



KINGS RIVER WATER QUALITY COALITION

Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority

June 20, 2017 at 11:20 a.m.
KRCDC Offices Board Room

Called to Order: 12:21 p.m. **Adjourned:** 1:39 p.m.
Facilitator: President McKean **Note taker:** Christine Simon

Present: Directors/Alternates (16 of 27 Members Present):

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Consultants & Others:

Diane Coderniz, Baker, Mock, Jensen	Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCDC
Joe Hughes, Klein-DeNatale-Goldner	Brian Trevarrow, KRCDC
Casey Creamer, Coordinator	David DeGroot, 4 Creeks, Inc.
Paul Peschel, KRCDC	Matt Razor, 4 Creeks, Inc.
Christine Simon, KRCDC	Augustin C. Ramirez, Consolidated ID
Randy Shilling, KRCDC	Bill Stretch, Fresno ID

Absent:

Directors (11 Members Absent):

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BURREL DITCH CO.
CORCORAN IRRIGATION CO
FRESNO ID
LAST CHANCE WATER DITCH CO.
LIBERTY MILL RACE CO.

LOVELACE WATER CORP.
PEOPLES DITCH CO.
SOUTHEAST LAKE WATER CO.
TULARE LAKE CANAL CO.
TULARE LAKE RECLAM DIST #761

Minutes

1. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

- a. None.

Actions:

- a. None.
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2. Public Presentation

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

- a. None.

Actions:

- a. None.
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3. Coordinator Report

Presenter: Casey Creamer

Discussion:

- a. Casey Creamer, Coordinator, reported on the following items:
 - i. Creamer expects a proposal to coordinate surface water monitoring with the bovine and feedlot industry will come to the Kings River Water Quality Coalition (KRWQC) in the next 6-12 months. The dairy industry is also expecting to have their orders revised to acquire surface water monitoring as well.
 - ii. Conversations with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regarding East San Joaquin Petition are ongoing; the last meeting occurred on June 6, 2017. The group came to agreement regarding protecting grower data privacy, while still allowing the aggregated data to be public. It was expressed that the intent of showing this data is to track that best management practices are used to produce a decline in Nitrogen applied per township.
 - iii. Southern Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) Workplan – Received conditional approval on May 23, 2017 and presented at a SWRCB regional hearing on June 8, 2017. The program is now working with the Northern members for the next 12-18 months in order to coordinate efforts on our model. Southern MPEP received \$2 million in FREP Grants to conduct N Removed Refinement and Rapid Rate of Transit studies.
 - iv. CV-SALTS – Staff is working on nitrate and salinity language to include in basin plan amendments to reflect the Coalition's work in the area. Cristel Tufenkjian, Outreach Coordinator, reported on the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) brochure that was developed by the CV-SALTS Public Outreach Committee. The brochure will be distributed at outreach events and as mailers.

Actions:

- a. None.

4. Technical Consultant Report

Presenter: 4 Creeks

Discussion:

- a. Creamer explained the proposal process that led to selecting 4 Creeks as the Technical Consultant for the Coalition.
- b. David De Groot, Vice President, 4 Creeks, explained the services they offer to the Coalition and summarized the 2017/2018 Technical Consulting Budget Overview handout for the Coalition.
- c. De Groot explained the decision to move with a regional approach prior to submitting a Groundwater Quality Trend Monitoring Workplan to ensure consistency within our area.
- d. Creamer explained 4 Creeks work with the Tule Basin Water Quality Coalition on Tule's trend groundwater monitoring program.

Actions:

- a. None.

5. Approval of the Minutes

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

- a. None.

Actions:

- a. Approved: It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Nordstrom, and unanimously approved, the Minutes of the April 18, 2017 Regular Meeting, as presented.

AYES-

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NOES- None.

ABSTAIN- None.

6. Financial Report

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

- a. Randy Shilling, Assistant Treasurer, summarized the Financial Report for the Coalition, explaining that the revenue in the profit/loss section is less this month since grant money is billed quarterly, and not monthly.

Actions:

- a. Approved: It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and unanimously approved to approve the expenditure to budget comparison report for the period ending May 31, 2017, as presented.

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NOES- None.

ABSTAIN- None.

7. 2017/2018 Proposed Budget

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

- a. Randy Shilling, Assistant Treasurer, summarized the 2017/2018 Proposed Budget for the Coalition, as recommended for the Board's approval by the Coalition's Ad Hoc Budget Committee.
- b. The State Board fee is not finalized and is expected to be announced in late August.
- c. Given issues in flux, the Budget Committee recommended holding fees the same as prior years' and use reserves to fund the 2017/2018 deficit.
- d. It was recommended to the Board to itemize the fee breakdown on invoices sent to growers.

Actions:

- a. Approved: It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director Silva, and unanimously approved the 2017-18 Fiscal Year Budget and membership dues schedule as presented.

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NOES- None.

ABSTAIN- None.

8. Legal Representation Agreement

Presenter: Casey Creamer

Discussion:

- a. Bill Thomas, a lawyer on retainer for the Coalition, moved firms resulting in the need to approve an updated agreement.

Actions:

- a. Approved: It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director Nordstrom, and unanimously approved to authorize the President and/or his designee to enter into a legal representation agreement with William Thomas of Downey Brand.

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NOES-

None.

ABSTAIN-

None.

9. Resolution No. 17-01

Presenter: Casey Creamer

Discussion:

- a. A public agency is needed to administer the CV-SALTS process, funded by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority can no longer administer the rest of the process.
- b. The Coalition is qualified and capable of handling the remaining administrative work to distribute the \$500,000 in contract money.

Actions:

- a. Approved: It was moved by Director Zonneveld, and seconded by Director Stadler, and unanimously approved to authorize the application of a Cleanup and Abatement Account Grant with the State Water Resources Control Board.

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NOES- None.

ABSTAIN- None.

10. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

- a. The Board met in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with counsel regarding the subpoena for records and documents in the matter of the State Water Resources Control Board Enforcement Division investigation of: *Kings Basin Water Quality and Nitrogen Application*.

Actions:

- a. None.

11. Reconvene to Open Session

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

- a. None.

Actions:

- a. None.

12. Adjournment

Presenter: President McKean

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Submitted by:

Paul Peschel, P.E.
Board Secretary

_____ approved on August 15, 2017
Board President