unit 4 progress updates. David Merritt provided additional information as needed. Directors' comments and questions were addressed.

13. External Affairs and Legislative Matters (Merritt)

David Merritt updated the Board on Legislative/Advocacy matters of note, especially noting legislation potentially affecting water rights and efforts to ensure water infrastructure funding is included in Bond measures. Meetings with lobbyists/lobbying groups and others were noted. Directors' comments and questions were addressed.

14. General Manager's Report (Merritt)

David Merritt noted certain information in the GM's written report, and noted matters related to the Parlier property owned by KRCD, the McMullin On-Farm Recharge Project, FERC license renewal, and other items of import in the District. Directors' questions and comments were addressed.

ACTION ITEMS

15. Resolution 23-09: Application for U.S. Department of Energy Section 243 Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement (Lee)

The Board received information from Soua Lee regarding the proposed Resolution authorizing the application for funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, which would be used for construction of Unit 4. Additional information was provided by David Merritt as needed. Directors' comments and questions were addressed.

It was moved by Director Yoshimoto, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 23-09: Application for U.S. Department of Energy Section 243 Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement.

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

16. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget and the District Investment Policy

Brian Trevarrow presented highlights of the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget. Directors' comments and questions were addressed.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget.

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

It was further moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried to approve the District Investment Policy as presented.

(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 meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2023 at the District Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Board Secretary

Approved on _____, 2023

Board President