

# KINGS COUNTY

## Water Commission Meeting

**John Howe - District 1**

**Mark Gilkey – District 2**

**Jim Verboon – District 3**

**Craig Pederson – District 4**

**Don Mills – District 5**

**Brian Ehlers - Member at Large**

**Harold Reed – Special District**

**John Gordon – City Rep.**

**Harlin Casida – City Rep.**

**Secretary: Gregory Gatzka**

**Staff: Chuck Kinney (559) 852-2674**

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### REVISED AGENDA

#### SPECIAL MEETING

**Monday, March 24, 2014, at 4:00 P.M.**

This regular meeting of the Kings County Water Commission will be held in the AG Commissioner's Multi-Purpose Room, 680 N. Campus Drive, Hanford, California.

*The Kings County Water Commission requests that all cell phones and other electronic communication devices be muted or turned off while the meeting is in progress.*

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson**

A. Roll Call of Water Commission Members: (*Gregory Gatzka- Secretary*)

B. Unscheduled Comments:

*Any person may address the Commission on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Commission at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Commission on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Commission. Unscheduled comments will be limited to five minutes.*

C. Election of Officers – *Conducted by the Commission's Secretary*

1. Open nominations for the election of the following officers for the Water Commission.

a. Chairperson

*Call for motion, second and voice vote*

b. Vice Chairperson

*Call for motion, second and voice vote*

D. Approval of the Minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting – *Chairman: call for motion, second and voice vote*

#### **II. OLD BUSINESS –**

A. **KINGS UPDATE ON WATER/DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN KINGS COUNTY AND THE CONTINUEING DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY** – Steve Haugen and Erik Kaeding  
Update for the Committee and discussion of the ongoing drought condition and its affect on Kings County agriculture, fire safety, and groundwater levels together with a discussion on the continuing delaration of local emergency due to drought conditions in Kings County.

**1. Discussion**

**2. Action: Provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.**

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. 2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Michael Nordstrom**

Update for the Commission on current bills related to water issues which the state legislature are considering.

##### **1. Discussion**

**2. Action: Provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.**

#### **B. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION – Dave Orth**

Discussion on the current and foreseeable future of Groundwater in Kings County.

##### 1. Discussion

2. Action: Provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

#### **C. DRY YEAR TRANSFER PROGRAM – Jacob Westra**

##### 1. Discussion

2. Action: Provide recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

A. Member comments:

B. Staff comments:

C. Correspondence:

### **V. ADJOURNMENT –**

Next regular meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2014.

# KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

**DISTRICT 1**  
John Howe

**DISTRICT 2**  
Mark Gilkey - Chair

**DISTRICT 3**  
Jim Verboon

**DISTRICT 4**  
Craig Pedersen

**DISTRICT 5**  
Don Mills

**MEMBER AT LARGE**  
Brian Ehlers – Vice Chair

**SPECIAL DISTRICT  
REPRESENTATIVE**  
Harold Reed

**CITY REPRESENTATIVE**  
John Gordon

**CITY REPRESENTATIVE**  
Harlin Casida

**KINGS COUNTY**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STAFF:** Greg Gatzka (559) 852-2682 Chuck Kinney (559) 852-2674

**CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Kings County Water Commission (KCWC) was called to order by Chairman Gilkey at 5:00 p.m., on November 25, 2013. The KCWC meeting was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Administration Building (Bldg. No. 1), 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

Roll call of members was conducted by Secretary Gatzka, and a quorum of appointed Committee members were in attendance.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Mills, Brian Ehlers, Mark Gilkey, Craig Pedersen, Jim Verboon, Harold Reed, John Howe

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Gordon, Harlin Casida

**STAFF PRESENT:** Greg Gatzka - Director, Erik Kaeding – Deputy County Counsel, Chuck Kinney – Deputy Director - Planning, Terri Yarbrough – Executive Secretary

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Joe Neves, Eric Osterling, Tim Niswander, Steve Jackson, Scott Sills, David Kahn, Deb West, Dale Melville

**UNSCHEDULED COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made and seconded (Pedersen/Mills) to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Gordon and Casida absent.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Kings River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – Eric Osterling –** Mr. Osterling provided a draft of the revised and updated Kings River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The State of California Department of Water Resources requires that organizations and

agencies individually adopt the Kings Basin IRWMP to be eligible for Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E Integrated Regional Water Management grant funds. Kings County, as an Interested Party of the Kings Basin Water Authority, is being asked to adopt the Kings River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

A motion was made and seconded (Mills/Verboon) to recommend that the BOS support and adopt the revised Kings Basin IRWMP and to support its continuing development and implementation. Motion carried unanimously with Gordan and Casida absent.

**B. State Water Boards Groundwater Workplan**

Mr. Erik Kaeding provided an update to the Commission on the Draft Groundwater Workplan Concept paper and a draft letter to the State Water Resources Control Board. He reported that he had attended the Water Board meeting in Sacramento and that things look like the first steps are being taken for State takeover of water. He suggested that we need to do a better job on the local level of managing our groundwater and to let the state know we don't want top down regulation. He also prepared a letter for the Commission to consider

Don Mills asked to have "increase surface storage water and recharge and recharge groundwater" added to the last paragraph of the proposed letter. The committee agreed that they would like to determine what the thresholds are at the local level rather than asking the State what the thresholds are.

A motion was made and seconded (Howe/Ehlers) to set up a subcommittee consisting of Craig Pedersen, Jim Verboon, Don Mills and Mark Gilkey giving them the authority to act on behalf of the entire commission to work on the letter to the State Water Resources Control Board with Erik Kaeding. Motion carried unanimously with Gordan and Casida absent.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. Staff Comments** – None

**B. Member Comments** – Mark Gilkey asked about updating a map showing water sources in the county. He stated that he would work on updating the map with numerical data. Mr. Gilkey also reported that the deadline for the comment period for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan had been moved from October to December. The Governors office wants to move forward and this will allow interim financing to carry the project forward until the project starts and bonds can be sold. He also reported that on December 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> there would be renegotiation with Department of Water Resources to extend the Water Supply Contract.

**C. Correspondence** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Water Commission is Monday, February 24, 2014 at 5:00 pm at the Ag Commissioners multi purpose room. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
**KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION**

  
Greg Gatzka, Secretary