



KINGS RIVER WATER QUALITY COALITION

Kings River Water Quality Coalition

AKA Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority

April 17, 2018 at 11:20 a.m.

KRCD Board Room

Called to Order: 11:25 a.m.

19 of 27 Members Present:

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT – Alt Director Chad Wegley

CLARK'S FORK RECLAMATION DISTRICT #2069
– Director Ron Allvin

CORCORAN IRRIGATION CO – Director Mark Unruh

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STRATFORD ID – Alt Director Ronnie Silva

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Others Present:

Paul Peschel, Interim Coordinator,
Secretary
Christine Simon, Assistant Secretary

Joe Hughes, Klein-DeNatale-
Goldner
Eric Osterling, KRCD

Eric Athorp, KRCD
Randy Shilling, KRCD
Paul Peschel, KRCD

Adjourned: 12:27 p.m.

6 of 27 Members Absent:

BURREL DITCH CO.

CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

FRESNO ID

KINGS RIVER WATER DISTRICT

PEOPLES DITCH CO.

TULARE LAKE RECLAM DIST #761

David DeGroot, 4Creeks
Don Tucker, 4Creeks
Lauren Layne, Baker, Manock, Jensen

Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD

Steve Haugen, KRWA
Aubrey Mauritson, TLB WSD

Minutes

1. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

2. Public Presentation

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

3. Interim Coordinator Report

Presenter: Paul Peschel
Eric Osterling

Discussion:

Eric Osterling reported on the Coalition's membership updates, outreach activities, and trend monitoring plan progress. Paul Peschel, Interim Coordinator, reported on State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB), CV-SALTS activities and support letters sent on behalf of the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition (SSJV WQC). Peschel updated the Board on the SB 623 (Monning) bill, the related budget trailer bill and outreach for and against the bill across the State.

David Cehrs recommended the Coalition consider sampling wells for both isotopes and anthropogenic chemicals concurrently in order to determine how much Nitrogen occurs naturally and as a result of human activity. The Coalition and staff discussed its feasibility and the Board recommended staff conduct further inquiries.

Actions:

None.

4. Technical Consultant Report

Presenter: David DeGroot

Discussion:

David DeGroot, 4Creeks, updated the Coalition on ongoing trend monitoring program activities and their progress identifying data gaps.

Actions:

None.

5. Approval of the Minutes

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director Zonneveld, and carried to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2018, as presented.

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NOES- None.

ABSTAIN- None.

6. SSJV MPEP Technical Services Agreement

Presenter: Paul Peschel

Discussion:

Peschel explained the updates made to the Technical Services Agreement and provided a handout with the original language.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director Howe, and carried to authorize the President or the President's designated representative to approve Technical Services Agreement Amendment 1 and provide authorization for the President or the President's designated representative to approve future Technical Service Agreement Amendments that ensure implementation of the Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) Workplan that do not cause MPEP line item Kings River Water Quality Coalition approved budget expenditures to be exceeded.

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NOES- None.

ABSTAIN- None.

7. CVGMC Phase I ILRP Technical Workplan

Presenter: Paul Peschel

Discussion:

Peschel provided information on the Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative (CVGMC) Trend Monitoring Workplan. This plan will include individual Coalition GQTM Groundwater Quality Trend Monitoring plans and a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). The intent is to finalize the Workplan for submittal to the Regional Board by May 16, 2018. The Plan is currently approximately 90% complete; CVGMC staff are awaiting final Groundwater Quality Trend Monitoring network well data.

Actions:

Approved: It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Kamper, and carried to approve the Phase 1 ILRP Technical Workplan and Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP) subject to review, completion and final form by the President or his designee and legal counsel.

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NOES- None.

ABSTAIN- None.

8. Resolution No. 18-01

Presenter: Eric Osterling

Discussion:

Osterling presented the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program Grant with the California Department of Food and Agriculture grant opportunity available. Cristel Tufenkjian explained how these funds might be used to support Coalition outreach activities.

Actions:

Approved: It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Stadler, and carried to approve the Resolution, as presented.

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NOES- None.

ABSTAIN- None.

9. Closed Session

Presenter: President McKean

Discussion:

The Board met in Closed Session pursuant to:

1. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) 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*;
2. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) to confer with counsel regarding anticipated litigation; and
3. Government Code Section 54957 regarding appointment and employment of special legal counsel.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Stadler, seconded by Director Silva, and carried to authorize the President or his designees to enter into a Common Interest Agreement pertaining to intervention associated with the Challenges to the East San Joaquin Revised Order and provide authorization for the President or the President's designated representative to approve future minor amendments to the Agreement.

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NOES- None.

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It was moved by Director Zonneveld, seconded by Director Acquistapace, and carried to provide authorization for the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) President or his designee to enter into an agreement with Theresa A. Dunham of Somach Simmons and Dunn to represent, advise and provide special counsel water quality legal services for the KRWCA and provide authorization for the President or the President's designated representative to approve future minor amendments to the Agreement.

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10. Financial Report

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

Randy Shilling, Assistant Treasurer, summarized the February-March 2018 Financial Report and bills for the Coalition. The Board and legal counsel discussed Coalition fees paid to the SWRCB.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Unruh, seconded by Director Allvin, and unanimously carried to approve the expenditure to budget comparison report for the period ending March 31, 2018, and disbursements for February 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018, as presented.

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NOES- None.

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11. Study Session: FY 2018-2019 Proposed Budget

Presenter: Randy Shilling

Discussion:

Shilling presented the FY2018-2019 Proposed Budget for the Coalition's review. Final approval will be presented to the Coalition at the June 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. The Coalition directed Shilling to prepare the Budget at the current \$2.15/acre membership fee.

Actions:

None.

12. Adjournment

Presenter: President McKean

There being no further business, President McKean announced the special Board meeting scheduled for June 4, 2018 at 10:00am and adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Paul Peschel, P.E.
Board Secretary

_____ approved on April 17, 2018
Board President