

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (Coalition) held June 18, 2013. The meeting was held at the offices of the Kings River Conservation District (KRCDD) located at 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725.

CALL TO ORDER

President Mark McKean called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

DIRECTORS / ALTERNATES PRESENT (21 of 27 members)

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Director Norman Waldner
 CLARK'S FORK RECLAMATION DISTRICT #2069 - Alternate 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 - Director George Porter/Alternate Gary Serrato
 JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Director Michael Carvalho
 JOHN HEINLEN MUTUAL WATER COMPANY - Alternate Director Ronnie Silva
 KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Director Mark McKean/Alternate David Orth
 LAST CHANCE WATER DITCH CO. - Director Walter Bricker/Alternate 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 Mike Nordstrom
 SOUTHEAST LAKE WATER CO. - Director Walter Bricker
 TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT - Alternate Mark Gilkey
 TULARE LAKE CANAL CO. - Director Walter Bricker
 UPPER SAN JOSE WATER CO. - Director Mike Nordstrom

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Haugen, KRWA
 Rick Hoelzel, KRCDD
 Randy McFarland, Consultant
 Donna Pepper, KRCDD
 Steve Stadler, KRCDD
 JJ Westra, TLBWSD

ADDITION TO OR DELETION FROM THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

REPORTS

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP): Mr. Orth reported on May 22nd, the Sacramento Superior Court Judge issued a final decision on the challenge to the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) filed by the Coalition and various ag parties. The Judge reversed his position from the tentative decision and denied the ag petition, finding the PEIR was sufficient.

Mr. Orth further reported the judge has asked the Regional Board to provide additional information regarding antidegradation and non-point source protection. It is anticipated that the Regional Board will now reschedule the Waste Discharge Requirements for the Coalition service area for action in September/October, 2013.

Mr. Orth presented an overview of a proposed ILRP Planning Schedule for 2013-2015 and distributed a printed timeline chart.

CV-SALTS: Mr. Orth reported on the activities of the CV-SALTS program stating the Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) members engage in CV-SALTS initiatives and are at the table as technical and policy decisions are considered. On May 16th action was taken to amend CVSC bylaws to increase the number of authorized Board members from 20 to 26. A resolution was then passed appointing 24 members to the current Board, which included a seat for the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition (SSJVWQC). This action allows Orth to represent the SSJVWQC vote in technical and policy decisions, ensuring that the Kings River interests are understood and taken into proper account during basin planning for salinity and nitrogen.

Mr. Orth also reported the CV-SALTS Executive Policy Committee met on May 16th and agenda items included anti-degradation review requirements and defining conditions that meet the "maximum benefit" test. The Committee also reviewed the Discussion Outline to Determine What Constitutes "Maximum Benefit", which was represented as a "strawman" for potential guidance to direct permitting processes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Director Howe and seconded by Director Desatoff, approving the meeting Minutes from the April 16, 2013 Special meeting of the Kings River Watershed Coalition as presented.

LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY (LLNL) GROUNDWATER STUDY

Mr. Orth provided an overview of the groundwater study that proposes the use of advanced testing using isotopes and other methodologies at selected locations to determine age and source of nitrates in groundwater. It is anticipated that the proposed pilot project will help to establish the viability of this testing methodology at a broader level to improve characterization of factors impacting groundwater quality.

Mr. Orth reported legal counsels for LLNL and the Coalition are reviewing pertinent language for a contract with requirements, obligations and commitments that both parties will review, approve and sign. No action was taken at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Orth presented an expenditure-to-budget comparison report and a report on the bills paid for the period January 1, 2013 through the meeting date, June 18, 2013.

2013-14 BUDGET

Mr. Orth presented an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget and then answered questions.

After some discussion, it was moved by Director Bricker and seconded by Director Desatoff, approving the 2013-14 Budget as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 1:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Orth
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved