

KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

DISTRICT 1
John Howe

DISTRICT 2
Carlo Wilcox

DISTRICT 3
Brent Graham

DISTRICT 4
Craig Pedersen

DISTRICT 5
Don Mills

MEMBER AT LARGE
Brian Ehlers

**COMMUNITY SERVICE
REPRESENTATIVE**
Harold Reed

CITY REPRESENTATIVE
John Murray

CITY REPRESENTATIVE
David Ayers

KINGS COUNTY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STAFF: Bill Zumwalt (559)582-3211 ext 2686 Marcum Caldwell (559) 582-3211 ext. 2648

CALL TO ORDER: This special meeting of the Kings County Water Commission (KCWC) was called to order by Bill Zumwalt at 7:00 p.m., on May 11, 2009. 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. Mr. Zumwalt introduced Harold Reed as the representative for the Community Services Districts and Public Utility Districts. Mr. David Ayers nominated Mr. Don Mills for President pro tem for this meeting. A motion was made and seconded (Graham/Wilcox) to close the nominations and accept the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Howe, Carlo Wilcox, Don Mills, Brian Ehlers, David Ayers, Brent Graham, Harold Reed, Craig Pedersen

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Murray

STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Zumwalt, Johanna Hartley, Marcum Caldwell, Terri Yarbrough

VISITORS PRESENT:

Scott Sills, Pete Moock, Frank Zonneveld, Mark Gilkey, Tony Barba, Larry Spikes

UNSCHEDULED COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Ayers/Howe) to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2009 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Reed and Graham abstaining and Murray absent.

Mr. Pedersen arrived at 7:05.

CORRESPONDENCE: Seating of District Four Water Commission Member (new roster): A new roster of Water Commission members was distributed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commission discussion and adoption of Kings County Water Commission By-Laws.

Mr. Zumwalt summarized a few minor changes that had been made to the draft by-laws. Mr. Moock reported that he had revised the by-laws and sent the changes out to the commissioners for their review. Mr. Graham suggested that Article VI, Item D be changed to read "The chairperson may call a special meeting of the Commission."

A motion was made and seconded (Graham/Ayers) to approve the by-laws with the change to Article VI, Item D. Motion carried unanimously with Pedersen abstaining and Murray absent.

B. Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chair for Kings County Water Commission.

Commissioner Ayers nominated Commissioner Don Mills for Chairperson. A motion was made and seconded (Graham/Ehlers) to close the nominations and accept the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously with Murray absent.

Commissioner Ayers nominated Commissioner Graham for Vice Chairperson. A motion was made and seconded (Pederson/Wilcox) to close the nominations and accept the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously with Murray absent.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Selection of County Representative for Upper Kings Basin Water Authority

A motion was made and seconded (Graham/Howe) to recommend appointing Mark Gilkey to represent the County as an interested party for the Upper Kings Basin Water Forum. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Howe nominated Commissioner Mills an alternate County representative for the Upper Kings Basin Water Forum. A motion was made and seconded (Wilcox/Ayers) to accept the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously with Murray absent.

B. Kings County General Plan Update Resource Conservation Element Water Policies

Mr. Zumwalt provided a brief review of the General Plan Resource Conservation Element. Mr. Zumwalt reported that the General Plan Advisory Committee will be considering the Resource Conservation Element at their next meeting and would be presenting the element to the Planning Commission in August or September for final approval. Mr. Zumwalt stated that if commission members wanted to provide input, they should contact Greg Gatzka or go to the General Plan Advisory Committee meeting on May 21, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Staff Comments – Mr. Zumwalt announced that he will be retiring and this will be his last meeting as the Secretary and that until an appointment is made to fill his position, Greg Gatzka would be the acting Secretary.

B. Member Comments – None

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Water Commission is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION


William R. Zumwalt, Commission Secretary

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