

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (Kings River Coalition) held April 21, 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 11:40 a.m.

### **DIRECTORS / ALTERNATES PRESENT (16 of 27 Members Present)**

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT- Director Norm Waldner, Alternate Chris Kaphiem  
 CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT- Alternate Director Phil Desatoff  
 CORCORAN IRRIGATION CO.- Director Walter Bricker  
 CRESENT CANAL COMPANY - Director Mark McKean  
 EMPIRE WEST SIDE ID – Director John Howe  
 JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT – Alternate Director Steve Stadler  
 JOHN HEINLEN MUTUAL WATER CO. – Alternate Director Ronnie Silva  
 KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Alternate Director David Orth  
 KINGS RIVER WATER DISTRICT- Alternate Director Steve Boos  
 LAGUNA IRRIGATION DISTRICT- Director Frank Zonneveld, Alternate Scott Sills  
 LAST CHANCE WATER DITCH CO. - Director Walter Bricker  
 LEMOORE CANAL & IRRIGATION CO. – Director Ronnie Silva  
 LIBERTY CANAL CO. – Director Mike Nordstrom  
 LIBERTY MILL RACE CO. – Alternate Director Rodney Kamper  
 LOVELACE WATER CORPORATION - Director Walter Bricker  
 PEOPLES DITCH CO. - Director Walter Bricker  
 REED DITCH CO. - Director Mark McKean  
 RIVERDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT – Alternate Director Mike Nordstrom  
 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  
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### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Casey Creamer, KRCD	Randy Shilling, KRCD
Steve Haugen, KRWA	JJ Westra, TLBWS
Rick Hoelzel, KRCD	
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD	
Matt Hurley, Angiola Water District	

**ADDITION TO OR DELETION FROM THE AGENDA:** None

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:** None

### **REPORTS**

Policy Updates: Casey Creamer, Coalition Coordinator, presented an overview of the Nitrogen Management Plan Technical Workgroup that is scheduled to begin with the first meeting on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the workgroup is to identify Nitrogen removal knowledge gaps. Mr. Creamer also informed the board on early discussions to develop partnerships with local farm groups to develop and implement the Nitrogen Management Plan Grower Certification program. The program curriculum is currently in development by CDFA and certification will be needed for a large number of growers by March of 2016. Mr. Creamer also updated the Board on the timelines of the Management Practices Evaluation Program Request for Qualifications and ongoing activities regarding CV-SALTS.

Outreach Updates: Cristel Tufenkjian, Outreach Coordinator, presented an overview of the 2015-2016 Regional Annual Meeting Outreach Plan and updated the Board on efforts to improve the website.

Implementation Updates: Richard Hoelzel, Manager, presented a membership and enrollment update. The Regional Board sent out 44 notices to comply to landowners in our area and all of those landowners have filed membership applications with the Kings River Coalition. Mr. Hoelzel also updated the Board on progress on the Pilot Isotope Study being conducted by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) within the Alta Irrigation District (AID). Agreements are in place between AID and landowners of 25 potential sample sites. LLNL is in the process of selecting 15 of the 25 potential sample sites for the study.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting**

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

(VOTE: YES- ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT- Director Norm Waldner, Alternate Chris Kaphiem  
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 VOTE: NO- None VOTE: ABSTAIN-None)

### **Financial Report**

Randy Shilling, Assistant Treasurer, presented an expense to budget comparison report for the period ending March 31, 2015 and a preliminary 2015/2016 budget. It was moved by Director Bricker, and seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously approved, the expense to budget comparison report for the period ending March 31, 2015 as presented.

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 VOTE: NO- None VOTE: ABSTAIN-None)

### **Groundwater Assessment Report (GAR)**

Mr. Creamer presented an overview of the Kings River Coalition’s efforts to work with the Regional Board staff on the submitted GAR, an update on the meeting with the Executive Officer of the Regional Board, and discussed the Kings River Coalition’s options regarding next steps. After discussion, the Board consented to the staff recommendation that a full review of the submitted GAR by the Regional Board is needed before additional actions can be evaluated by the Board. No action was taken on this item.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 12:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Orth  
 Secretary/Treasurer

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Approved