

# Regular Meeting Minutes

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**Klamath Project Drought Response Agency  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 28, 2020  
1:00 pm**

## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Marc Staunton, the President, called the regular scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 1:07 pm at KWUA boardroom at 2312 South Sixth Street and via the online conference platform called Zoom.

## **ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: Marc Staunton, Luther Horsley, Jerry Enman, and Mike McKoen

Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Paul Simmons, Kyle Knutson, Gene Souza, Mark VanCamp, Nathan Ratliff, Bill Ganong, Chris Kerney, Mark Limbaugh, Casey Ladner, and Pat Nue.

Media Presence: none

## Agenda

Luther proposes to change the agenda to accommodate The Ferguson Group (TFG).

Motion: To change agenda order to move update from TFG to accommodate them

Motion by: Luther Horsley                      Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

## DRA Funding

Paul Simmons updated the board on the status of additional 2020 funding that KWUA was working on with TFG. Currently, they have been unable to find additional funding for the 2020 program. Paul is writing a narrative for congressional staff on the context of why there is a need for additional funding and a need for additional funding for 2021. Paul stated that if there is an opportunity for 2020, it will happen in the Lame Duck session. Mark Limbaugh of TFG stated that FY 2021 is already budgeted in congress, and TFG is working on add ons. If there are appropriations for 2021, then KWUA and TFG will ask for funds for the DRA. Mark stated that 2021 funds couldn't be used in 2020 unless it's included in an emergency COVID bill. Mark and Chris Leave the meeting at 1:44 pm.

## Minutes

The board was presented with July 8 and September 11 minutes for consideration of approval.

Motion: To approve both set of minutes as presented.

Motion by: Luther Horsley                      Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

## Financials

Nathan presented the board with the current financials. Marc Staunton stated that he has been able to gain online access to the account as well. A statement of assets is provided; there have been no accounts receivables. The DRA has invoiced Reclamation \$4,388,200 has yet to be paid but is expected. The board has asked that next meeting, they be provided a statement of revenue from January 1, 2020, to the present day, so a 2020 income is visible.

Motion: To approve the financials as presented and pay the outstanding invoices.

Motion by: Mike McKoen                      Second: Luther Horsley

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## Discussion of SDAO Insurance Cancellation/ Authorize Application for Coverage

SDAO has opted to cancel the KPDR insurance due to working with TID partons as they are in California and SDAO operates in Oregon. The accountant believes there are other options, and she is putting those together for the next board meeting. Current coverage will remain active throughout 2020.

Motion: To authorize President to seek and apply for substitute coverage for the 1<sup>st</sup> year, then the board will ratify afterward.

Motion by: Luther Horsley                      Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

## Discussion of Administration of Previously Approved Programs

Paul Simmons suggested that the DRA consider paying Land Idling in two payments, pay what there is funds for now and a second payment if more funds are received. The board proceeded to an in-depth conversation and ultimately came to no action until the next meeting.

There was a discussion to hold a workshop to collect all the power bills. Many applicants are having issues with getting those to MBK. It is estimated that approximately 90TAF has been pumped based on a model from 2018.

## 2020 KPDR Overall Summary (through October 26, 2020)

| PROGRAM                | Description  | No. Applications |
|------------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>Non- Irrigation</b> |  |                  |
| <u>Full-Season</u>     | 11/01/2019 – 10/31/2020  | 444              |
|                        | D0022 – Schmid, outside of project   |                  |
|                        | D0320 – Broussard, did not meet acreage minimum                                |                  |
|                        | D0448 & D0449 – Kurt Yancy received late<br>(June 15, 2020 / 10.8 acres total) |                  |
|                        | D0465 – Apex Farms received late (June 27, 2020 / 80 acres)                    |                  |
|                        | <u>22 applications withdrawn (1,325.75 acres)</u>                              |                  |
| Partial Season         | 03/01/2020 – 10/31/2020  | 52               |
|                        | 3 applications withdrawn (226 acres)   |                  |
| Limited Season         | 05/12/2020 – 10/31/2020  | 32               |
|                        | P0031 received late (July 7, 2020 / 53.3 acres)                                |                  |
|                        | 6 applications withdrawn (228.27 acres)  |                  |
|                        | <b>Sub-Total: 528</b>  |                  |
| <b>Groundwater</b>     |  |                  |
| Power Plus             | Similar to 2018: power + X%  | 117              |
| Focused (Top 30)       | Similar to 2015: power + \$20/AF   | 30               |
|                        | <b>Sub-Total: 147</b>  |                  |
|                        | <b>Total Applications: 675</b>   |                  |

## 2020 KPDR Non-Irrigation Program Summary (through October 26, 2020)

| PROGRAM                | Description No.         | Acres     |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Non- Irrigation</b> |                         |           |
| Full-Season            | 11/01/2019 – 10/31/2020 | 28,129.46 |
| Partial Season         | 03/01/2020 – 10/31/2020 | 4,060.28  |
| Limited Season         | 05/12/2020 – 10/31/2020 | 1,184.91  |
|                        | <b>Total: 33,374.65</b> |           |

