

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (Authority or Kings Coalition) held March 27, 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 10:38 a.m.

Directors / Alternates Present (11 of 27 Members Present)

CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT – Vice President Larry Cruff
CRESCENT CANAL COMPANY - President Mark McKean
KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Alt Director Mark McKean
LAGUNA IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Alt Director Scott Sills
LEMOORE CANAL & IRRIGATION – Alt Director Ronnie Silva
LIBERTY CANAL CO. – Alt Director Mike Nordstrom
REED DITCH COMPANY - Director Mark McKean
RIVERDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT – Director Leonard Acquistapace, Alt Director Mike Nordstrom
STRATFORD ID – Alt Director Ronnie Silva
UPPER SAN JOSE WATER CO. – Director Mike Nordstrom

Others Present

Casey Creamer, Coordinator	Stephanie Gillaspy, Provost & Pritchard
Christine Simon, KRCD	
Paul Peschel, KRCD	David DeGroot, 4 Creeks
Randy Shilling, KRCD	Matt Razor, 4 Creeks
John Schaap, Provost & Pritchard	Fred Mason, 4 Creeks
Linda Sloan, Provost & Pritchard	Tom Price, 4 Creeks

1. ADDITION TO OR DELETION FROM THE AGENDA:

None

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

None

3. COORDINATOR REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

President Mark McKean and Casey Creamer, Coordinator explained the intent of the meeting agenda and suggested interview questions, with the goal of reaching consensus regarding which technical consulting firm the board will recommend at the next meeting, Tuesday, April 18, 2017..

4. INTERVIEWS WITH TECHNICAL CONSULTING FIRMS

Provost & Pritchard

The Provost & Pritchard staff was invited into the Board Room to present their qualifications. John Schaap, Vice President of Provost & Pritchard introduced his staff and listed various strengths, including:

1. Knowledge of board's orders and helped shaped its implementation

2. Background in Environmental Impact Reports and irrigated lands
3. Worked with the regional board
4. Offers flexible project management, that is on-time and on-budget

Schaap indicated that he could not foresee any potential conflicts and responded to questions from the Board. Below are summaries of their responses:

1. Provost & Pritchard have not been a part of their data collection; but will begin work with whatever data is given to them. The underlying assumption is that data belongs to the coalition and will keep it confidential.
2. Although they work for other coalitions, the timelines do not overlap.
3. Explained their data collection system they are using in Kern County: ILRP Farm, a custom-software program to gather Farm Evaluation data. It includes online access for their growers and consultants where coalition staff can see the backside of the data. The program belongs to the Coalition, not Provost & Pritchard.

Provost & Pritchard staff were thanked and left the Board Room.

4 Creeks

The 4 Creeks staff was invited into the Board Room to present their qualifications. David DeGroot, Partner, Vice President, CFO of 4 Creeks introduced his staff and listed various strengths, including:

1. Will first use available public data sets (i.e. well data), before conducting own data-gathering.
2. Background in farming and irrigated water.
3. 4 Creeks Creative puts secure, live, and accurate data at your fingertips.
4. Scope of work includes discharge and erosion reports for the General Order in the Tule Basin.
5. Created the coalition's website and logo and provides their data management system for the coalition.

DeGroot indicated that he could not foresee any potential conflicts and responded to questions from the Board. Below are summaries of their responses:

1. 4 Creeks' software is an in-house service created and customized for their customers. 4Creeks owns their software and charges for the tools and maintenance costs.
2. The Kings River Basin is three times in size and has a larger variety of farm and water usage than the Tule Basin, which has about 131 large dairies. 4 Creeks anticipates that more programming development can occur with MPEP and ground and surface monitoring than what they currently provide for the Tule Basin.

At the conclusion of both interviews, the board discussed the qualifications of both firms and will submit their recommended technical consulting firm at the next board meeting on Tuesday, April 18th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Submitted by:

Paul G. Peschel, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: _____ on April 18, 2017

President