

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (Kings River Coalition) held February 17, 2015. 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 (16 of 27 Members Present)

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OTHERS PRESENT

Casey Creamer, KRCD	Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District
Larry Cruff, CID	Donna Pepper, KRCD
Steve Haugen, KRWA	Gary Sawyers, Legal Counsel
Rick Hoelzel, KRCD	Randy Shilling, KRCD
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD	Bill Stretch, Fresno ID
Kevin Johansen, Provost & Pritchard	JJ Westra, TLBWS

ADDITION TO OR DELETION FROM THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

REPORTS

Policy Updates: Casey Creamer, Coalition Coordinator, presented an overview of the actions the staff has made in regards to the Annual Membership Meeting on February 6th and the process moving forward. Additional workshops have and will be scheduled to meet the needs of our membership and an Annual Meeting group will be formed to help plan next year's outreach activities. Mr. Creamer also informed the board on efforts to coordinated data management with other coalitions and vendors as well as a status update on a Request for Proposals for hiring a technical consultant(s) to develop and implement the Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP).

Outreach Updates: Cristel Tufenkjian, Outreach Coordinator, presented an overview of the scheduled Nitrogen Management Plan workshops and additional meetings that are being worked on. A postcard notice will be sent to all members as soon as all dates are finalized. Ms. Tufenkjian reported the video presentations from the 1st Annual Membership meeting on March 5th will be posted on the Coalition website in the next week.

Implementation Updates: Richard Hoelzel, Manager, presented an overview of the Coalition's response to the Regional Board on the submitted Surface Water Monitoring Plan. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) commented that the plan did not adequately characterize all waters of the state in the area and that additional sites should be monitored including conveyance systems. Coalition staff held a conference call with Clay Rodgers and other Regional Board staff to address the issues. A tour was set up of the

current monitoring sites with Regional Board staff which helped illustrate the sufficiency of the current Surface Water Monitoring Plan. As a result, the Surface Water Monitoring Plan is being revised by Eric Athorp, Program Manager, with minor changes.

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting

It was moved by Director Bricker, and seconded by Director Sills, and unanimously approved, the meeting Minutes from the January 20, 2015 meeting of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority as presented.

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 VOTE: NO- None VOTE: ABSTAIN-None)

2014/2015 Budget Modifications

Randy Shilling, Assistant Treasurer, presented budget adjustments to align actual income and expenses with budgeted amounts.

It was moved by Director Bricker, and seconded by Director Sills, and unanimously approved, the budget adjustments to align actual income and expenses with budgeted amounts as presented.

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Financial Report

Mr. Shilling presented an expenditure to budget comparison report for the period ending January 31, 2015.

It was moved by Director Gilkey, and seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously approved, the expenditure to budget comparison report for the period ending Janaury 31, 2015 as presented.

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Groundwater Assessment Report

Mr. Creamer presented an update on the ongoing activities relating to the submitted Groundwater Assessment Report and potential modifications as a result of continued dialogue with Regional Board staff. A second meeting with Regional Board staff is scheduled for February 24th at 1:30 pm. No action was taken on this item.

CV-SALTS/Antidegradation Policy Agreement

Mr. Creamer presented an overview of the CV-SALTS and Antidegradation cost share agreement with other Southern valley coalitions. The Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition (South Valley Coalition) are currently members of the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) and the corresponding non-profit entity the Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC). Membership and board member level involvement in the CVSC allows South Valley Coalition to be an Executive Committee member of CV-SALTS. Annual membership in CVSC is \$20,000. Kings River Coalition staff is the designated representative for CV-SALTS and is reimbursed by the South Valley Coalition for time spent at CV-SALTS Executive Committee Policy sessions.

Mr. Creamer further reported in October of 2014, the South Valley Coalition reorganized and determined CV-SALTS participation was no longer part of the agreement. Several of the parties wanted to remain involved, but many believed the participants would be broader than the coalition groups. Others believed that the cost share arrangement should be acreage based and not on an equal share basis. It also became apparent that legal representation at CV-SALTS and in discussions on the Antidegradation Policy was needed. Mr. Creamer also reported that a final cost share agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel.

Proposed budget and cost share agreement:

<u>Coalition</u>	<u>Percentage / Amount</u>	
Kings River WQC	25%	\$20,000
Kaweah Basin WQA	25%	\$20,000
Kern River WCA	25%	\$20,000
Tule Basin WQC	12.5%	\$10,000
Buena Vista Coalition	12.5%	\$10,000
Total	100%	\$80,000

After some discussion, it was moved by Director Bricker, and seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously approved, authorizing the President to sign the cost share agreement for CV-SALTS and the Antidegradation Policy.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 12:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Orth
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved