

**Minutes**

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** August 8, 2023 – Tuesday  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Paul Stanfield, President  
Chris Kapheim, Vice-President  
Mike Yoshimoto  
Mark C. McKean  
Anthony Nonini  
Jenifer Marshall

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Ceil W. Howe, Jr.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

KRCD Staff  
David Merritt  
Brian Trevarrow  
Debra Dunn  
Brandy Swisher  
Binu Brar  
Pawan Niroula  
Corey McLaughlin

Consultants & Others  
Steve Haugen (KRWA)

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. Amendment of April 11, 2023 Minutes

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting be amended to correctly reflect the "Aye" vote of Director Nonini on Agenda Item 13, who was incorrectly noted as "Absent."

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

5. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Director Yoshimoto, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting be approved.

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

6. 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.

7. Directors' Reports

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

8. Business Operations Report (Trevarrow)

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

It was moved by Director Marshall, seconded by Director Nonini, and unanimously carried that bills in the amount of \$668,233.31, as presented in the Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable, be approved and ordered paid.

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

9. Water Resources Report (Dunn)

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

10. Flood Operations & Maintenance Report (Merritt)

David Merritt provided a status report regarding the overall levee system and related repairs and monitoring activities. Also noted: the Governor's Executive Order relaxing certain regulatory provisions related to flood levee/channel maintenance activity, and that more work is needed to fully understand the implications for KRCD's work; and continued work related to application for FEMA funding related to flood prevention efforts. Directors' comments and questions were addressed.

11. Power Resources Report (Niroula)

Pawan Niroula introduced the new Plant Operations and Maintenance Supervisor, Guy Loya. Mr. 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.

12. External Affairs and Legislative Matters (Swisher)

Brandy Swisher updated the Board regarding improvements to the KRCD website and outreach activities being carried out on behalf of the District, Kings Water Alliance, Kings River Water Quality Coalition, and the Water Safety Counsel. Also noted was information related to Grant activity in the District. David Merritt provided additional information as needed. Directors' comments and questions were addressed.

13. General Manager's Report (Merritt)

David Merritt updated the Board on Legislative/Advocacy matters of note, especially noting the status of legislation affecting water rights, continued efforts to ensure water infrastructure funding is included in Bond measures, Federal Senate bills related to hydro-licensing reform and aging infrastructure repair, and a Farm Bill listening session Mr. Merritt attended in the morning prior to this Board meeting. Mr. Merritt noted the opening of the nomination process for ACWA Committee memberships. Directors' questions and comments were addressed.

14. Approval of Letter of Support – Kings River Conservancy Purchase of Peck Island (Merritt)

David Merritt provided information to the Board related to the proposed Letter of Support and the reasons it is recommended to send the same.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried to approve sending a Letter of Support in favor of the Kings River Conservancy's purchase of Peck Island, as presented to the Board.

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

15. Approval/Authorization of WRDA 2020 – Continuing Authorities Program Section 165(a) Study Request Letter/Letter of Intent (Gallock)

Charlotte Gallock provided information to the Board related to the proposed Study Request Letter/Letter of Intent and the reasons it is recommended to submit the same.

It was moved by Director McKean, seconded by Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried to approve and authorize the sending of a Study Request Letter/Letter of Intent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under their Continuing Authorities Program as authorized and defined in Section 160 – specifically 165(a) – of WRDA 2020, as presented.

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

16. Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 2:41 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1): Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: General Manager

17. Return to Open Session

The Board reconvened Open Session at 3:20 p.m. No reportable action was taken.

18. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2023 at the District Office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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Board Secretary

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

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Board President

KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 Schedule of Disbursements and Current Accounts Payable  
 Presented August 8, 2023  
 (For Expenditures in the Month Ending July 31, 2023)

Employee Payroll	07/05/23	112,811.28	
Director's Payroll	07/11/23	2,980.68	
Employee Payroll	07/19/23	118,404.54	
			234,196.50
Accounts Payable (KRCD)		325,669.60	325,669.60
	Sub-Total		559,866.10
Ready-Tax Electronic Funds Transfers:			
Employee Tax Deposits	07/12/23		51,234.05
Director's Tax Deposits	07/14/23		601.34
Employee Tax Deposits	07/26/23		56,531.82
	TOTAL		<u>668,233.31</u>