

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (Authority or Kings Coalition) held April 19, 2016. 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 11:10 a.m.

DIRECTORS / ALTERNATES PRESENT (23 of 27 Members Present)

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OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Athorp, KRCD	Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District
Diane Coderniz, Baker-Manock-Jensen	Donna Pepper, KRCD
Casey Creamer, Coordinator	Paul Peschel, KRCD
Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Assoc	Randy Shilling, Treasurer
Joseph D. Hughes, Klein-DeNatale-Goldner	Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Tom Hurlbutt, JG Boswell	

ADDITION TO OR DELETION FROM THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

AGENDA ITEM 8-PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

President McKean reported that Agenda Item 8 would be moved and heard at the beginning of the Agenda in order for Legal Counsel to be present and give direction to the Board.

Mr. Creamer presented an overview of the Public Records Act request from Keith Freitas. Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel, presented the options of responding to the request for information.

After some discussion, it was moved by Director Kapheim, and seconded by Director Stadler, and unanimously carried, to send a letter to Mr. Freitas acknowledging his request and informing him that pursuant to Government Code § 6253(c) the Coalition exercises its right to extend the response time beyond the ten-day period, to search for, collect, and appropriately examine the voluminous amount of separate and distinct records demanded in the request and to consult with counsel. The letter shall give the anticipated date of the response within the 14-day extension period.

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REPORTS

Policy Updates: Casey Creamer, Coalition Coordinator, presented an update of the activities of the Kings River Water Quality Coalition (Kings Coalition) reporting a Conditional Approval of the Sediment and Erosion Control Plan which identifies 78 Coalition members with 300 parcels that need to complete and certify a plan.

Mr. Creamer also reported the Southern San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) Committee met on April 6th with Dr. John Dickey of PlanTierra. The Committee received updates from Dr. Dickey on current activities relating to budget, workplan status, and coordination with key individuals at UC Cooperative Extension and the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The Committee also approved an additional scope of work to have the consulting team prepare an application for a large national NRCS Conservation Incentives Grant.

Mr. Creamer also reported on the East San Joaquin Petition (Petition) to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The State Water Board announced two public workshops to hear comment on the proposed order, on May 4, 2016, in Sacramento, and May 17, 2016, in Fresno, and set the written public comment deadline for May 18, 2016. Staff has been actively participating in coordinated discussions with other coalitions, agricultural groups, and even the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board on concerns with the State Water Board's response to the Petition of the East San Joaquin General Order for irrigated lands. The proposed modifications are precedent setting and will apply statewide upon adoption.

Staff is coordinating panels for the May 17th workshop in Fresno and will be working with local agricultural groups to increase participation. Mr. Creamer presented a matrix of key issues that will be the focus of the comments to the State Water Board in regards to the Petition and asked for input, recommendations, support or opposition to those issues.

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting

It was moved by Director Kapheim, and seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously approved, the meeting Minutes from the February 16, 2016 meeting of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority as presented.

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Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer

President McKean reported that upon the departure of David Orth there is an opening for Board Secretary/Treasurer. President McKean nominated Paul G. Peschel to be appointed as Secretary Treasurer.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, and seconded by Director Sills, and unanimously approved, appointing Paul G. Peschel as Secretary Treasurer.

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Resolution No. 16-01

It was moved by Director Kapheim, and seconded by Director Desatoff, and unanimously approved, to designate JP Morgan Chase Bank as the depository of the Authority's funds to have custody of said funds, and; Mark C. McKean, President; Larry Cruff, Vice President; Paul G. Peschel, Secretary/Treasurer; and, Randy Shilling, Assistant Treasurer, are authorized to withdraw funds from said accounts by checks, drafts or other items, for and on behalf of the Authority.

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Financial Report

Randy Shilling, Assistant Treasurer, presented an expense to budget comparison report for the period ending March 31, 2016 for FY 2015-16.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, and seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously approved, the expense to budget comparison report for the period ending March 31, 2016 for FY 2015-16 as presented.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 12:35 P.M.

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

Approved: Mark McKean on June 21, 2016
 President