

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Minutes, September 16, 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 September 16, 2015.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Lisa Koehn called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Randy Shilling, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Roseann Galvan, City of Selma (alternate)
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)
Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)
Kevin Fabino, City of Reedley (alternate)
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno (alternate)
Buzz Burleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)

Members Absent:

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

Interested Parties Present:

Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Gary Horn, City of Orange Cove
Tim Bakman, Bakman Water Company
Phil Desatoff, City of Kingsburg
Kristin Dobbin, Community Water Center
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District
Steve Haze, Sierra Resource Conservation District
Paul Boyer, Self-Help Enterprises, Sultana Community Water Center

Interested Parties Absent:

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

Others Present:

Eric Osterling, KRCD
Ron Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Kathy McLaughlin
Jason Franklin, Pinedale County Water District
Jose Robledo, State Water Resources Control Board
Steve Pickens, Bakman Water Company

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Approval of the June 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Galvin, seconded by Director Mendes, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting of the Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

5. Work Group Report and Recommendations

No Reports

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 draft invoices are being prepared for Prop. 84 Round 1 and 2 grants.

Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Osterling reported that he is a participant in the Stakeholder Engagement Advisory Committee that DWR is coordinating to inform stakeholders on the development of Prop. 1 IRWMP implementation funding. Osterling reported that at the stakeholder meeting DWR discussed how funds will be rolled out under Prop. 1. Osterling reported that DAC planning funding will be rolled out in the first year, other planning money in year two, and implementation funding in the third year.

Public Information – No report.

Legislation – Osterling reported on AB 935 that could have a regional impact on allocation of IRWMP funds for two projects for the Friant-Kern Canal. Osterling reported that it has become a 2-year bill.

Administrative Items – No report

Other – No report

7. Request to approve Raisin City Water District as a Member

Koehn reported that Raisin City Water District has requested to become a member. Koehn reported that Raisin City previously was a member and then requested to become an Interested Party. Osterling reported that Raisin City Water District has met the requirements to join and have requested to be admitted under a small city/small agency dues schedule that is being considered by the Budget Committee; however, they would consider becoming a member under the current dues schedule if this was not an option. It was moved by Galvin, seconded by Mendes and unanimously carried to approve the request by Raisin City Water District to become a member.

8. Recommendation to modify Water Authority boundaries to include Armona Community Services District

Osterling reported that following the Kings Basin DAC Pilot Study, it was discovered that a need was discovered for certain communities outside of the Water Authority boundaries to participate in the Kings Basin IRWMP. Osterling reported that specifically, Armona CSD and Stratford PUD participated in the Kings Basin DAC study and both communities requested to be Interested Parties of the Water Authority. Osterling reported that the Kings Basin boundaries do not extend to their areas and they are unable to become Interested Parties. Osterling reported that the Board formed a Boundaries Work Group to work through these requests. Osterling reported that the Boundaries Work Group met in February 2014 and talked through both communities' issues. Osterling reported the Boundaries Work

Group recommended that Armona CSD be included in the Water Authority through the expansion of the boundaries to fill in the 3-square mile donut hole within the Kings Basin's boundaries. It was decided to recommend the expansion once there was also a solution for Stratford PUD. Osterling reported since that time, Stratford PUD has been absorbed into the Westside IRWMP. Osterling reported that the Boundaries Work Group is now proposing that Armona CSD service area be added to the Water Authority boundaries. Discussion followed regarding the pluses and minuses of expanding the boundary to include Armona CSD. The pluses included that they are currently surrounded by a member agency, Armona CSD is a DAC agency, and that Armona has experience with grant funding. The minuses included that they are actually in the Tulare Lake Subbasin that is not covered by an IRWMP and Armona increases the competition for limited funding. The Advisory Committee recommended that the Board receive a report on the pluses and minuses related to expanding the boundary of the Water Authority to include Armona CSD. It was moved by Director Burleson, and seconded by Representative Boyer and carried that the Advisory Committee present to the Board the pluses and minuses of expanding the boundary of the Water Authority to include Armona CSD.

AYES: Alternate Directors Moore, Mendes, Desatoff, Stretch, Burleson, Shilling,
Representatives Pickens, Rai, Boyer, Haze, Cameron

NOES: Alternate Directors Koehn, Fabino, Galvan, Representatives Horn, Dobbin

ABSTAIN: None

9. Other Items for Discussion or Reporting

Representative Haze reported that DWR has scheduled a meeting on October 23 at the Firebaugh Community Center to discuss impacts the fires will have on the watersheds. Samuelian reported that P&P is working on the Water Authority's annual report and will be sending out an e-mail requesting information for the report from the members and interested parties.

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

Adjournment

It was moved by Director Mendes, and seconded by Director Burleson, that the meeting be adjourned. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Koehn
Chair

Approved

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