

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Advisory Committee Minutes, March 18, 2015  
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 March 18, 2015.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Lisa Koehn called the meeting to order at 9:36 am.

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Steve Worthley, County of Tulare  
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)  
Dean Uota, City of Dinuba (alternate)  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)  
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)  
Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)  
Buzz Burleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)  
David Cehrs, Kings River Conservation District

**Members Absent:**

City of Parlier  
City of Fresno  
Alta Irrigation District  
Kings County Water District  
City of Sanger  
City of Selma

**Interested Parties Present:**

David Cehrs, El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust, Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter  
Paul Boyer, Self-Help Enterprises, Hardwick Water Company, Sultana Community Services District  
Gary Horn, City of Orange Cove  
Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company  
Phil Desatoff, City of Kingsburg

**Interested Parties Absent:**

Biola Community Services District	Lanare Community Services District
California State University, Fresno	Liberty Canal Company
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter	Liberty Water District
City of San Joaquin	London Community Services District
Community Water Center	Malaga County Water District
County of Kings	Mid-Valley Water District
Cutler Public Utilities District	Orange Cove Irrigation District
East Orosi Community Services District	Orosi Public Utilities District
Easton Community Services District	Riverdale Irrigation District
Fresno County Farm Bureau	Riverdale Public Utility District
James Irrigation District	Sanger Environmental Fund
Kings River Conservancy	Sierra Resource Conservation District
Kings River Water Association	Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Laguna Irrigation District	Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
	UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno

**Others Present:**

Eric Osterling, KRCD  
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD  
Ron Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard  
Glenn A. Knapp, City of Fresno  
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
Bethany Soto, Central Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Randy Shilling, Kings River Conservation District  
Chelsa Kemple, Assembly Member Jim Patterson

## 2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

## 3. Public Presentations

Representative Paul Boyer, Self-Help Enterprises, reported that they have received a Fresno Regional Foundation grant to install temporary water tanks for rural residents whose wells have gone dry. Boyer reported that a gap in the project is finding a water system with potable water that will sell water for use in the water tanks. Water Authority staff member.

## 4. Approval of the December 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Burleson, seconded by Director Worthley and unanimously carried that the minutes of December 17, 2014 meeting of the Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

## 5. Work Group Report and Recommendations

Water Authority staff member Eric Osterling reported that the Project Work Group met in February to review the status of the final round of Prop. 84 and Prop 1 solicitations. Osterling reported that there is approximately \$4 million dollars available of Prop. 84 Implementation Grant funding for the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region. Osterling provided an overview of the breakdown of Prop. 1 funding opportunities. Osterling reported that the Project Work Group is working on the pre-application guidelines and template for the Prop. 84 Implementation Grant solicitation. Discussion followed regarding whether previous applications need to be resubmitted or if new applications must be submitted. Osterling reported that the existing structure under the Kings Basin IRWMP is that new applications must be submitted. Osterling provided an overview of the draft schedule for completing a Prop. 84 application for submittal. The Advisory Committee decided to make a change to the proposed schedule by including the project recommendations on the agenda for the regularly scheduled Advisory Committee meeting on June 17 and then conducting a special Board meeting immediately following that Advisory Committee meeting.

## 6. 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 invoicing for Prop. 84 Round 1 and 2 continues.

*Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – No report

*Public Information* –Tufenkjian reported on the state's Save Our Water campaign for 2015 that will include positive reinforcement messaging, easier-to-use tools, more Spanish-language content, and personalization. Tufenkjian reported on the redesigned website, [saveourwater.com](http://saveourwater.com), which will include a new water calculator and updated toolkit. Tufenkjian reported on the partnership opportunities for local agencies with the state campaign. Discussion followed regarding local events that are occurring and that having materials would be useful for promoting water conservation without additional cost to the agency. The Committee also discussed personalizing the message for individual municipalities and for the rural unincorporated communities having basic messaging in English and Spanish. The Committee decided to consider possible partnership options that will allow for regional events using the tools provided by the state. Tufenkjian will bring back additional information on the partnership options for the Committee to consider.

