

KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION

John Howe – District 1
Laura Brown – District 4
Harold Reed – Special District

Mark Gilkey – District 2
Roger Reynolds – District 5
Sid Palmerin – City Rep.

Jim Verboon – District 3
Eric Osterling – Member at Large
David Ayers – City Rep

KINGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Charles Draxler – Dairy Industry
Vacant – Ag Chemicals & Petroleum
Dusty Ference – Kings County Farm Bureau

Vacant – Water
Bill Tos – Nut Crops
Dennis Tristao – Small Farms

Johnny Starling – Ag Processing
Bob Prys – Feed/Seed & Grain
Brian Potter – Ag Equipment

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the Kings County Water Commission (KCWC) and the Kings County Ag Advisory (KCAAC) was called to order by Greg Gatzka at 5:00 p.m., on August 28, 2017. The KCWC & KCAAC meeting was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Administration Building 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

Roll call of members was conducted by Secretary Gatzka, and a quorum of both the KCWC and the KCAAC were in attendance.

WATER COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: John Howe, Mark Gilkey, Jim Verboon, Roger Reynolds, David Ayers, Laura Brown, Charles

WATER COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Harold Reed, Sid Palmerin, Eric Osterling

AG ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT: Draxler, Johnny Starling, Dusty Ference, Dennis Tristao

AG ADVISORY MEMBER ABSENT: Bob Prys, Brian Potter

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Gatzka - Director, Diane Freeman – County Counsel, Chuck Kinney – Deputy Director, Dan Kassik - Planner

VISITORS PRESENT: Joe Neves, Matt Hurley, Calvin Monreal, Jacob Westra, Karen Ormsby, Roman Benitez, Michael Nordstrom, Russ Freeman, Chantal Ouellet, Kathy Sargent, Dennis Mills, Mark Larson, Dale Melville, Jimmy Hawk, Mark Unruh, Steve Haugen, Scott Sills, Jay Salyer, Jim Maciel, Joe McGahan

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM

Greg Gatzka requested the Commission and Committee consider appointing a meeting chairman to conduct the joint meeting. Water Commission Chairman, John Howe was nominated to serve as the chairman of both bodies for the purpose of this special joint meeting. Unanimous consent was received.

UNSCHEDULED COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None
NEW BUSINESS:

A. Surface Water Sources into County of Kings:

1. **Kings River** – Steve Haugen, Watermaster of the Kings River Water Association (KWRA), provided an overview of the management and distribution of the Kings River Water. He said that KWRA only monitors and tracks the water, but does not manage the water.
2. **Kaweah and Tule rivers** – Mark Larsen, Watermaster for the Kaweah and St. Johns River and the General Manager for the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District, provided an overview of the management and distribution of the Tule River watershed. Mr. Mark Unruh, provided an overview of the management and distribution of the Tule River watershed.
3. **State Water Project** – Jacob Westra, Tulare Lake Basin, provided an update on the State Water Project. He stated that the State Water Project will set allocations. He stated that the carry over for this year was 50 percent. Jim Verboon asked if since reliability has been going down, what is the projection going forward. Mr. Westra stated that the state water reliability is projected at 57%, but others say lower. It is definitely on a downward trend.
4. **Central Valley Project Supplies** – Russ Freeman, Westland Water District, provided an overview of Westlands Water District and what the water supply looks like and the issues the Central Valley Project (CVP) has been facing.

B. Discussion of Next Joint Workshop Meeting:

1. Next Joint Meeting January 2018

The next meeting will focus more on ground water. There was discussion on when to hold the next joint meeting. A motion was made and seconded (Reynolds/Ference) to hold a joint meeting of the Water Commission and the Ag Advisory Committee on January 22, 2018 at 5:00PM. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. **Future Agenda Items** –
- B. **Staff Comments** – None
- B. **Member Comments** – Bill Tos thanked those for putting the meeting together.
- C. **Correspondence** – None

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled special meeting of the Water Commission and Ag Advisory Committee is Monday, January 22, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION
AG ADVISORY COMMISSION


Greg Gatzka, Secretary