



**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE:
Board of Directors Attendance of
Central Storage Reservoir SEPA Scoping Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Directors:

Gene Huffman, President
David McKenzie, Vice President
Kirk Rathbun
Arland Ward
Griffin Hanberg

Meeting Facilitator:

Ben Floyd, White Bluffs Consulting
Lara Floyd, White Bluffs Consulting

Approximately 30 other attendees

Co-Lead Agency Representative:

Tom Tebb, WA Dept of Ecology

KID Staff Present:

Charles Freeman, District Manager
Seth Defoe, Land & Water Resources Manager
Jason McShane, Engineering/Operations Manager
Ben Woodard, Assistant Eng./Ops Manager
Dana Hernandez, Customer Accounts Supervisor
Matt Berglund, Public Relations Coordinator
Lori Gibson, Executive Assistant to Engineering
Doris Rakowski, Executive Assistant

Mr. Freeman welcomed attendees. He said the Board called a special meeting so more than two directors could attend, but the only action they would take at the meeting was listening.

PRESENTATIONS: Central Storage Reservoir SEPA Scoping
Power Point slides were displayed throughout the presentation

Mr. Tebb provided background about the Department of Ecology Office of the Columbia River. He spoke about the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP) and working with irrigation districts to secure water supply. Washington Department of Ecology was State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) co-lead agency for environmental review of the KID Central Storage Reservoir Project.

Mr. Freeman reviewed the list of Consulting Entities.

Mr. Floyd reviewed meeting format and Zoom instructions. Questions and comments could be sent to him via Zoom chat. A summary of questions, comments, and responses would be made available to the public through the environmental review documentation subsequent to the meeting. He noted that this was an open house, not a hearing.

Mr. Freeman presented a district profile and listed the district priorities set by the Board.

Mr. McShane spoke about KID's water supply challenges as a return flow district. He described how integrated plan implementation and up basin conservation projects reduced return flows, as well as how climate change was likely to impact the district. He displayed and spoke about a graph of monthly return Flows to the Yakima River between Parker Gauge and Prosser Dam for select years.

Mr. McShane spoke about elements of the Capital Improvement Plan, including canal lining, automated control, recapture reuse, in-canal storage, operational reservoirs, and the planned central storage reservoir.

Mr. McShane displayed and spoke about a map of the Draft Preferred Alternative Central Storage Reservoir, an overhead depiction of the proposed reservoir. He described how elevation was beneficial to the design by allowing it to be filled and drawn down without pumps.

Office of the Columbia River and KID shared project goals of improving water management and drought relief and resiliency were discussed.

Draft alternative sites, including Webber Canyon Road and Graham Road were identified. Mr. McShane spoke about potential programmatic alternatives proposed for phasing during scoping, including filling water from non-KID water rights under new Reclamation skimming rules, KID participation in YBIP storage, conjunctive use with managed aquifer recharge or hydro power generation, and additional storage options to be considered in the future.

Mr. Defoe reviewed the process that would be followed:

- Programmatic environmental review
- Broad list of sites and alternatives considered
- Define alternatives not considered
- Define phasing options for preferred site
- Project level review on draft preferred alternative

Mr. Defoe reviewed the pre-scoping steps taken to date, including the Co-Lead Agency Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Ecology, identification of cooperating agencies, scheduling stake holder meetings, and identifying potential permits. The expanded checklist included assembling existing environmental documents and outreach materials.

Mr. Defoe reported that KID issued a determination of significance and chose to use an expanded comment period of 30 days instead of 15 (until March 11th). He said KID would take and evaluate comments received.

After the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) scope was determined the EIS would be drafted. Mr. Defoe listed elements to be included in the Draft EIS. After comments were received on the Draft EIS and addressed as needed, a final EIS would be issued.

Mr. Defoe reviewed the SEPA process long-term timeline, culminating with the final EIS in 2023.

Public Comments: Mr. Floyd presented questions and comments received at the meeting:

1. Would the presentation will be made available on the KID website?

Slides from the meeting would be available on the website next week.

2. Would KID consider offering residential water rights to property directly adjacent to the reservoir?

Mr. McShane said there was currently no program for allotting new water allocations.

3. Was there aesthetic criteria, visual or dual use (fishing/nature) expectations included in the RFP? If so please describe, if not why? Aesthetic, dual use fishing/nature included?

Mr. Defoe said KID would look at environmental, architectural, fishing elements. Aesthetics were on the SEPA checklist. He said dual use was talked about but he didn't know if it would be done.

4. What environmental studies will KID conduct to guarantee the adjacent properties residential well sources won't be impacted by the reservoir?

Mr. Defoe said KID was not in the business to harm the water supply of anyone. It would be looked at in the scope. He was not able to make promises but could say KID was not interested in seeing people's wells run dry. This would be considered.

5. In years not determined a drought will there be water for pulses for fish needs?

Mr. McShane said it would be looked at in the programmatic review.

6. Comment: Strongly encourage strengthening management... aquifer recharge

7. Comment: Please make natural looking and stock with fish for recreation.

Mr. McShane replied to questions received by email:

Regarding the elevation drop, Mr. McShane said a raised embankment was considered, and that staff was looking at alternatives including digging deeper in the ground and using separate cells.

Regarding the central reservoir site and purchase of land, Mr. McShane said the central storage reservoir proposed was completely on land now owned by KID.

Regarding the value of property purchased from Tiegs, Mr. McShane said land had not been purchased from the Tiegs, but land was purchased from the Badger Canyon LLC and the Shaw Family Trust.

There was a last call for comments at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Floyd reviewed the SEPA-Process long-term timeline and encouraged people to comment.

Mr. Defoe displayed the contact section of the scoping document. He said it was already on KID website and more would be posted at <https://www.kid.org/kid-capital-projects/> under Central Storage Reservoir.

Comments could be directed to PR@kid.org or CentralStorageEIS@kid.org.

Mr. Freeman read a comment from the meeting chat, "I would like to know why KID is just taking everyone's land along the canal. Why can't you just go into the BLM side. There is nothing over there." He replied that KID was not taking anyone's land and was within the district's right of way.

There being no further questions, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

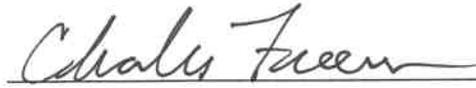
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Witness:



Gene Huffman, Board President

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Charles Freeman, Board Secretary

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