

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (Kings River Coalition) held December 15, 2015. 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)

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Director Norman Waldner
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OTHERS PRESENT

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| Eric Athorp, KRCD | Gary Sawyers, Bolen, Fransen, Sawyers |
| Casey Creamer, Coordinator | Emma Sills, Cal Poly |
| John Dickey, PlanTierra LLC | Randy Shilling, Treasurer |
| Alison Einolander, Cal Poly | Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District |
| Rick Hoelzel, KRCD | Brian Trevarrow, KRCD |
| David Merritt, KRCD | Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD |
| Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District | |
| Donna Pepper, KRCD | |

ADDITION TO OR DELETION FROM THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

REPORTS

Policy Updates: Casey Creamer, Coalition Coordinator, presented an update of the membership renewal process reporting \$1,700,000 of the \$1,800,000 fees billed have been received by the Coalition. Mr. Creamer also reported the completion of the database is anticipated to be in

January 2016 and will be under budget, and then provided updates on the Nitrogen Management Plan (NMP) Certification, Summary Report, and the NMP Technical Advisory Work Group.

Mr. Creamer also reported the CV-SALTS Alta Archetype report has been delayed.

Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) Technical Overview

Mr. Creamer introduced John Dickey noting that at the October 13th meeting, the Board approved the technical services agreement with Dr. John Dickey of PlanTierra LLC, as the Technical Consultant for the Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP).

John Dickey, PlanTierra LLC, presented an overview of the MPEP program reporting on the Southern

San Joaquin Valley MPEP Committee, team makeup and integration with the committee, the approach to be taken, and the current timeline. Mr. Dickey summarized the MPEP Workplan groundwater components as comprehensive technical rationale to support an alternative to monitoring of first encountered groundwater. Also supporting examples and references to demonstrate why this approach meets the MPEP objectives and is in the best interests of our grower members.

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, and seconded by Director Desatoff, and unanimously approved, the meeting Minutes from the October 13, 2015 meeting of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority as presented.

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No-None)

Financial Report

Brian Trevarrow, Assistant Treasurer, presented an expense to budget comparison report for the period ending November 30, 2015 for FY 2015-16.

It was moved by Director Cehrs, and seconded by Director Desatoff, and unanimously approved, the expense to budget comparison report for the period ending November 30, 2015 for FY 2015-16 as presented.

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Amended and Restated MPEP Coordination Agreement

Mr. Creamer presented an overview reporting The Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers within the Tulare Lake Basin Area (Order R5-2013-0120) requires the Third-party Groups to develop and implement a Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP). The goal of the MPEP is to determine the effects, if any, irrigated agricultural practices have on first encountered groundwater under different conditions that could affect the discharge of waste from irrigated lands to groundwater in high vulnerability groundwater areas.

Mr. Creamer further reported on September 16, 2014, the Kings Coalition Board approved participation in a Group Option agreement with the Cawelo Water District Coalition, the Kaweah Basin Water Quality Association, the Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority, and the Tule Basin Water Quality Coalition. Since the execution of the initial coordination agreement, the Westside Water Quality Coalition and the Buena Vista Coalition have requested to participate in the Group Option. Under the existing agreement, additional parties to the agreement must be approved by all of the current parties. During the MPEP Committee meeting on November 4, 2015, the committee approved the requests from Westside and Buena Vista pending approval from the committee member's individual board of directors.

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Zonneveld, and seconded by Director Unruh, and unanimously approved, authorizing the Board President and/or his designee to execute on behalf of Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority, the First Amended and Restated MPEP Coordination Agreement.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest: _____
Vice President

Approved: _____ on February 16, 2016
President