

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

DIRECTORS / ALTERNATES PRESENT (19 of 27 Members Present)

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT- Alt Director Chris Kapheim
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OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Athorp, KRCD	Paul Peschel, KRCD
Jeff Boswell, Fresno Irrigation District, Counsel	Randy Shilling, KRCD
Casey Creamer, Coordinator	Jose Soto, KRCD
Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Assoc	Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Joseph D. Hughes, Klein-DeNatale-Goldner	Brian Trevarrow, KRCD
Doug Jensen, Baker-Manock-Jensen	Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Lauren Layne, Baker Manock-Jensen	JJ Westra, Tulare Lake Basin WSD
Donna Pepper, KRCD	

ADDITION TO OR DELETION FROM THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

REPORTS

Policy Updates: Casey Creamer, Coordinator, presented a schedule of Coalition Board meetings through the end of the year. Mr. Creamer noted that on July 19th a Special meeting will be held for a presentation on the Isotope Study to be given by Research Scientist, Brad Esser of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Mr. Cremer also provided an update on the East San Joaquin Petition (Petition) to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). Key items discussed were the Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) Discussion Draft, audit process, domestic sampling requirements, High/Low Vulnerability and the content of the Nitrate Management Plan. Mr. Cremer further reported that it was decided there will be no individual data submittal requirement.

Mr. Cremer also reported on the CV-SALTS Workshop scheduled for June 22nd in Rancho Cordova to discuss the Salt and Nitrate Management Plan (SNMP), Nitrate Strategy, CEQA/Economic Analysis, and Basin Plan Amendments.

Implementation Updates: Mr. Cremer reported the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) has begun contacting nonmembers of the Coalition. If any growers receive a notice of violation, encourage them to join the Coalition to avoid fines imposed by the Regional Board.

Mr. Cremer noted that significant improvements have been made on the Farm Evaluation Surveys and efforts to move forward will continue.

Outreach Updates: Cristel Tufenkjian presented an overview of the outreach goals and compliance events for growers over the next twelve months.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, and seconded by Director Desatoff, and unanimously approved, the Minutes of the April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting and the May 17, 2016 Special Meeting as presented.

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 No-None, **ABSTAIN**-None)*

Financial Report

Randy Shilling, Assistant treasurer, presented the expenditure to budget comparison report for the period ending May 31, 2016.

It was moved by Director Cehrs, and seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously carried, approving the expenditure to budget comparison report for the period ending May 31, 2016 as presented.

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CVSC Nitrate Drinking Water Fund

Mr. Creamer reported the Kings Coalition serves as the Coordinator and Fiscal Agent for the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition (South Coalition). The South Coalition has been a member of the Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CVSC) since January 2013. The CVSC is a non-profit entity formed by waste discharge permittees for the purposes of funding certain aspects of the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) stakeholder process. The primary purpose of CV-SALTS is to develop sustainable salinity and nitrate management planning for the Central Valley and has adopted the following goals: (1) Sustain the Valley's lifestyle; (2) Support regional economic growth; (3) Retain a world-class agricultural economy; (4) Maintain a reliable, high quality urban water supply; and (5) Protect and enhance the environment.

Mr. Creamer further reported the CV-SALTS process has been in existence for ten years and is finalizing a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP) by the end of the year which will then lead to the development of Basin Plan Amendments. Basin Plan Amendments are expected to grant the Regional Board additional management tools, such as the formation of management zones and use of offsets to address drinking water issues at the tap instead of at permittees' discharge points. These amendments are necessary to legalize farming.

Mr. Creamer noted that recently, significant concern has been expressed to the Regional Board that CV-SALTS has not made any progress towards addressing drinking water issues and that progress is still years away. State Water Resources Control Board staff advanced the idea of issuing Cleanup and Abatement Orders in the Central Valley similar to actions that were taken on the Central Coast.

Mr. Creamer also reported in order to show good faith to all involved; the Central Valley Salinity Coalition has established a Nitrate Drinking Water Fund to temporarily assist some disadvantaged communities who have water that is highly impacted with nitrates. Additional contributions are necessary from the Kings River Coalition and other CVSC members to meet a near term goal of \$500,000. A small group has been working through Self-Help Enterprises to identify communities and projects that are assisting with nitrate issues in the Central Valley.

Mr. Creamer recommended the Board authorize a \$50,000 contribution to the CVSC Nitrate Drinking Water Fund for purposes of temporarily supporting targeted drinking water projects for disadvantaged communities struggling with nitrate issues. The \$50,000 contribution would be shifted from funds currently designated for Trend Groundwater Monitoring.

It was moved by Director Bricker, and seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously approved, authorizing a \$50,000 contribution to the CVSC Nitrate Drinking Water Fund for purposes of temporarily supporting targeted drinking water projects for disadvantaged communities struggling with nitrate issues.

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2016-2017 Proposed Fiscal Budget

Mr. Shilling presented an overview of the proposed 2016-2017 Fiscal Budget and membership dues schedule.

It was moved by Director Kapheim, and seconded by Director Bricker, and unanimously approved, authorizing the 2016-2017 Fiscal Budget and membership dues schedule as presented.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 12:37 P.M.

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

Approved: MMCKean on August 16, 2016
President