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(Kings River Water Quality Coalition)**

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April 10, 2025

**NOTICE**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
KINGS RIVER WATERSHED COALITION AUTHORITY  
(KINGS RIVER WATER QUALITY COALITION)

Mark C. McKean, President  
Kassy Chauhan, Vice President

Alta Irrigation District  
Burrell Ditch Co.  
Clarks Fork Rec District #2069  
Consolidated Irrigation District  
Corcoran Irrigation Co.  
Crescent Canal Co.  
Empire West Side Irrigation District  
Fresno Irrigation District  
John Heinlen Mutual Water Co.  
James Irrigation District  
Kings River Conservation District  
Kings River Water District  
Laguna Irrigation District  
Last Chance Irrigation District

Lemoore Canal & Irrigation Co  
Liberty Canal Co.  
Liberty Mill Race Co.  
Lovelace Water Corp.  
Peoples Ditch Co.  
Reed Ditch Co.  
Riverdale Irrigation District  
Southeast Lake Water Co.  
Stratford Irrigation District  
Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District  
Tulare Lake Canal Co.  
Tulare Lake Reclamation District #761  
Upper San Jose Water Co.

This is to notify you that a Regular Meeting of the Policy Committee of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority will be held **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. or following the KRWQC Board Meeting. The Policy Committee Members are: Directors for Reed Ditch Corp., Fresno Irrigation District, and Lovelace Water Corp.

Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Sandra Soares by phone at: (559) 237-5567 or by email at: [ssoares@krwc.org](mailto:ssoares@krwc.org).

Sincerely,



Debra Dunn  
Coordinator  
File: KRW 101.03



# KINGS RIVER

## WATER QUALITY COALITION

Date 4/15/2025  
Time 01:30 PM - 02:30 PM  
Location KRCD Board Room  
4886 East Jensen Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93725

## KRWQC Policy Committee Meeting

## Agenda - 15 April 2025

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**1**                      **CONVENE**

The meeting will be called to order and a quorum established.

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**2**                      **Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda**

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The Committee will consider approving the December 17, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting minutes.

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**11 ADJOURNMENT**

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### **Attachments**

[2024-12-17 Policy Committee meeting minutes.pdf](#)



**Kings River Water Quality Coalition Policy Committee Meeting  
AKA Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority**

**December 17, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.  
In-Person**

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**Members Present:**

1. FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT – Chair Kassy Chauhan
  2. CRESCENT CANAL COMPANY and REED DITCH CORPORATION – Director Mark McKean
  3. LOVELACE WATER CORPORATION – Director Laura Brown
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**Others Present:**

Debra Dunn, KRCD	Jose Soto, KRCD
Sandra Soares, KRCD	Mark Unruh
Binu Brar, KRCD	Joe Hughes, Attorney
David Merritt, KRCD	

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**Minutes**

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<b>1. Convene</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Chair Chauhan</b>
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The meeting was ultimately called to order by Director Chauhan at 11:58 a.m.

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<b>2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Chair Chauhan</b>
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**Discussion:**

None.

**Actions:**

None.

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<b>3. Public Presentation</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Public</b>
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**Discussion:**

None.

**Actions:**

None.

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<b>4. Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Chair Chauhan</b>
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**Discussion:**

The Board will consider approval of the Minutes of previous meetings from March 19, 2024.

**Actions:**

It was moved by Director Brown and seconded by Director McKean, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Chauhan: Aye

McKean: Aye

Brown: Aye

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**5. Refund Policy****Presenter: Debra Dunn****Discussion:**

The Directors were presented information on the proposed Refund Policy. It is recommended by the Directors that verbiage be added to the Refund Policy with Emergency provisions.

**Actions:**

It was decided to be sent back to the legal counsel to add emergency verbiage to the document.

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**6. Gilkey Five Refund Request****Presenter: Debra Dunn****Discussion:**

The Directors discussed and decided to table the Gilkey Five Refund Request until the next regular Policy Committee Meeting.

**Actions:**

It was moved by Director McKean and seconded by Director Brown, and unanimously carried to table the Gilkey Five Refund Request until the next Policy Committee Meeting.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Chauhan: Aye

McKean: Aye

Brown: Aye

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**7. Policy Matters****Presenter: Debra Dunn****Discussion:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Actions:**

None.

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**8. Next Meeting and Agenda Items****Presenter: Committee and Staff****Discussion:**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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**9. Adjournment****Presenter: Chair Chauhan**

With no further discussion, **Chair Chauhan** adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ approved on \_\_\_\_\_ 2024

Committee Chair

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## 5 - Refund Policy

The Committee will receive information on the proposed refund policy and may discuss, take action, and/or provide staff direction.