*Legislation* – Tufenkjian reported that a new 2-year session has begun and that 2,297 bills were introduced. Tufenkjian reported that twelve groundwater bills were introduced by the February deadline. Tufenkjian reported that SB 208 (Lara) allows for DAC IRWMP projects funded through Prop. 1 to receive advanced payment of 50 percent of the grant award. Tufenkjian reported on AB 617 (Perea) and AB 1390 (Alejo) which are both clean-up bills for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

*Other* – Tufenkjian provided an update on the status of the adoption of the Kings Basin IRWMP. Tufenkjian reported that U.C. Cooperative Extension has a letter in process for adoption and a resolution of adoption was received by the Sierra Resource Conservation District. Tufenkjian reported that there have been some changes to Member and Interested Parties representatives. Tufenkjian provided an update on the changes. Water Authority staff member Randy Shilling reminded the Water Authority Board members that the Form 700 is due.

#### 7. Request to modify the IRWMP Project List

Osterling reported that the Project Work Group reviewed the eight projects listed below and found that all the projects are consistent with the Kings Basin IRWMP goals and objectives. The Project Work Group recommends that the projects be added to the project list. It was moved by Director Desatoff, seconded by Director Worthley and unanimously carried that the Advisory Committee approve the Project Work Group's recommendation to add the following projects to the IRWMP Project List:

1. Fresno Irrigation District Measurement (Meter) Project
2. Fresno Irrigation District Fancher Creek Surface Storage Project
3. City of Clovis North Recharge Facility
4. City of Fresno Kings River Pipeline
5. Fresno Irrigation District Big Dry Creek Recharge Project
6. City of Fresno Friant-Kern Canal Pipeline
7. City of Fresno Finished Water Transmission Mains (Phase 2)
8. Terranova Ranch On-farm Flood Capture Expansion Project

#### 8. Recommendation for Completed Project List Format

Osterling reported that the current Project List has uncompleted projects, funded projects in the process of being completed, and completed projects. Osterling reported that the Project List tracking system needs better clarification. Discussion followed regarding the options for tracking all of the projects identified on the Project List and the benefits of tracking projects as documentation of regional accomplishments. It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Director Moore, and unanimously carried that the Advisory Committee approve the formation of a completed Project List.

#### 9. Request to Collaborate with AmeriCorps on an Urban Forestry Project

Tufenkjian reported that Don Pauley, Regional Supervisor for the San Joaquin Valley CivicSpark Program, met with Water Authority staff to request that the Water Authority consider being the regional sponsor for the CivicSpark urban forestry project. Tufenkjian reported that CivicSpark is a Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program dedicated to building capacity for local governments to address climate change. CivicSpark assists local government agencies with projects such as, urban forestry. Tufenkjian reported that the forestry project is being coordinated through the Local Government Commission and is being paid for through a grant from California Fire, which has funding through the cap and trade program. Tufenkjian reported that the purpose of the project is to support disadvantaged communities with urban forestry. The AmeriCorps Team will provide outreach and education to increase adoption of urban forestry policies by educating elected officials, staff and community leaders, and providing technical support and training. Tufenkjian reported that sponsorship by the Water Authority does not require any monetary commitment and a minimal commitment by Water Authority staff. Discussion followed regarding needing more information about the organization, who will maintain the trees after planting, and what other organizations might be a better fit as a regional sponsor. The Advisory Committee decided not to recommend sponsoring the Urban Forestry Project.

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

No report.

#### 11. Next Meeting Date

Koehn noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee June 17, 2015 at 9:30 am at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

It was moved by Director Burlison, and seconded by Director Worthley, that the meeting be adjourned. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Koehn  
Chair

---

Approved

/

/

/