

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Special Board Minutes, May 30, 2014  
Kings River Conservation District, 4886 E. Jensen Ave., Fresno, CA 93725**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held May 30, 2014.

1. Call to order

Chair Harry Armstrong called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. Armstrong noted that there was a quorum.

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Chris Kapheim, Alta Irrigation District (alternate)  
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)  
Dean Uota, City of Dinuba (alternate)  
Denise England, County of Tulare (alternate)  
Bernard Jimenez (alternate)  
Harry Armstrong, City of Clovis  
Frank Fowler, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)  
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)  
Gary Serrato, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)  
Roseann Galvan, City of Selma (alternate)  
Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District (alternate)

**Members Absent:**

City of Parlier  
City of Fresno  
Kings River Conservation District  
City of Sanger

**Interested Parties Present:**

Sue Ruiz, Easton Community Services District  
Kathy Wood McLaughlin, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners  
Maria Herrera, Community Water Center  
Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company  
Phil Desatoff, City of Kingsburg  
Cruz Ramos, City of San Joaquin

**Interested Parties Absent:**

Biola Community Services District  
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter  
California State University, Fresno  
City of Orange Cove  
County of Kings  
Cutler Public Utilities District  
East Orosi Community Services District  
El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust  
Fresno County Farm Bureau  
Hardwick Water Company  
James Irrigation District  
Kings River Conservancy  
Kings River Water Association  
Laguna Irrigation District  
Liberty Canal Company  
Liberty Water District

London Community Services District Malaga County  
Water District  
Mid-Valley Water District  
Orange Cove Irrigation District  
Orosi Public Utilities District  
Raisin City Water District  
Riverdale Irrigation District  
Riverdale Public Utility District  
Sanger Environmental Fund  
Self-Help Enterprises  
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter  
Sierra Resource Conservation District  
Sultana Community Services District  
Terranova Ranch, Inc.  
UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno

**Others Present:**

Eric Osterling, KRCD  
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD  
Ron Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard  
Alan Hoffman, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control Dist.  
Jason Clarke, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control Dist.  
Ryan Jensen, Community Water Center  
Jerry Lakeman, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control Dist.

Rey Empleo, City of Clovis  
Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District  
Kristen Freberg, Assembly Member Jim Patterson  
Kevin Fabino, City of Reedley  
Heather Bashian, Provost & Pritchard

## 2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

## 3. Public Presentations

Interested Party Representative Maria Herrera reported that the Tulare County DAC water study is almost completed. Herrera reported that reports are out for public comment. Herrera reported two final meetings are scheduled. The first meeting is scheduled for June 23 for reviewing the final draft report and recommendations. The final meeting for the study is scheduled for August 11.

Alternate Director Kapheim reported that the engineering studies are being completed for the surface water treatment plant. Kapheim reported that they are working on the governance and funding with the Governor's office.

## 4. Request to modify the IRWMP Project List

Chair Armstrong called on staff member Eric Osterling to report on the modification of the IRWMP Project List. Osterling reported that the Project Selection Panel reviewed the projects and that they are consistent with the Kings Basin IRWMP Goals and Objectives. Osterling reported that the Advisory Committee recommends that the Board add the projects to the IRWMP Project List. Osterling reported that the projects included the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Regional Groundwater Recharge and Surface Water Reuse Project, East Orosi Community Services District Water Conservation and Meter Project, Sultana Community Services District Water Conservation and Meter Project, Malaga County Water District Water Supply Conservation Project, City of Kerman Median Landscaping Renovation Project, City of San Joaquin Water Storage Tank, and City of Orange Cove Water System Feasibility Study. It was moved by Alternate Director Galvan, seconded by Director Moore and unanimously carried that the Board approve the Advisory Committee's recommendation to add the projects listed to the IRWMP Project List.

## 5. Recommendation to approve projects for inclusion in an application for a grant under the 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation

Chair Armstrong called on staff member Eric Osterling to report on the projects recommended by the Advisory Committee to be included in a grant application under the 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation. Osterling reported that the Project Section Panel thoroughly reviewed and ranked eleven projects that were submitted. Osterling referred to the Pre-Application Evaluations handout that showed the ranking of the eleven projects based on a maximum score of 60 points. Osterling reported that the top five scoring projects including: 1. Consolidated Irrigation District Adams and Academy Basin project, 2. City of Fresno Nielsen Groundwater Recharge Basin, 3. Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Regional Groundwater Recharge and Surface Water Reuse Project, 4. East Orosi Community Services District Water Conservation and Meter Project, and 5. Sultana Community Services District Water Conservation and Meter Project be submitted as a package with the ability by the five project proponents to adjust the projects for the 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation application based on the requirements of the final PSP and also on the potential final amount of the grant awarded. It was moved by Alternate Director Serrato, seconded by Alternate Director Moore and unanimously carried that the Board approve the top five scoring projects be submitted as a package with the ability by the five project proponents to adjust the projects for the 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation application based on the requirements of the final PSP and also on the potential final amount of the grant awarded.

## 6. Adoption of Resolution No. 14-01

Osterling reported that DWR requires an authorizing resolution to be submitted with the 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation. Osterling requested that the Board adopt Resolution No. 14-01 - Authorization to File an Application for a Grant under the 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation and to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources. It was moved by Alternate Director Desatoff, seconded by Alternate Director Jimenez and unanimously carried that the Board to adopt Resolution No. 14-01.

7. Request Approval to Authorize Use of Professional Services Funds

Osterling reported that this item was continued from the last regularly scheduled Board meeting due to a lack of a quorum. Osterling reported that IRWMPs have a State Water Code requirement to comply with salt nutrient management planning. Osterling requested that the Board authorize the use of Professional Services funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,700 for HydroMetrics, WRI to complete a request from CV-SALTS to extract source data from the Kings Basin hydrologic model. Osterling reported that the data will be used to assist in the development of the CV-SALTS Phase II Conceptual Model of the Kings Basin. Osterling reported that this will allow the Water Authority to meet the requirement to comply with salt nutrient management planning. Discussion followed regarding concerns of how the data would be used and the timing of the request. It was moved by Alternate Director Serrato, seconded by Alternate Director Kapheim and passed by the following vote to approve the funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,700 for HydroMetrics, WRI with the contingent that the scope of work may be refined after the initial stakeholder meeting:

AYES: Directors Armstrong, and Fast. Alternate Directors Kapheim, Moore, Uota, Akins, Jimenez, Serrato, Galvan, Mills

NOES: Alternate Directors Fowler, Desatoff

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lopez, McKean, Xiong, Ontiveros

8. Request approval to Authorize Use of Professional Services Funds

Osterling reported that this item was continued from the last regularly scheduled Board meeting due to a lack of a quorum. Osterling requested that the Board consider authorizing use of Professional Services funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and execution of a consulting services contract with Provost & Pritchard Engineering to support Water Authority staff in their Fiscal Year 2013-14 administrative tasks. Osterling reported that this would provide support to Water Authority staff in complying with the Kings Basin IRWMP requirement to complete an annual report on Kings Basin activities. It was moved by Alternate Director Jimenez, seconded by Alternate Director Galvan and unanimously carried that the Board authorize Professional Services funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for use in administrative tasks for the Water Authority.

9. Other items for discussion or reporting

Alternate Director Fowler reported that Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District employee and Alternate Director Jerry Lakeman is retiring. Chair Armstrong noted that Alternate Director Lakeman will be missed. Alternate Director Serrato reported that Fresno Irrigation District employee Bill Stretch has been promoted to Assistant General Manager.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Orth  
Secretary/Treasurer

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