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### **Attachments**

[KRWQC - No Refund Policy - Revised \(2.10.25\).pdf](#)

## KINGS RIVER WATER QUALITY COALITION

### NO REFUND POLICY

#### ***No Refund Policy***

It is the policy of the Kings River Water Quality Coalition (**Coalition**) that no Member shall be entitled to a refund of Membership Dues, or any portion thereof, paid to the Coalition.

#### ***The General Order***

On September 19, 2013, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (**Regional Board**) approved the Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers within the Tulare Lake Basin Area (**General Order**). The General Order addresses the discharge of waste from irrigated lands to groundwater and surface water and requires such all irrigated lands to obtain regulatory coverage either through a coalition or an individual permit with the Regional Board.

#### ***The Coalition & Membership Dues***

The Coalition was formed to provide growers with a cost-effective way to comply with the Regional Board's regulations, including the General Order. To cover the costs of compliance, the Coalition charges its Members annual dues (**Membership Dues**). Upon payment of such dues, the Member receives regulatory coverage under the General Order for the succeeding year. Accordingly, a Member is not entitled to receive a refund for Membership Dues paid to the Coalition because the Member has already received the benefit of regulatory coverage under the General Order for that year.

#### ***Change in Irrigated Acreage***

Within 60 days of the start of the coverage period, beginning on July 1 of any given year, each Member shall inform the Coalition, in writing, of any change in irrigated acreage. Upon receipt of such written notice, the Coalition shall update the Member's irrigated acreage and adjust the Member's Membership Dues, accordingly. If a Member informs the Coalition of any change in irrigated acreage outside of this 60-day window, the Coalition shall not adjust the Member's Membership Dues until the following year.

#### ***Example***

If Grower "A" pays their Membership Dues in July 2024, covering 100 irrigated acres, Grower "A" shall receive regulatory coverage for those acres for that year's coverage period (i.e., July 2024 through June 2025). If, during that 12-month period, Grower "A" sells 50 of those irrigated acres, Grower "A" will not be entitled to a proportionate refund of their Membership Dues. Instead, the Coalition will adjust Grower "A"'s Membership Dues for the following year's coverage period (i.e., July 2025 through June 2026) reflect the new, reduced, irrigated acreage.

### ***Exceptions***

In the event of a natural disaster (e.g., flood, fire, or earthquake, etc.) beyond the reasonable control of the Member that destroys or otherwise damages the Member's irrigated acreage, that Member may request and the Coalition's Board of Directors (**Board**), in its sole and absolute discretion, may provide a prorated refund of that Member's Membership Dues for the affected coverage period based on the amount of irrigated acreage damaged and the month during which the damage occurred (**Request for Refund**).

In support of this Request for Refund, the Member shall submit to the Board a written explanation of the facts surrounding the request, any local, state, or Federal declaration(s) regarding the subject-natural disaster, proof of damage or destruction to the Member's irrigated acreage, and any other supporting information deemed relevant by the Member and/or requested by the Board.

If provided by the Board, this refund shall come in the form of a credit toward the Grower's Membership Dues for the immediate succeeding year.

### ***Example***

If Grower "A" pays their Membership Dues in July 2024, covering 100 irrigated acres, Grower "A" shall receive regulatory coverage for those acres for that year's coverage period (i.e., July 2024 through June 2025). If, during December of this 12-month period, the County of Fresno declares a flood emergency, and, as a result of that flood, 50 acres of the Grower's irrigated acres are destroyed or otherwise damaged, Grower "A" may request a refund of its 2024 Membership Dues and the Board may provide a refund (in the form of a credit) of 50% of the annual prorated amount of Grower "A"'s Membership Dues for the remaining 6 months in the coverage period.

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## 6 - Gilkey Five Refund Request

The Committee will receive information on the Gilkey Five refund request and may discuss, take action, and/or provide staff direction.

### **Attachments**

[G5LHKings River Water Quality Coalition24doc.doc](#)

[Kings Rive Water Coalition Credit Request 2023.xlsx](#)



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## Gilkey Five

Board of Directors  
Kings River Water  
Quality Coalition

PO Box 8529  
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Attention: Vincent Sambrano

Dear Board Members, King River Water Quality Coalition,

My name Kirk Gilkey. I'm a partner in Gilkey Five a farming partnership in Corcoran California. I farm with my two brothers and one cousin. We are members of the Kings River Water Quality Coalition. We have been happy to pay our coalition membership assessment for the last ten years now through 2023.

As you probably know the Tulare Lake Basin was flooded in 2023. Gilkey Five was severely affected and had 6,509 acres flooded or fallowed due to the flood.

Due to an oversight Gilkey Five paid our entire coalition membership assessment even though we did not farm the acreage assessed. Gilkey Five paid the coalition in 2023, a total sum of \$30,391.62 in assessment.

