

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

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Lisa Koehn called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

David Cehrs, Kings River Conservation District  
Roseann Galvan, City of Selma (alternate)  
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)  
Gary Serrato, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)  
Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)  
Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno (alternate)  
Buzz Burleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
Dean Uota, City of Dinuba (alternate)

**Members Absent:**

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

**Interested Parties Present:**

Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.  
Steven Pickens, Bakman Water Company  
Kristin Dobbin, Community Water Center  
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District  
David Cehrs, El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust, Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter  
Chad McMullen, City of San Joaquin

**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 Kingsburg	London Community Services District
City of Orange Cove	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
Hardwick Water Company	Sanger Environmental Fund
James Irrigation District	Self-Help Enterprises
Kings River Conservancy	Sultana Community Water Center
Kings River Water Association	Sierra Resource Conservation District
Laguna Irrigation District	Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
	UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno

**Others Present:**

Eric Osterling, KRCD  
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD  
Soua Lee, KRCD  
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard  
Alan Hofmann, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company

## 2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

## 3. Public Presentations

None

## 4. Approval of the September 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Galvan, seconded by Director Mendes, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the September 16, 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* – KRCD staff Soua Lee reported on the status of planning and implementation contracts. Lee referred to the contracts matrix included in the agenda packet for updates on specific projects. Lee reported that under Prop. 84 Round 1, project proponent East Oroqui Valley Community Services District (EOCSD) has submitted a schedule amendment to extend the grant deadline to June 2017. Lee reported that after EOCSD's contractor finished rehabilitation work on one of EOCSD's wells, the well performed worse than before. As a result, EOCSD has pulled their bond from their contractor and is currently in litigation for the damage done to the well. Lee reported that CID and County of Fresno's projects under Prop. 84 Round 1 are near completion. Lastly, Lee reported that invoicing and reporting for Prop. 84 Round 2 is continuing as planned.

*Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – No Reports.

*Public Information* – Tufenkjian reported that ACWA's communication group will be putting together a communications tool kit for water agencies to aid with addressing the many inquiries about the impacts of El Nino. Tufenkjian reported on the highlights of outreach efforts for the KBWA. Tufenkjian reported that as of December 2015, KBWA's Twitter account has 358 followers and 898 tweets since its inception. Tufenkjian reported that the goal of KBWA's Twitter account is to extend awareness of the activities of the KBWA to followers locally and outside of the Kings Basin. Tufenkjian reported that there has been a resurgence of interest in the KBWA groundwater video stemming from FID's presentation of the video at their SGMA grower meetings. Lastly, Tufenkjian reported that since the launch of the KBWA website in 2014, there have been a little over 7,133 views as of December 2015.

*Legislation* – Tufenkjian reported on a few legislative items for 2016:

- The Public Goods Charge – A tax on water that will provide revenue for public services (i.e. support for DAC's, protection for fish and wildlife habitat and populations, groundwater storage, etc.).
- Water Conservation – Making water more equitable for all Californians.
- Water recycling for cities.
- No Blank Checks Measure – Any public or general bond costing more than \$2 billion will have to go in front of voters.
- Optional Funding Initiative – Provide opportunities for cities and other agencies to deal with 218 elections.
- High Speed Rail Water Infrastructure Measure – Diverting money from the High Speed Rail and Prop. 1 Storage Bond to fund only water projects.

*Administrative Items* – Samuelian reported that P&P will be emailing a draft of the Water Authority's annual report by December 18, 2015 and will be looking for comments by the first week of January, 2016. Samuelian reported that the delay in reporting is due to using the typical method for

groundwater contouring which resulted in data gaps. Samuelian reported that KRCD will revise their method for collecting groundwater contour data and water storage calculation.

*Other* – No report

7. Request by Armona Community Services District to become an Interested Party

Tufenkjian reported that the Water Authority Board took action to expand the Water Authority boundaries to include Armona CSD. Tufenkjian reported that Armona CSD is requesting to become an interested party and has fulfilled all requirements for becoming an interested party. It was moved by Director Moore, seconded by Director Mendes and unanimously carried to approve the request by Armona CSD to become an interested party.

8. Report on new Kings Integrated Water Flow Model (IWFM)

Osterling presented on the recently completed Kings IWFM. Osterling noted that the “final draft” of the IWFM report is a “draft” because the document and model will always be evolving. Osterling presented on the adopted guideline for use of the model, expanded features and capabilities of the Kings IWFM from the old model and identified limitations of the Kings IWFM.

9. Other Items for Discussion or Reporting

Tufenkjian reported that Urban Indoor Watering Reduction Tips handout are still available for pick up by anyone interested. Osterling reported that quarterly presentations by members and interested parties will resume for 2016 as a way to showcase the current work of each agency.

10. Next Meeting Date: Koehn noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee was March 16, 2016 at 9:30 am at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

It was moved by Director Cehrs, and seconded by Director Moore, that the meeting be adjourned. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Koehn  
Chair

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