

# KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

**DISTRICT 1**  
John Howe

**DISTRICT 2**  
Carlo Wilcox

**DISTRICT 3**  
Brent Graham

**DISTRICT 4**  
Vacant

**DISTRICT 5**  
Don Mills

**MEMBER AT LARGE**  
Brian Ehlers

**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
REPRESENTATIVE**  
Mike Watson

**CITY REPRESENTATIVE**  
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**KINGS COUNTY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STAFF:** Bill Zumwalt (559)582-3211 ext 2686 Marcum Caldwell (559)  
582-3211 ext. 2648

**CALL TO ORDER:** The first special meeting of the Kings County Water Commission (KCWC) was called to order by Bill Zumwalt at 2:01 p.m., on November 3, 2008. The KCWC meeting was held in the Administrative Multi-Purpose Room, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

Roll call of members was conducted by Mr. Zumwalt, and a quorum of appointed Committee members was in attendance.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Howe, Carlo Wilcox, Brent Graham, Don Mills,  
Brian Ehlers, Mike Watson

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Bill Zumwalt, Kyle Sand, Greg Gatzka, Marcum  
Caldwell, Terri Yarbrough

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Kathy Sargent, Jay Salyer, Tim Niswander, Larry  
Spikes, Scott Sills, Diane Peck, Bob Westfall

**UNSCHEDULED COMMENTS:**

Mr. Brent Graham inquired about dissolving the old commission. It was determined no action needed to be taken.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Nomination and Election of Temporary Chairperson.** Mr. Don Mills nominated Brent Graham for Chairman. A motion was made and seconded (Howe/Wilcox) to close the nominations and accept the nomination. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Informational Summary of Water Commission.** Mr. Graham summarized the history of the previous Water Commission. The Water Commission was initially formed in 1963 to obtain input

for the State Water Project. The Commission is being re-established due to Kings County's dependence on the water supply for its economic well being. The Commission will also have representation from the cities since they are users who pump from the groundwater. Mr. Zumwalt stated that the City Selection Committee will be selecting the city representatives. Mr. Zumwalt also noted that it has been four or five years since the Water Commission has met.

Mr. Zumwalt gave a brief overview of the Statement of Economic Interest Forms. He also stated that the Commission members would be required to complete the Statement of Economic Interest Forms are due within thirty days.

**C. Discussion of Amendments to Bylaws.** The consensus of the Commission members was to hold the regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month beginning in February.

**D. Water Business.** There was discussion on how active the group should be on tracking legislation and reporting to the Board of Supervisors. A potential agenda item is the peripheral canal in the Delta area, program Bay Delta and Conservation Program, to stabilize and enhance the water supply. The Department of Water Resources doesn't have any funds and are asking for contractors to advance funds. The contractors would get their money back when bonds are sold. If the project didn't go through the funds would be lost. There are several agreements that are circulating, some of which may be going before the Board of Supervisors in December of this year.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**A. MEMBER COMMENTS:** None

**B. STAFF COMMENTS:** Mr. Zumwalt stated that election of officers would be on the next agenda as well as a presentation on the update of the proposed General Plan. He also reminded the Commission that five members constitute a quorum. There is a possibility that a special meeting will need to be held in December. Mr. Spikes asked Mr. Zumwalt to contact Catherine Venturella to schedule a City Selection Meeting to appoint the city positions. Mr. Sand also reminded the Commissioners that they are subject to the Brown Act and if three or more members are together, they are not to discuss Commission business. Supervisor Oliveira asked that Mr. Zumwalt provide as much information to this Commission on items that come before other entities such as the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Ag Advisory, etc. Mr. Zumwalt stated he would add the Commissioners to the mailing list for the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission agendas.

## ADJOURNMENT

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Water Commission is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION

  
William R. Zumwalt, Commission Secretary

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