

**Minutes**

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** July 11, 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  
Brandy Swisher  
Binu Brar  
Pawan Niroula  
Stacy Wright  
Corey McLaughlin

Consultants & Others  
Joe Hughes (Legal Counsel)  
Steve Haugen (KRWA)  
Matt Meadows (KRWA)

1. CONVENE

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

2. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

Item 6 was deleted from the agenda to be put forward at a later date.

3. Public Presentations or Comments

None.

4. Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 1:30 p.m. pursuant to:

1. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): to confer with legal counsel regarding exposure to one matter of potential litigation
2. Government Code Section 54957.6: to meet with designated labor negotiators - Flood: Brian Trevarrow, Charlotte Gallock, and Binu Brar; Hydro: Brian Trevarrow, Pawan Niroula, and Stacy Wright - to consider and to authorize the General Manager and Board President to sign, the individual Memorandum of Understanding with Stationary Engineers Local 39 for each of the Hydro Unit and Flood Unit.

5. Return to Open Session

The Board reconvened Open Session at 2:27 p.m.

While in Closed Session, it was moved by Director Yoshimoto, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried that the Board approve the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with Stationary Engineers Local 39 for each of the Hydro Unit and Flood Unit, and to authorize the General Manager and Board President to sign the MOUs; and to apply the 5% COLA, 1 additional Floating Holiday, and vacation sell back to *all* unrepresented employees.

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

6. Amendment of April 11, 2023 Minutes

This item was deleted from the agenda to be put forward at a later date.

7. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Director Yoshimoto, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting be approved.

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

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' comments and questions were addressed.

9. Directors' Reports

Director McKean commended staff on the Flood Operations and Maintenance efforts over the previous months.

Director Kapheim reported on ACWA-JPIA insurance matters of relevance to the District, namely a likely significant increase in property insurance costs in the coming year.

10. Business Operations Report (Trevarrow)

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

It was moved by Director Nonini, seconded by Director Yoshimoto, and unanimously carried that bills in the amount of \$1,010,394.91, 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 noted that there were no updates to, or additional information on, the items in the written report.

12. Flood Operations & Maintenance Report (Gallock)

Charlotte Gallock, with input from 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.

13. 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.

14. External Affairs and Legislative Matters (Merritt)

David Merritt introduced Brandy Swisher; newly hired Director of External Affairs to the Board. 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, as well as developments related to the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Directors' comments and questions were addressed.

15. General Manager's Report (Merritt)

David Merritt noted certain information in the GM's written report, and noted matters related to the dissolution of Zalda Reclamation District via Fresno LAFCo; the Parlier property owned by KRCD and potential solar power projects; the potential raising of Pine Flat Dam; and other items of import in the District. Directors' questions and comments were addressed.

16. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2023 at the District Office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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Board Secretary

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

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Board President