



KINGS RIVER WATER QUALITY COALITION

Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority

August 15, 2017 at 11:20 a.m.
KRCDD Board Room

Called to Order: 12:40 p.m. **Adjourned:** 1:26 p.m.
Facilitator: President McKean **Note taker:** Christine Simon

Present: **Directors/Alternates (16 of 27 Members Present):**

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT – Alt Director Chad Wegley
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Consultants & Others:

Joe Hughes, Klein-DeNatale-Goldner	Brian Trevarrow, KRCDD
Casey Creamer, Coordinator	Matt Razor, 4 Creeks, Inc.
Paul Peschel, KRCDD	Eric Osterling, KRCDD
Christine Simon, KRCDD	Eric Athorp, KRCDD
Randy Shilling, KRCDD	JJ Westra, Tulare Lake Basin WSD

Absent:

Directors (11 Members Absent):

BURREL DITCH CO.

EMPIRE WEST SIDE ID

FRESNO ID

JOHN HEINLEN MUTUAL WATER

LEMOORE CANAL & IRRIGATION

KINGS RIVER WATER DISTRICT

LOVELACE WATER CORP.

PEOPLES DITCH CO.

SOUTHEAST LAKE WATER CO.

STRATFORD ID

TULARE LAKE RECLAM DIST #761

Minutes

1. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

- a. None.

Actions:

- a. None.

2. Public Presentation

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

- a. None.

Actions:

- a. None.

3. Coordinator Report

Presenter: Casey Creamer

Discussion:

Casey Creamer, Coordinator, reported on the following items:

- a. The Kings River Water Quality Coalition (KRWQC) participant list includes 782,999 irrigated acres; 19,228 parcels; 4,637 members; and 4,066 in HVA. Coalition staff is working with growers to submit Farm Evaluations and Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Reports. The Central Valley Regional Water Resources Control Board (CVRWQCB) Annual Report deadline is August 31, 2017.
- b. State Board Water Quality fees are proposed to increase to \$0.91 per irrigated acre. The Coalition proposed an alternate, lower fee and is awaiting a response from SWRCB.
- c. Coordinated Regional Groundwater Monitoring Memorandum of Agreement includes 13 coalitions and \$100,000 needed for near-term development. A Memorandum of Understanding is being revised and will be submitted to the KRWQC for authorization during the October 2017 meeting.
- d. The State Water Resources Control Board announced the selection of Eileen Sobek as their new Executive Director.

Actions:

- a. None.

4. Technical Consultant Report

Presenter: Matt Razor

Discussion:

- a. Matt Razor, 4 Creeks, presented grower-reported data from the Farm Evaluations and Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Reports submitted to the Coalition.
- b. The data was organized by crop type and geographic area and only includes the first year of data. Practices will be assessed after multiple years of data are gathered.

Actions:

- a. None.

5. Approval of the Minutes

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

- a. None.

Actions:

- a. Approved: It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director Unruh, and unanimously approved, the Minutes of the June 20, 2017 Regular Meeting, as presented.

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NOES- None.

ABSTAIN- None.

6. Financial Report

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

- a. Randy Shilling, Assistant Treasurer, summarized the Financial Report for the Coalition.

Actions:

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

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NOES- None.

ABSTAIN- None.

7. Replace Biennial Audit with an Annual Audit

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

- a. Acceptance of the Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) grant requires the Coalition conduct annual audits or a single-audit. The Coalition would save \$3,650 by reverting to annual audits and the Fiscal Agent would not have the extra complication of the single-audit requirement.

Actions:

- a. Approved: It was moved by Director Stadler, and seconded by Director Kamper, and unanimously approved revert back to an annual audit beginning with the fiscal year just ended June 30, 2017.

8. Acceptance of CDFA FREP Grant

Presenter: Casey Creamer

Discussion:

- a. The Southern San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program Committee was awarded the California Department of Farm and Agriculture's Fertilization Research Educational Program Grant.

Actions:

Approved: It was moved by Director Cehrs, and seconded by Director Unruh, and unanimously approved to authorize the President or his designee to accept the CDFA FREP Grant Award as the designated administrator and fiscal agent of the Southern San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) Committee.

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NOES- None.

ABSTAIN- None.

9. MPEP Conditional Approval Submission

Presenter: Casey Creamer

Discussion:

- a. Creamer presented the revised Southern San Joaquin Valley MPEP Draft Workplan, with additional appropriate edits expected. A revised MPEP Workplan is required to be submitted to the Regional Board by October 1, 2017.

Actions:

Approved: It was moved by Director Zonneveld, and seconded by Director Cehrs, and unanimously approved to submit the revised MPEP Workplan to the Regional Board.

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NOES- None.

ABSTAIN- None.

10. Senate Bill 623 (Monning)

Presenter: Casey Creamer

Discussion:

- a. Creamer presented information on SB 623 (Monning) Safe and Affordable Drinking Water and how it would, in its current form, protect farmers from State enforcement for ten to fifteen years for nitrate pollution.
- b. \$30 million would be assessed on fertilizer across agricultural, dairy, and urban agencies. The majority of the funds would be used for operations and maintenance to reduce future contamination. The SWRCB would be prohibited from spending more than 5% on overhead costs. An additional \$110 million would be assessed on municipal ratepayers.

Actions:

- a. None.

11. 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. None.

12. Reconvene to Open Session

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

- a. None.

Actions:

- a. None.

13. Adjournment

Presenter: President McKean

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Submitted by:

Paul Peschel, P.E.
Board Secretary

_____ approved on October 17, 2017
Board President