

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Minutes, June 17, 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 June 17, 2015.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Lisa Koehn called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Steve Worthley, County of Tulare
Roseann Galvan, City of Selma (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)
Alan Hofmann, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno (alternate)
Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District (alternate)

Members Absent:

City of Parlier
City of Kerman
Alta Irrigation District
Kings River Conservation District
City of Fresno
City of Sanger

Interested Parties Present:

Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Sarge Green, California State University, Fresno
Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company
Phil Desatoff, City of Kingsburg
Kristin Dobbins, Community Water Center

Interested Parties Absent:

Biola Community Services District
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
City of San Joaquin
County of Kings
Cutler Public Utilities District
East Orosi Community Services District
Easton 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

Lanare Community Services 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
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
Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno

Others Present:

Eric Osterling, KRCD
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Ron Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Steve Pickens, Bakman Water Company
Bethany Soto, Central Regional Water Quality Control Board

Randy Shilling, Kings River Conservation District
Chelsa Kemple, Assembly Member Jim Patterson
Jason Franklin, Pinedale County Water District
Gary Serrato, Fresno Irrigation District
Joe Nye, CH2M
Michael Carbajal, City of Fresno

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Approval of the March 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Worthley, seconded by Director Fast, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting of the Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

5. Work Group Report and Recommendations

Randy Shilling, Water Authority staff member, reported that the Budget Committee has met to develop a recommendation to address a means for small public agencies to become voting members of the Water Authority. Shilling reported that the Budget Committee has developed four alternatives to address small member agency membership. Shilling reported that a short survey will be sent to receive input from the Members and Interested Parties regarding the alternatives.

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 an amendment has been submitted to modify the schedule and budget for the Prop. 84 Round 1 grant. Osterling reported that the California Water Foundation model project is completed and the well driller for the well installation project will start drilling in July.

Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Osterling reported that the coordinated IRWMP group discussed the filings of grant applications under Prop. 84 Final Round. Osterling reported that he will participate in the Stakeholder Engagement Advisory Committee that DWR is coordinating to inform DWR on the development of Prop. 1 IRWMP implementation funding.

Public Information – Tufenkjian reported that the Board approved using the \$1,500 designated for outreach in the Authority's budget to produce communication pieces from the statewide Save Our Water campaign. The communication pieces can be used by Water Authority members and interested parties as handouts at local events or other means of distribution. Tufenkjian reported that she has printed 5,000 indoor watering tip handouts in Spanish and English. Tufenkjian reported that a similar handout will be printed for outdoor watering tips.

Legislation – Tufenkjian reported on budget trailer bill language that would give the State Water Resources Control Board authority to mandate consolidation of public water systems in California. Tufenkjian stated that the Water Authority supports voluntary consolidation as a strategy and that this was a strategy considered in the Kings Basin DAC Pilot Study.

Administrative Items – No report

Other – No report

7. Recommendation to approve a project for inclusion in an application for a grant under the 2015 IRWM Implementation Grant Program

Osterling reported that the Project Selection Panel reviewed and scored the five pre-applications according to the following ranking: 1. Consolidated ID Adams and Academy Basin 2. City of Fresno Nielsen Recharge Project 3. City of Selma Groundwater Recharge Basin Infrastructure Improvement Project 4. Raisin City Water District McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture Project – Phase 2 Expansion and 5. Tulare County Regional Water Conservation and Metering Project Phase 1. Osterling reported that based on the ranking, the Project Selection Panel recommends that the Advisory Committee

approve the Consolidated Irrigation District Adams and Academy Basin Project for inclusion in an application for funding under the 2015 IRWM Implementation Grant Program. Advisory Committee members thanked the Project Selection Panel for their efforts in reviewing and scoring the projects. Panel members included Lisa Koehn, Paul Boyer, Bill Stretch, Roseann Galvan, Shay Bakman, Dean Uota, and Kevin Fabino. It was moved by Director Galvan, seconded by Director Mills, with Director Desatoff abstaining, and unanimously carried to approve the Consolidated Irrigation District Adams and Academy Basin Project for inclusion in an application for funding under the 2015 IRWM Implementation Grant Program.

8. Other Items for Discussion or Reporting

Director Stretch reported that due to the late spring rains, Fresno Irrigation District will have a short water run to growers and the cities of Fresno and Clovis. Ron Samuelian reported that Prop. 1 funding will be rolled out over five years.

9. Next Meeting Date: Koehn noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee was September 16, 2015 at 9:30 am at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

It was moved by Director Mills, and seconded by Director Worthley, that the meeting be adjourned. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Koehn
Chair

Approved

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