

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (Authority or Kings Coalition) held February 21, 2017. 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 11:26 a.m.

DIRECTORS / ALTERNATES PRESENT (9 of 27 Members Present)

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT – Alt Director Chad Wegley
CRESCENT CANAL COMPANY - Director Mark McKean
FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT – Director George Porter
KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Director David Cehrs, Alt Director Mark McKean
KINGS RIVER WATER DISTRICT – Director Jack Paxton
LAGUNA IRRIGATION DISTRICT – Director Frank Zonneveld, Alt Director Scott Sills
REED DITCH COMPANY - Director Mark McKean
TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT – Alt Director Mark Gilkey

OTHERS PRESENT

Casey Creamer, Coordinator	Lauren Layne, Baker, Manock & Jensen
Rick Hoelzel, KRCD	Dennis Mills, Kings Co. Water District
Joe Hughes, General Counsel	Eric Osterling, KRCD
Tom Hurlbutt, J.G. Boswell	Paul Peschel, KRCD
David Kahn, Kahn, Soares & Conway	Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
	Brian Trevarrow, KRCD
	Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD

ADDITION TO OR DELETION FROM THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

REPORTS

Casey Creamer, Coordinator, provided the following updates to the Board:

1. Compliance Assistance Workshops held in January and February
2. Staff efforts surrounding the March 1st reporting deadline
3. Updates to the online data management system
4. Sediment and Erosion Control Plan Self-certification course
5. Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) planned outreach meetings and coordination discussions with the Northern MPEP group
6. N Removed Report prepared by Dr. Daniel Geisseler on behalf of the Central Valley Coalitions
7. Provided an overview of the meeting with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Member Dorene D'Adamo on the East San Joaquin Petition
8. SWRCB proposed increase from \$0.75 to \$0.91 per irrigated acre and presented a comparison of South Valley Coalition dues.

Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Director Kamper, and seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously approved, the Minutes of the December 21, 2016 Regular Meeting as presented.

(Vote Record- YES-

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NOES- None, Abstain- None)

Financial Report

Randy Shilling presented the expenditure to budget comparison report for the period ending January 31, 2017.

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, and seconded by Director Kamper, and unanimously carried, approving the expenditure to budget comparison report for the period ending January 31, 2017 as presented.

(Vote Record- YES-

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Request for Qualifications for Technical Consulting Firm

Casey Creamer presented the need for technical assistance to prepare and revise several coalition reporting documents and for assistance in project management. Creamer recommended sending a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to Provost and Pritchard and 4 Creeks Consulting firms. The two firms have vast experience in implementing the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and specifically the Tulare Lake Basin Waste Discharge Requirements.

After discussion, staff was directed to prepare and release an RFQ for Technical Consulting to 4 Creeks and Provost and Pritchard.

Closed Session

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.*

No reportable action was taken by the Board during closed session and regular session was reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Paul G. Peschel, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: _____ on April 18, 2017
President