

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (Authority or Kings Coalition) held August 16, 2016. The meeting was held at the offices of the Kings River Conservation District (KRCDD) located at 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725.

CALL TO ORDER

President Mark McKean called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

DIRECTORS / ALTERNATES PRESENT (17 of 27 Members Present)

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT- Director Norman Waldner, Alt Director Chris Kapheim
CLARKS FORK RECL DIST #2069 – Director Ron Allvin
CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT-Director Larry Cruff, Alt Director Phil Desatoff
CORCORAN IRRIGATION COMPANY- Alt Director Mark Unruh
CRESCENT CANAL COMPANY-Director Mark McKean
EMPIRE WEST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Director John Howe
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT-Alt Director Steve Stadler
KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT-Director David Cehrs, Alt Director Mark McKean
LAGUNA IRRIGATION DISTRICT-Director Frank Zonneveld, Alt Director Scott Sills
LAST CHANCE WATER DITCH CO- Alt Director Mark Unruh
LIBERTY MILL RACE Co. – Alt Director Rodney Kamper
LOVELACE WATER CORPORATION-Alt Director Mark Unruh
REED DITCH COMPANY -Director Mark McKean
RIVERDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT-Director Leonard Acquistapace
SOUTHEAST LAKE WATER COMPANY- Alt Director Mark Unruh
TULARE LAKE CANAL COMPANY- Alt Director Mark Unruh
TULARE LAKE RECLAMATION DIST #761- Director Ceil Howe Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT

Casey Creamer, Coordinator	Lauren Layne, Baker Manock-Jensen
Diana Coderniz, Baker-Manock-Jensen	Donna Pepper, KRCDD
Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Assoc	Paul Peschel, KRCDD
Joseph D. Hughes, Klein-DeNatale-Goldner	Randy Shilling, KRCDD
Lauren Layne, Baker Manock-Jensen	Bill Stretch, FID
Donna Pepper, KRCDD	Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCDD
Paul Peschel, KRCDD	JJ Westra, Tulare Lake Basin WSD

ADDITION TO OR DELETION FROM THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

REPORTS

Casey Creamer, Coordinator, reported the Coalition has submitted the required report of compliance regarding the participation of members in outreach events, and a required report of members who submitted Farm Evaluation Surveys.

Mr. Creamer also provided an update to the Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) that a discussion draft was submitted to the Regional Board which was entered into the record for the East San Joaquin Coalition Petition and it was well received.

Mr. Creamer reported on the Sediment and Erosion program noting that in connection with the East San Joaquin Coalition, released an RFP for a Consulting Firm to develop a self-certification program that will allow growers to certify their plans. Several firms are being interviewed.

Regarding the East San Joaquin Petition, Mr. Creamer reported State Water Resources Control Board staff has reviewed all the comment letters and are in the process of revising a Draft Order which is anticipated in September. A small group of coalition representatives, environmental justice representatives and the Regional Board are continuing to meet to see if there are some areas of mutual agreement regarding the petition.

Mr. Creamer provided an update on the activities within the CV-SALTS program. Mr. Creamer reported the program has been significantly leveraged by the environmental justice community regarding the drinking water issues, so trying to develop reasonable solutions has been difficult. In a Sub-committee meeting on August 1st, it was determined that salinity is a statewide or a Central Valley issue and the focus should not be on the Tulare Lake Basin where there are exceeded salt limits in many areas. The focus should be on the Sacramento valley which is clean and ensure it does not become salted up. Mr. Creamer further reported a priority and optimizations study is the next step in addressing salinity issues. Permittees will have the option of meeting the current standards or participating in the statewide effort.

In the Nitrate Permitting Strategy, the Kings sub-basin and Tulare Lake sub-basin are in the third priority tier. We are continuing efforts to avoid an unworkable 270-day decision window from the adoption of the Basin Plan Amendments. The timeclock should be triggered upon official notification from the Regional Board and should be more refined than the basin and sub basin level. This item will be a major discussion at the September CV-SALTS meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, and seconded by Director Desatoff, and unanimously approved, the Minutes of the June 21, 2016 Regular Meeting and the July 19, 2016 Special Meeting as presented.

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NOES- None, Abstain- None)*

Financial Report

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

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

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Final Isotope Study

Mr. Creamer reported at the July meeting Brad Esser, of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, presented an overview of the Groundwater Age and Nitrate Isotopic Composition in Alta Irrigation District report.

After some discussion, it was determine that a small committee be formed to review the report and make recommendations of strategies to move forward with presenting the data to maximize the benefits to the agriculture community. No action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 1:05 P.M.

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

Approved: _____ on September 20, 2016
President