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Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Action Summary

Date: Friday, March 17, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kings County Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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- I. 9:00 AM **CALL TO ORDER**
ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
Pledge of Allegiance
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT



Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board of Supervisors has convened pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5, which authorizes the Board to hold a special meeting without complying with the normal the 24 – hour notice and posting requirements when a majority of its members find an emergency exists that severely impairs the public health and involves matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public services and facilities. In order to strictly comply with the statutory requirements, I am asking at the commencement of this meeting that the Board consider making findings that:

- 1) There is an emergency due to in Kings County due to floods that severely impairs the public health and safety.
- 2) That the emergency involves matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public services.

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, DV, RR, RV-Aye)

II. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any other items of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

Joe Mendes, Kings County resident stated that Grangeville needs to be cut to divert the water as that is the natural flow near Highline canal where the road was reconstructed and gave two handouts to the Board on location and diverting water from Highline to Cross Creek is the better option.

Tony DeGroot, Kings County resident stated that Grangeville needs to be cut where it was rebuilt and raised to allow for the natural flow of water and will divert water from the properties and into Cross Creek.

Supervisor Verboon stated that County staff was able to cut three levees last night that we placed over the years in Cross Creek, this will allow more flow as the release from Kaweah continues. He stated that there was a breach at Flint Avenue which could possibly flood the City of Hanford and staff is working to get the flow out of Highline canal to Cross Creek to help with the amount of water currently there and expected to continue.

Joe Mendes, Kings County resident stated that damming is not an option for Highline a cut to flow to Cross Creek would be best option.

Nathan Herringa, Kings County resident stated that the Highline and Cross Creek are not the only options for water flow, there are many unused canals that could divert water to the Lake Bottom.

Devin Eagle, Corcoran Irrigation District stated that he is prepared to dam where needed and widening or cutting to Cross Creek doesn't affect Highline, but he doesn't have jurisdiction over Cross Creek.

Joel Bleeker, Kings County resident questioned whether anyone has made sure that Cross Creek can handle the water flows down the line, and Highline is taking the water now, but in the future what if there are dams how that will affect property and livelihoods are at stake.

Don Veenendaal, Kings County resident stated that in 1984 Highline Canal was blocked at Grangeville and during early flood years Grangeville was low enough to handle the water but with the changes in elevation of Highway 198 it affected the natural flows and a cut to Grangeville could help to handle the water flows currently



Devin Eagle, Corcoran Irrigation District stated that it was implied that Highline is not taking water safely to Corcoran and that is not correct, the canal is not designed for unrestricted flow which is what they are experiencing and could flood other landowners.

Jared DeGroot, Kings County resident asked Corcoran Irrigation District to explain what normal flows for Highline Canal are?

Devin Eagle, Corcoran Irrigation District stated that Highline Canal receives water from Kings River and Pine Flat and is rated for 400 csf, currently they have registered 515 csf and they are estimating it is at 600 csf which they are not being able to track.

III. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Administration – Edward Hill

1. Consider receiving an update from response agencies, water management agencies and County staff and take actions as deemed necessary.

INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM: EDWARD HILL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER; KINGS COUNTY SHERIFF, DAVE ROBINSON; DOMINIC TYBURSKI, KINGS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR; KYRIA MARTINEZ, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER; ABRAHAM VALENCIA, KINGS COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER; GREG GATZKA, CORCORAN CITY MANAGER AND JONATHAN YAU, UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

ACTION: THE BOARD TOOK THE INFORMATION UNDER ADVISEMENT AND TOOK NO OFFICIAL ACTION.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

- ♦ **Threat to Public Services or Facilities – Consultation with:
David Robinson, Sheriff
Diane Freeman, County Counsel
[Govt. Code Section 54957(a)]**

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 21	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
March 21	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting
March 28	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 4	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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