

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (Coalition) held April 16, 2013. The meeting was held at the offices of the Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) located at 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Mark McKean called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

### **DIRECTORS / ALTERNATES PRESENT (24 of 27 members)**

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Director Norman Waldner and Chris Kaphiem  
BURREL DITCH CO. - Director John Maddox  
CLARK'S FORK RECLAMATION DISTRICT #2069 - Alternate Director Clarence Lima  
CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Alternate Director Phil Desatoff  
CORCORAN IRRIGATION CO. - Directors Walter Bricker  
CRESENT CANAL COMPANY - Director Mark McKean  
EMPIRE WEST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Director John Howe  
FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Alternate Director Gary Serrato  
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Director Michael Carvalho  
JOHN HEINLEN MUTUAL WATER COMPANY - Alternate Director Ronnie Silva  
KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Directors Mark McKean, David Orth  
KINGS RIVER WATER DISTRICT - Director Jack Paxton  
LAGUNA IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Director Frank Zonneveld  
LAST CHANCE WATER DITCH CO. - Alternate Director Don Mills  
LEMOORE CANAL AND IRRIGATION CO. - Alternate Director Ronnie Silva  
LIBERTY CANAL CO. - Alternate Mike Nordstrom  
LOVELACE WATER CORP. - Director Walter Bricker  
PEOPLES DITCH CO. - Director Walter Bricker  
REED DITCH CO. - Director Mark McKean  
RIVERDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Alternate Leonard Acquistapace  
SOUTHEAST LAKE WATER CO. - Director Walter Bricker  
TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT - Alternate Director Mark Gilkey  
TULARE LAKE CANAL CO. - Director Walter Bricker  
UPPER SAN JOSE WATER CO. - Director Mike Nordstrom

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Randy McFarland, KRWA  
Steve Haugen, KRWA  
Dave Holland, Sawyers and Holland

### **ADDITION TO OR DELETION FROM THE AGENDA**

None

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **REPORTS**

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP): Mr. Orth reported a Sacramento Superior Court issued a Tentative Ruling in the case dealing with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Long-Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP), and the Short Term Renewal of the ILRP. The ruling was in response to a petition filed by the Southern

San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) and other agricultural parties. Orth reported that the Court's tentative ruling finds that the PEIR was deficient on two grounds (alternatives analysis & cumulative impacts analysis). The Tentative Ruling also found that the Short Term Renewal and the Regional Board's adoption thereof did not comply with the antidegradation policy and the State's Nonpoint Source Policy.

A hearing with respect to the Court's Tentative Ruling was held on Friday, March 29, 2013. Based on the arguments at the hearing, the Court did not affirm the tentative ruling. Rather than adopting the tentative ruling, the judge has requested supplemental briefing with respect to this case.

At this time, it is unknown how the Regional Board intends to precede with adoption of the remaining Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) Orders and undertake the necessary PEIR work.

CV-SALTS: Mr. Orth reported on the activities of the CV-SALTS program and the development of the Conceptual Model to support preparation of the Salt/Nitrate Management Plan (SNMP) scheduled to be completed in June 2013. The project will build off the work completed and focus on completion of regulatory analyses and preparation of documentation to support adoption of the SNMP into the Basin Plan.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The Board approved the meeting Minutes from the November 20, 2012 Special meeting of the Kings River Watershed Coalition.

### **AMENDMENT OF THE SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATER QUALITY COALITION MOU**

Mr. Orth reported Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (Kern) officially announced its intent implement and expanded ILRP on its own. Kaweah and Tule continue to develop mutual benefit non-profit corporations to separate water agencies from the ILRP Implementation Process. Kaweah and Tule have requested the Kings River Watershed Coalition to consider implementation of expanded ILRP on behalf of Kaweah and Tule landowners.

Mr. Gary Sawyers presented an overview of the revised MOU and the decisions to be discussed regarding the future ILRP implementation.

After some discussion the Coalition Authority voted to remain a Coalition and its own third party for general water quality policy issues.

The Board approved and authorized the General Manager to execute changes to the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition Memorandum of Understanding.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 12:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Orth  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Approved