

KINGS COUNTY

Water Commission Meeting

Michael Newton – District 1
Laura Brown – District 4
Harold Reed – Special District

Jim Razor – District 2
Roger Reynolds – District 5
Alvaro Preciado – City Rep.

Jim Verboon – District 3
Eric Osterling – Member at Large
Sid Palmerin – City Rep.

Secretary: Chuck Kinney

Staff: Alex Hernandez (559) 852-2679

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 27, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. or soon thereafter

This regular meeting of the Kings County Water Commission will be held at the Kings County Government Center in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Administration Building (Bldg. No. 1), 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford CA.

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: (*Chuck Kinney- 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. Approval of Minutes of the January 9, 2023, Special meeting - *Chairperson: call for motion, second and voice vote.*

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Water Resources Oversight Commission Formation Ordinance**
 - 1. Water Commission Subcommittee Presentation – Laura Brown
 - 2. Discussion
 - 3. Recommendation (*if desired*)
- B. Role of the Water Commission**
 - 1. Discussion
 - 2. Recommendation (*if desired*)
- C. Groundwater Export Ordinance**
 - 1. Discussion
 - 2. Recommendation (*if desired*)

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. General Summary of Flood Releases in the Area**
 - 1. Informational discussion

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Future Agenda Items:
- B. Member comments:
- C. Staff comments:
- D. Correspondence:

V. ADJOURNMENT – Next Regular meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2023.

KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

DISTRICT 1
Michael Newton

DISTRICT 2
Jim Razor

DISTRICT 3
Jim Verboon

DISTRICT 4
Laura Brown

DISTRICT 5
Roger Reynolds

MEMBER AT LARGE
Eric Osterling

SPECIAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE
Harold Reed

CITY REPRESENTATIVE
Alvaro Preciado

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Sid Palmerin

KINGS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STAFF:
Chuck Kinney – Secretary (559) 852-2674

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CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the Kings County Water Commission (KCWC) was called to order by Chairman Reynolds at 5:00 p.m., on January 9, 2023. The KCWC meeting was held in Kings County Government Center in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Administration Building (Bldg. No. 1), 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford CA.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Newton, Jim Razor, Jim Verboon, Laura Brown, Roger Reynolds

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Osterling, Alvaro Preciado, Harold Reed, Sid Palmerin

STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Kinney – Director, Sean Cash – County Counsel, Chanda Jackson – Executive Secretary, Alex Hernandez – Planner

VISITORS PRESENT: Scott Sills, Shawn Corley, Riley Jones, Chantal Ouellet, JJ Westra, Steve Jackson, Dusty Ference, Rick Jacobs, Russ Waymire, Morgan Campbell

UNSCHEDULED COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Brown/Newton) to approve the November 28, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously with Osterling, Preciado, Reed, and Palmerin absent.

OLD BUSINESS: -

- A. Groundwater Export Ordinance** – Chairman Reynolds initiated the discussion in regard to the Groundwater Export Ordinance. He provided a review of the matter at hand and suggested a subcommittee be established to evaluate and provide a recommendation for the ordinances. He asked for comments from the other Commissioners and audience. Mr. Cash provided information on what is legal and ethical in the formation of the subcommittees. The allowed number of Water Commission members was established for the subcommittees. It was recommended by members of the audience that Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, a

representative of Lemoore Naval Air Station, and other representatives of agencies and entities that are well-versed in local water issues and policy be invited to the subcommittee meetings as attendees or consultants. Staff will contact remaining commissioners and other technical experts to determine volunteers for subcommittees.

- B. Water Resources Oversight Commission Formation Ordinance** – Chairman Reynolds led a joint discussion between Commissioners and the audience regarding both the Groundwater Export Ordinance and the Water Resources Oversight Commission Formation Ordinance. He recommended a subcommittee be formulated for each ordinance, which the decision was made to form two (2) subcommittees: one (1) for the Groundwater Export Ordinance, one (1) for the Water Resources Oversight Commission Formation Ordinance and Role of the Water Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

- C. Role of the Water Commission** – Chairman Reynolds conducted conversation regarding the role of the Water Commission along with the Water Resources Oversight Commission Formation Ordinance and the Groundwater Export Commission. The decision was made to include the discussion of the role of the Water Commission with the subcommittee for Water Resources Oversight Commission Formation Ordinance.

A motion was made and seconded (Razor/Brown) to create two (2) subcommittees for review of the ordinances and the role of the Water Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Future Agenda Items** – None
- B. Member Comments** – None
- C. Staff Comments** – None
- D. Correspondence** – None

Next regular meeting of the Water Commission is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION



Chuck Kinney, Secretary