

# Special Meeting Minutes

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2018 Klamath Project Drought Response Agency  
Special Board Meeting  
April 16, 2019  
11:30 AM

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Marc Staunton called the special scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 11:40am at the KWUA conference room, located 735 Commercial Street, Klamath Falls Oregon.

## ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Michael McKoen, Paul Crawford, Marc Staunton, Rob Unruh, & Jerry Enman.

Guests: Marc VanCamp, Chelsea Shearer, Nathan Ratliff, Ryan Kliewer, Jason Chapman, Bill Ganong, Kraig Beasley, Gary Wright, Brad Kirby, Mike Byrne, Bob Gasser, Paul Simmons, Gene Souza, Tricia Hill, John Crawford, & Curt Mullis

Media Presence: none

## Review Agenda

It was proposed to discuss agenda item # 4 before all others. Agenda was approved by consensus.

KPDRA invited KWUA board of directors and other interested parties to discuss openly what a 2019 program could look like along with brainstorming other strategies. During a meeting of the Coalition of the Willing at the Refuge, ideas were brainstormed regarding getting water to the Refuge. The discussion led to ideas that could be beneficial but would need quick action if they were to materialize. Paul Simmons, KWUA Executive Director, stated that the major concerns were (1) the Project was getting a limited supply of 322TAF which was not enough for full demand, and (2) the largest national refuge in the U.S. may not get water in a wet year.

Discussion of ground water pumping (GWP) continued, many members of KPDRA were opposed to ground water pumping as this is the year that could recharge the aquifers. If GWP was to happen the view with public relations would be imperative. Gary Wright of KWUA stated that if there was any program that happens, the spin would need to be "the only way the refuge may get water is if we have a program. Perhaps a small program of \$150,000 and only if needed." Tricia Hill suggested that a program may not be needed but if it is, she encouraged the KPDRA to hire a PR firm. Mike McKoen stated that California Water Fowl highly encourages any program that will result in water to the refuge.

Motion: To recess for 5 minutes.

Motion by: Jerry Enman                      Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

KWUA asks the KPDRA board to consider hiring a PR firm to address the public view of programs and agency, KWUA's budget is insufficient to contribute this year.

Paul Crawford leave meeting at 12:45pm- quorum maintained.

Jerry Enman motions to create a GWP for 2019.

Motion: To create an as needed ground water pumping program and have it if needed.

Motion by: Jerry Enman                      Second: none

Discussion: Mike McKoen does not want to spend all the money and will not second. Rob Unruh declined to second as well. No other member was willing to second the motion at this time because of the lack of a desire to set up a GWP program solely for the

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purpose of pumping for the refuge. The Board is open to further discussion at a later date to consider a GWP program if there is a need for irrigators to do so.

Motion dies.

Jerry Enman suggests that KPDR ask MBK for data analysis and a preliminary cost of a land idling program or GWP.

Motion: To have MBK conduct data analysis for a potential 2019 ground water program.

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Mike McKoen

Motion Carried.

### Discussion of Financial Report, Review/Approval of Outstanding Invoices

Nathan Ratliff stated that financials are still not corrected. There is \$1.8 million in the bank, it is reconciled to \$36,000 in assigned claims beings re-issued. Marc Staunton asked when KPDR can get a proposal from Amy Chipman at Isler for accounting. Nathan stated he hopes by next meeting he will have a proposal. Financials tabled until next meeting.

Motion: To approve outstanding bills as presented.

Motion By: Mike McKoen Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

Motion: To adjourn meeting.

Motion By: Mike McKoen Second: Jerry Enman

Motion Carried

### Next Meeting

Meeting will be held May 8, 2019 at 10am at KWUA board room.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton  , President

Approved: Rob Unruh  , Secretary