

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (Coalition) held October 15, 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 11:30 a.m.

**DIRECTORS / ALTERNATES PRESENT (21 of 27 members)**

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Director Norman Waldner/ Alt. Chris Kapheim  
CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Alternate Director Phil Desatoff  
CORCORAN IRRIGATION CO. - Directors Walter Bricker/Alt. Carlo Wilcox  
CRESENT CANAL COMPANY - Director Mark McKean  
FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Alternate Gary Serrato  
JOHN HEINLEN MUTUAL WATER COMPANY - Alternate Ronnie Silva  
KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Director Mark McKean/Alternate David Orth  
KINGS RIVER WATER DISTICT - Director Jack Paxton  
LAGUNA IRRIGATION DITRICT - Scott Sills  
LAST CHANCE WATER DITCH CO. - Director Walter Bricker  
LEMOORE CANAL AND IRRIGATION CO. - Alternate Ronnie Silva  
LIBERTY CANAL CO. - Alternate Mike Nordstrom  
LOVELACE WATER CORP. - Director Walter Bricker/ Alt. Mark Unruh  
PEOPLES DITCH CO. - Director Walter Bricker  
REED DITCH CO. - Director Mark McKean/ Alt. Gary Smith  
RIVERDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Director Leonard Acquistapace/Alt. 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**

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| Eric Athorp, KRCD                   | Scott Sills, Laguna I.D. |
| Steve Haugen, KRWA                  | Randy Shilling, KRCD     |
| Rick Hoelzel, KRCD                  | Jose Soto, KRCD          |
| Doug Jensen, Baker, Manock & Jensen | Steve Stadler, KRCD      |
| David Kahn, Riverdale ID            | Donnie Sween, JG Boswell |
| Jarrett Martin, JG Boswell          | JJ Westra, TLBWSD        |
| Randy McFarland, Consultant         |                          |
| Jeff Neely, Fresno I.D.             |                          |
| Donna Pepper, KRCD                  |                          |

**ADDITION TO OR DELETION FROM THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None

## **REPORTS**

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP): Mr. Orth reported the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) adopted the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for the Tulare Lake Basin on September 19, 2013.

Mr. Orth presented an overview of the implementation process for the WDR and proposed outreach efforts scheduled in the future. Mr. Orth noted KRCD staff members are managing phone calls from growers, updating website information, and scheduling workshops in an effort to explain the implementation process and assist landowners/growers in completing the necessary forms for joining the Coalition.

Mr. Orth further reported growers/landowners will be required to file reports annually, including farm and nutrient management practices. Templates for data to be reported regarding the Farm Evaluation and Nutrient Management Plan are being developed. Review by the State Water Resources Control Board Expert Panel may affect the final content of these templates. The Panel will determine what type of information needs to be collected from the growers and reported to whom. The Tulare Lake Basin templates are due to be in use by March 2015.

Mr. Orth also reported the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition (SSJVWQC), on September 24<sup>th</sup>, issued a Request for Qualifications in search of a Water Quality Consultant to represent the SSJVWQC. Responses are due October 31, 2013.

CV-SALTS: Mr. Orth reported on the activities of the CV-SALTS program, including a review of draft Findings and Recommendations related to establishing a narrative translator for salinity to provide "Reasonable Protection" for Agricultural Beneficial Uses.

## **APPLICATION TO ACT AS A THIRD-PARTY**

Mr. Orth reported Kings River Water Quality Coalition is required to submit an application to the Regional Board to serve as a Third-Party under the Tulare Lake Basin Waste Discharge Requirements to represent enrolled land parcels within the Kings River watershed.

After some discussion, it was moved by Alternate Director Kaphiem, and seconded by Alternate Director Serrato, and unanimously approved, to authorize an application be submitted to serve as a Third-Party under the Tulare Lake Basin Waste Discharge Requirements to represent enrolled land parcels within the Kings River watershed.

## **SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE KRWCA**

Mr. Orth asked for authorization to request a proposal from William Thomas of Best, Best and Krieger, to represent the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority as Special Counsel.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved by Director Nordstrom and seconded by Director Nielson, approving the meeting Minutes from the June 18, 2013 Special meeting of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority as presented.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Randy Shilling presented an expenditure-to-budget comparison report and a report on the bills paid for the period July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013.

It was moved by Director Bricker and seconded by Director Serrato, to accept the financial report as presented.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) to confer with Legal Counsel on the following matter – Consideration of a Petition to the SWRCB appealing the CVRWQCB adoption of the Tulare Lake Basin Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program General Order of Waste Discharge. On advice of counsel, the Board has concluded that, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is significant exposure to litigation involving the Coalition with respect to the referenced General Order.

**RECONVENED TO OPEN SSESSION**

President McKean reported the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority took no action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 1:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Orth  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Approved