

*DRAFT* Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (Kings River Coalition) held February 18, 2014. 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  
CRESENT CANAL COMPANY - Director Mark McKean  
EMPIRE WEST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT-Director John Howe  
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 DISTRICT - 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  
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LOVELACE WATER CORP. - Director Walter Bricker  
PEOPLES DITCH CO. - Director Walter Bricker  
REED DITCH CO. - Director Mark McKean  
RIVERDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Director Leonard Acquistapace  
SOUTHEAST LAKE WATER CO. - Director Walter Bricker  
TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE DIST - Director Walter Bricker/Alternate Mark Gilkey  
TULARE LAKE CANAL CO. - Director Walter Bricker  
TULARE LAKE RECLAMATION DIST #761 - John Howe  
UPPER SAN JOSE WATER CO. - Director Mike Nordstrom

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

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| Eric Athorp, KRCD                      | Randy McFarland, Consultant |
| Bill McGlasson, Lemoore Canal          | Donna Pepper, KRCD          |
| Steve Haugen, KRWA                     | Gary Sawyers, Legal Counsel |
| Rick Hoelzel, KRCD                     | Randy Shilling, KRCD        |
| David Holland, Bolen, Fransen, Sawyers | Zack Smith, Lemoore Canal   |
| Tom Hurlbutt, J.G. Boswell             | Jose Soto, KRCD             |
| Kevin Johansen, Provost & Prichard     | Steve Stadler, KRCD         |

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

None

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None

## REPORTS

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP): David Orth reported growers/landowners within the Kings River service area have a deadline of May 19, 2014 to join the Coalition to be compliant under the Tulare Lake Basin General Order. If not enrolled after the deadline, landowners will be required to work directly with the Regional Board Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). Mr. Orth further reported the Regional Board has begun sending letters to landowners informing them of the deadline and guiding them towards the Coalition. Mr. Orth reported staff continues the outreach workshops for growers/landowners regarding the implementation of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and invited Coalition members to call staff to schedule a workshop or direct growers with questions to the phone number.

Surface Water Outline/Monitoring Sites: Rick Hoelzel reported the surface water monitoring outline was submitted to the Regional Board January 20<sup>th</sup>. A plan will follow with additional site locations at the Army Corps of Engineers Bridge, and Cross Creek. We have not received a response from the Regional Board as of this date. A map of the Surface Water monitoring stations will be sent to the Coalition members.

Groundwater Assessment Report (GAR): Steve Stadler reported the GAR outline is being submitted to the Regional Board today, February 18, 2014.

SureHarvest Agreement: Mr. Orth reported several joint coalition conference calls were held during January and February to discuss legal matters concerning a patent held by SureHarvest. A draft License Agreement is under review by legal counsel and will be brought to the Board before finalization.

Formation of Landowner Advisory Group: Mr. Orth recommended that a Growers Advisory Committee from landowners within the Kings River Water Quality Coalition boundaries be formed. The Advisory Committee would be composed of approximately 16 members that the Coalition Board would select from irrigation districts and commodity groups within the Coalition boundaries. The committee could occasionally request input from experts representing organizations such as the Natural Resources Conservation Service or the UC Cooperative Extension. The opinions and concerns of the Committee will be incorporated into policies and practices of the ILRP. Committee members would be asked to inform and update their respective industry groups about ILRP developments and share information with their community of growers. Mr. Orth requested members to submit names for the Committee within 60-90 days.

Fallow Land: Steve Stadler reported on how the Coalition proposes to handle fallow land within the membership reporting requirements. Mr. Stadler further reported on the staff recommendation that any parcel of land that is not intended to be irrigated during the program year of July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> would be listed in the program but enrolled as zero acres. Members will have to be absolutely certain that a parcel of land will not be irrigated between that program period because at this time staff does not have the ability to list a parcel and then subtract it from the list in the middle of the program. If you might irrigate a parcel of land that is currently fallow, it is subject to the requirements and you must list it in the program and pay the required fees.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Director Bricker and seconded by Director Nordstrom, approving the meeting Minutes from the October 15, 2013 Special meeting of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority as presented.

**(VOTE: Yes**-the following Directors:

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(VOTE: No: None)

### **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 December 31, 2013, as presented.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Orth  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Approved