

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Advisory Committee Minutes, September 17, 2014  
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, 93728**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held September 17, 2014.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Brock Buche called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. Buche noted that there was a quorum.

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Kevin Fabino, City of Reedley (alternate)  
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)  
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)  
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)  
Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)  
Alan Hofmann, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District

**Members Absent:**

City of Parlier  
City of Dinuba  
Alta Irrigation District  
Kings County Water District  
City of Sanger  
County of Tulare  
City of Selma  
Kings River Conservation District  
County of Fresno

**Interested Parties Present:**

Sue Ruiz, Easton Community Services District  
Kathy Wood McLaughlin, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners  
Gary Horn, City of Orange Cove  
Edith Forsstrom, Biola Community Services District  
Charles Garabedian, Jr., Malaga County Water District  
Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company  
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District  
Phil Desatoff, City of Kingsburg

**Interested Parties Absent:**

California State University, Fresno  
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter  
City of San Joaquin  
Community Water Center  
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  
Mid-Valley Water District  
Orange Cove Irrigation District  
Orosi Public Utilities 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

## 2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

## 3. Public Presentations

None

## 4. Approval of the March 19, 2014 Meeting, May 30, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes and review of June 18 Notes

It was moved by Member Forsstrom, seconded by Member Fabino and unanimously carried that the minutes of March 19, 2014 meeting and May 30, 2014 Special meeting of the Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

## 5. Staff Reports

*Planning and Implementation Contracts* – Osterling reported on the status of planning and implementation contracts. Osterling referred to the contracts matrix included in the agenda packet for updates on specific projects. Osterling reported that all five sub-agreements for Prop. 84 Round 2 have been executed. Osterling reported that the California Water Foundation grant is progressing. Osterling reported that Hydrometrics will deliver two models, a 3-layer model that will allow for quicker calibration runs and a more complex model of the basin for scenario runs.

*Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – Osterling reported that at the monthly Tulare Lake Basin funding area meeting discussions centered around CASGEM compliance. Osterling reported that KRCD is the overlaying monitoring entity for the Kings and Tulare Lake basins. Osterling stated that there were issues with uploading data and disagreement on whether KRCD needs to submit well completion information. Osterling reported that he has had requests to provide information on Water Authority members projects and data. Osterling reported that he has asked that any requests go directly to the members.

*Public Information* – Tufenkjian provided an update on the Groundwater Land Use Symposium scheduled for October 29 in Clovis. Tufenkjian reported that this is the final work product for the California Water Foundation grant.

*Legislation* – Tufenkjian reported that AB 1249 (Salas) Integrated regional water management plans: nitrate, arsenic, perchlorate, or hexavalent chromium contamination was on the Governor's desk for signature. For grant applications that include areas that have nitrate, arsenic, perchlorate, or hexavalent chromium contamination, the bill would require the department to consider whether the regional water management group has included projects that help address the impacts caused by the contamination, including projects that provide safe drinking water to small disadvantaged communities. The bill also would require the regional water management group include in the grant application information regarding how a project or projects in the application helps to address the contamination or an explanation why the application does not include such a project or projects. Tufenkjian reported that Governor Brown signed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014. Tufenkjian provided an overview of the Act including components of the Act, the timeline, the State's role in local groundwater management, and the role of local agencies for implementing the Act. Discussion followed regarding the role of the Authority in implementing Act. The Committee decided to schedule a workshop in November to review the Act and the path forward for implementation.

*Other* – No report

## 6. Kings Basin IRWMP Measurable Objectives Update

Osterling reported that this is a standing agenda item to assist with cataloging the accomplishments of Water Authority members that correspond with the Kings Basin IRWMP objectives. Osterling reported that the Kings Basin's IRMWP includes a requirement to report on the progress of the stated objectives each year in an annual report for the water year, October 1 – September 30. Osterling

reviewed an attachment of the measurable objectives and asked members present to review the objectives and provide any project information back to him. Osterling reported that the Authority has a contract with Provost & Pritchard to complete the Authority's annual report. Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard, reported that one of the Authority's measurable objectives intent to eliminate the groundwater overdraft in 20 years. Samuelian reported that our current project list does not allow us to achieve this goal. Samuelian reported that Kings River flood waters occur typically 3 or 4 years out of every 10 years. Samuelian reviewed an average annual yield Kings River floodwater graph. Samuelian reported that if the Authority's target is 100,000 acre feet per year that there will need to be 2,750 cfs diversion capacity which equates to 5,500 acre feet per day. This would mean an estimated 13,750 acres needed or a section of land over a 20-year period. Samuelian reported that it cost \$50,000 - \$80,000 per acre for a fully developed basin. Samuelian recommended that the Project Work Group create a pie chart that shows categories of how the Authority will achieve the objective to eliminate the groundwater overdraft in 20 years. Discussion followed regarding current projects, opportunities for projects, and the approach for working together on becoming sustainable within the basin. Chair Buche stated that a meeting will be scheduled for the Project Work Group to follow-up on Samuelian's recommendation.

#### 7. Identification of Advisory Committee Goals

Chair Buche stated that he would like the Advisory Committee to consider the development of goals for Fiscal Year 2014/15. Buche reported that the Advisory Committee's goals could focus on projects, outreach or some other aspect of the Committee's activities that align with the Kings Basin IRWMP. Discussion followed regarding what types of goals the Committee could focus on including education and outreach to the Authority's basin communities and local governments. The Committee discussed creating a series of videos focused on the Kings Basin and developing a DAC coordinator position. Buche stated that an ad hoc goals setting meeting will be scheduled in early November.

#### 8. Appointment of Advisory Committee Officers

Authority staff member Tufenkjian reported that the Advisory Committee members at their June 18, 2014 meeting appointed Brock Buche as acting Chair and Lisa Koehn as acting Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee. Tufenkjian reported that a quorum was not present at the June 18 meeting. Tufenkjian asked for a motion to approve the recommendation of the Advisory Committee. It was moved by Member Desatoff, seconded by Member Woodward and unanimously carried that Brock Buche be appointed Chair and Lisa Koehn be appointed Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee.

#### 9. Recommendation to Board to adopt a Resolution in support of the Water Bond

Staff Member Tufenkjian reported that a draft resolution was included in the agenda packet. Tufenkjian asked that the Committee consider recommending to the Board the adoption of the resolution in support of Proposition 1 - The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. It was moved by Member Koehn, seconded by Member Moore and unanimously carried that the Committee recommend to the Board the adoption of the resolution in support of Proposition 1 - The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

#### 10. Other Items for Discussion or Reporting

No report

#### 11. Next Meeting Date

Buche noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee December 17, 2014 at 9:30 am at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Brock Buche  
Chair

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