



KINGS RIVER WATER QUALITY COALITION

Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority

April 18, 2017 at 11:20 a.m.
KRCDC Offices Board Room

Called to Order: 11:40 a.m. **Adjourned:** 12:30 p.m.
Facilitator: President McKean **Note taker:** Christine Simon

Present: Directors/Alternates (20 of 27 Members Present):

CLARK'S FORK RECLAMATION DISTRICT #2069 – Director Ron Allvin
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Consultants & Others:

Joe Hughes, Klein-DeNatale-Goldner	Rick Hoelzel, KRCDC
Casey Creamer, Coordinator	Tom Hurlbutt, JG Boswell
Christine Simon, KRCDC	Dennis Mills, Kings Co Water District
Randy Shilling, KRCDC	Steve Haugen, KRWA
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCDC	Kevin Johansen, Provost & Pritchard
Eric Osterling, KRCDC	

Absent: ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT JAMES ID
BURREL DITCH CO. PEOPLES DITCH CO.
EMPIRE WEST SIDE ID TULARE LAKE RECLAM DIST #761
FRESNO ID

Minutes

1. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda **Presenter: President McKean**

Discussion:

- a. None.

Actions:

- a. None.
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2. Addition to or Deletion from the Public Presentation **Presenter: President McKean**

Discussion:

- a. None.

Actions:

- a. None.
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3. Coordinator Report **Presenter: Casey Creamer**

Discussion:

- a. Casey Creamer, Coordinator, reported on the following areas:
 - o CV-SALTS – the regional board approved the Tulare Lakebed de-designation project. A salinity standard was not adopted, in order to focus on nitrate issues. Thus, every permittee in the central valley will either elect to participate in the priority optimization study or deal with salinity standards within their current permits.
 - o Management Practices Evaluation Program – group is focused on the current and future effects on groundwater quality and what additional management practices can be implemented. Conducted outreach in Kern County, Visalia and Clovis. Additional meetings with the regional board staff are scheduled in hopes of getting the group's Workplan approved. Additionally, the group is working with a northern group to coordinate efforts.
 - o East San Joaquin Petition – Creamer summarized a handout presented to the board of a document undergoing revision and not yet submitted to the State Board. Creamer discussed areas of agreement and disagreement over the document. Creamer is expecting draft of East San Joaquin petition soon.

Actions:

- a. None.
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4. Approval of the Minutes **Presenter: President McKean**

Discussion:

- a. None.

Actions:

- a. Approved: It was moved by Director Sills, and seconded by Director Paxton, and unanimously approved, the Minutes of the March 27, 2017 Special Meeting, as presented.

(Vote Record- YES-

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NOES- None, Abstain- None)

5. Financial Report

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

- a. Randy Shilling, Assistant Treasurer, summarized the financial report for the coalition.
- b. Shilling asked for input from the board and legal counsel as to whether he should look into general liability insurance for the coalition. The discussion indicated general liability insurance would not be necessary.
- c. State Board fees are currently proposed to increase to \$0.91/acre.
- d. Shilling will coordinate a budget committee meeting between now and the next meeting.

Actions:

- a. Approved: It was moved by Director Cehrs, and seconded by Director Unruh, and unanimously approved, approving the expenditure to budget comparison report for the period ending March 31, 2017, as presented.

(Vote Record- YES-

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NOES- None, Abstain- None)

6. Request for Qualifications for Technical Consulting Firm

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

- a. President McKean requested input from the board as to which technical consulting firm (Provost & Pritchard or 4Creeks) to assist current coalition staff with technical consulting services and project management.
- b. Directors gave their preference based on the presentations given at the March 27, 2017 special meeting of the Coalition.

Actions:

- a. Approved: It was moved by Director Silva, and seconded by Director Nordstrom, and unanimously approved and adopted to select 4Creeks as the Technical Consulting Firm for the Coalition.

(Vote Record- YES-

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7. Coordinated Regional Trend Groundwater Monitoring Program Presenter: Casey Creamer

Discussion:

- a. Creamer reported that the regional board approved a request to develop a coordinated regional groundwater quality monitoring approach to reduce duplication of efforts and costs. In lieu of submitting individual trend monitoring program. Individual coalitions are in the process of agreeing to participate in a coordinated effort. Kings Coalition will be working with 4 Creeks engineering in order to prepare and submit a Trend Monitoring Workplan and that meets the requirements of the newly modified order language allowing for a regional approach by the April 26, 2017 deadline.

Actions:

- a. None.

8. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

- a. The Board met in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with counsel regarding the subpoena for records and documents in the matter of the State Water Resources Control Board Enforcement Division investigation of: Kings Basin Water Quality and Nitrogen Application.

Actions:

- a. No reportable action was taken by the Board during closed session and regular session was reconvened.

9. Reconvene to Open Session Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

- a. None.

Actions:

- a. None.

10. Adjournment Presenter: President McKean

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Paul Peschel, P.E.
Board Secretary

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Board President