In 2023 with 6,509 acres flooded Gilkey Five should have relief from assessment on those 6,509 acres. Gilkey Five should have paid Kings River Quality Coalition a reduced assessment of \$8,684.67 on 2,553 acres we were able to farm in 2023.

Due to the oversight in 2023, Gilkey Five is requesting from the Kings River Water Quality Coalition, credit the Gilkey Five coalition membership an amount of \$21,706.95. This number reflects the overpayment in 2023.

We are hopeful the Board of Directors of the Kings River Water Quality Coalition will grant Gilkey Five's request for relief and credit of \$21,706.95 representing the coalition acreage not farmed in 2023.

We have included a spreadsheet that shows the fields, acreage and assessment that we are asking relief on. As you can see, some of Gilkey Five coalition property was fallow for 11 months, some fallow for 16 months and some will be fallow for 28 months before it will be planted for the 2025 crop.

Due to the Tulare Lake of 2023 none of the farm ground Gilkey Five is asking for assessment relief and credit for was irrigated. None of the property had water pumped from deep water wells and exported to other farm ground.

We strongly believe that this credit of \$21,706.95 on the Gilkey Five membership assessment for the fiscal period of 7/01/2024 through 6/30/2025 is fare and warranted.

The Tulare Lake of 2023 placed a huge hardship on Gilkey Five. Water Coalition assessments are tough on farmers especially now that commodity prices are low and input cost have gone up exponentially. This credit will help Gilkey Five deal with the many hardships that include the 2023 Tulare Lake flood.

We will hope for the boards affirmative response and wait to pay our assessment that is due October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 until we receive your response.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue.

Sincerely,

Kirk Gilkey  
Partner, Gilkey Five

Kings River Water Quality Coalition

APN	County	Acres	De-Designated		Flooded		\$ 3.39	
			Charges	Category	Fallow Start	Fallow End	Requested Credit	
044-020-014	Kings	163	\$ 552.57	De-Designated	1/1/2023	4/1/2024	\$ 552.57	
044-020-15	Kings	164	\$ 555.96	De-Designated	1/1/2023	4/1/2024	\$ 555.96	
044-020-027	Kings	315	\$ 1,067.85	De-Designated	1/1/2023	4/1/2025	\$ 1,067.85	
044-020-029	Kings	159	\$ 539.01	De-Designated	1/1/2023	4/1/2025	\$ 539.01	
044-020-030	Kings	159	\$ 539.01	De-Designated	1/1/2023	4/1/2025	\$ 539.01	
044-030-021	Kings	142	\$ 481.38	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 481.38	
044-040-027	Kings	322	\$ 1,091.58	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 1,091.58	
044-040-056	Kings	300	\$ 1,017.00	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 1,017.00	
044-060-005	Kings	157	\$ 532.23	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 532.23	
044-060-008	Kings	153	\$ 518.67	De-Designated	1/1/2023	4/1/2025	\$ 518.67	
044-060-014	Kings	73	\$ 247.47	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 247.47	
044-060-015	Kings	74	\$ 250.86	De-Designated	1/1/2023	4/1/2025	\$ 250.86	
044-060-018	Kings	79	\$ 267.81	De-Designated	1/1/2023	4/1/2025	\$ 267.81	
044-060-019	Kings	68	\$ 230.52	De-Designated	1/1/2023	4/1/2025	\$ 230.52	
044-060-024	Kings	159	\$ 539.01	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 539.01	
044-060-025	Kings	160	\$ 542.40	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 542.40	
044-060-026	Kings	322	\$ 1,091.58	De-Designated	1/1/2023	4/1/2024	\$ 1,091.58	
044-090-003	Kings	613	\$ 2,078.07	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 2,078.07	
044-130-018	Kings	447	\$ 1,300.77	Priority 2	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 1,300.77	
044-200-002	Kings	309	\$ 1,047.51	De-Designated	1/1/2023	4/1/2025	\$ 1,047.51	
044-200-003	Kings	309	\$ 1,047.51	De-Designated	1/1/2023	4/1/2025	\$ 1,047.51	
044-200-005	Kings	158	\$ 535.62	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 535.62	
044-200-007	Kings	300	\$ 873.00	Priority 2	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 873.00	
044-200-012	Kings	639	\$ 2,166.21	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 2,166.21	
044-200-016	Kings	81	\$ 274.59	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 274.59	
044-200-018	Kings	40	\$ 135.60	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 135.60	
044-200-019	Kings	41	\$ 138.99	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 138.99	
044-280-02	Kings	603	\$ 2,044.17	De-Designated	1/1/2023	12/1/2024	\$ 2,044.17	
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