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### 2020 KPDR Groundwater Summary By District/Entity (through October 26, 2020)

| District/Entity Applications | (# wells) |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| KID                          | 40        |
| TID                          | 55        |
| Other                        | 52        |
| <b>Total: 147</b>            |           |

### 2020 KPDR Groundwater Summary By Program (through October 26, 2020)

| Program  | Power Bills (\$)    |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>Groundwater Supplementation Program</b>                               |                     |
| <b>Apr – Jun Reimbursements</b>  | <b>\$669,762.18</b> |
| Other Received Bills   | \$1,159,327.33      |
| Estimated Demand Charge  | \$158,680.99        |
| Sub-Total  | \$1,987,770.50      |
| <b>Focused Program</b>   |                     |
| <b>April – June</b>  | <b>\$117,020.70</b> |
| Other Received Bills   | \$287,419.13        |
| Estimated Demand Charge  | \$26,058.94         |
| Sub-Total  | \$430,498.77        |
| <b>Total April – June \$786,782.88</b>                                   |                     |
| <b><u>Total (April – June, Other Bills, Est Dem.) \$2,418,269.27</u></b> |                     |

### 2020 KPDR Groundwater Summary By Program (through October 26, 2020)

| Program   | Estimated AF | Reported AF |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| Groundwater Supplementation Program   | 57,707.39*   | N/A         |
| *Estimate based on 2015 data, \$31.43/AF average for wells outside of Top 30  |              |             |
| Focused Program   | 32,485.13*   | 21,462.99   |
| *Estimate based on 2015 data, \$12.45/AF average for wells in Top 30  |              |             |
| The difference in estimated versus reported is likely due to many factors, including a decrease in efficiency, and lag in flow meter totalizer reporting by applicants. |              |             |

**Estimated Total 90,192.52**

MBK will send out a letter requesting the submission of groundwater pumping power bills and demand charges. Based on the letter response, will determine whether an in-person workshop will be necessary.

Motion: To authorize MBK and Attorney to send a letter out to streamline the process and identify any discrepancy.

Motion by: Mike McKoen    Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

#### Domestic Well Mitigation Program

MBK engineers have processed the drought well applications. After reviewing the details, the board feels it needs more information on wells. Once that is received, they will task for verification. A total of nine applications have been received, and ten wells have been identified. The potential Reimbursement is \$21,676.20

The board reviewed the Domestic Drought Well Mitigation Program and recommended the following changes to the contract.

1. Change Page 1: Definition of a well, add "follow B.2. "where a municipal water source is not currently available for use."
2. Extend documentation of repair/service to December 31, 2020.
3. Pumping issue: extend November 10 to receive an application to apply for the program.

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Motion: To authorize changes listed above to the Domestic Drought Well Mitigation Program.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

### Discussion of schedule for Appointment of Directors, Election of Officers

The board was presented with a revised version of the Board of Director terms. Nathan Ratliff discussed potential changes to term limits as set forth in the attached Exhibit, which was presented to the Board.

Motion: To authorize changes to the Board of Director term limits.

Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Mike McKoen

The board will notice the next board for November 18 at 1:00 pm.

Motion: To set the next board meeting on November 18.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.


Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 4:58 pm.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton , President

Approved: Rob Unruh , Secretary

**KLAMATH PROJECT DROUGHT RESPONSE AGENCY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TERMS**

Position 2.4.1\* - Appointed by Klamath Irrigation District

Jerry Enman - July 25, 2018 to July 24, 2021

Position 2.4.2 - Appointed by Tulelake Irrigation District

Marc Staunton - July 25, 2018 to July 24, 2021

Position 2.4.3 -Appointed by Klamath Drainage District

Luther Horsley – July 25, 2018 to July 24, 2021

Position 2.4.4(a) - Appointed by Directors 2.4.1, 2.4.2, and 2.4.3 to represent Van Brimmer Ditch Company

Mike McKoen - July 25, 2018 to July 24, 2020

- July 25, 2020 to July 24, 2023

Position 2.4.4(b) - Appointed by Directors 2.4.1, 2.4.2, and 2.4.3 to represent Klamath Basin Improvement District

Luke Robison - July 25, 2018 to July 24, 2020

- July 25, 2020 to July 24, 2023

Position 2.4.4(c) - Appointed by Directors 2.4.1, 2.4.2, and 2.4.3 to represent Shasta View Irrigation District and Malin Irrigation District

Robert Unruh - July 25, 2018 to July 24, 2019

- July 25, 2019 to July 24, 2022

Position 2.4.5 - Appointed by Directors 2.4.4(a), 2.4.4(b) and 2.4.4(c) at large

Gary Derry - July 25, 2018 to July 24, 2019

Paul Crawford - July 25, 2019 to July 24, 2022