

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board Meeting July 15 15, 2015
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, 93728**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held July 15, 2015.

1. Call to order

Chair Harry Armstrong called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

David Cehrs, Kings River Conservation District
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
Dean Uota, City of Dinuba (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)
Harry Armstrong, City of Clovis
Buzz Burselson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno (alternate)
Jim Avalos, City of Selma (alternate)
Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District (alternate)
Georgeanne White, City of Fresno (alternate)

Members Absent:

City of Parlier
County of Tulare
Alta Irrigation District
City of Sanger

Interested Parties Present:

David Cehrs, El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust, Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.
John Mallyon, James Irrigation District, Mid-Valley Water District
Robert Nielsen, Liberty Canal Company, Liberty Water District
Charles Garabedian Jr., Malaga County Water District
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District
Carole Combes, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
Steve Haze, Sierra Resource Conservation District
Steve Pickens, Bakman Water Company
Phil Desatoff, City of Kingsburg

Interested Parties Absent:

Biola Community Services District
California State University, Fresno
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
City of Orange Cove
City of San Joaquin
Community Water Center
County of Kings
Cutler Public Utilities District
East Orosi Community Services District
Easton Community Services District
Fresno County Farm Bureau
Hardwick Water Company
Kings River Water Association

Kings River Conservancy
Laguna Irrigation District
Lanare Community Services District
London Community Services District
Orange Cove Irrigation District
Orosi Public Utilities District
Riverdale Irrigation District
Riverdale Public Utility District
Sanger Environmental Fund
Self-Help Enterprises
Sultana Community Services District
UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno

Others Present:

Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Heather Bashian, Provost & Pritchard
Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company

Glenn Knapp, City of Fresno
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District
Randy Shilling, Kings River Conservation District
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control Dist.

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Approval of Minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting minutes and June 17 special meeting minutes

It was moved by Alternate Director Mills, seconded by Alternate Director Mendes, and unanimously carried that the minutes of April 15, 2015 meeting and June 17 special meeting of the Board of Directors be approved. Director Armstrong and Director Burleson abstained from the approval of the June 17 special meeting minutes.

5. Advisory Committee Report

Chair Armstrong called on Advisory Committee Chair Lisa Koehn to provide a report on Advisory Committee activities. Koehn reported that the Advisory Committee met on June 17. Koehn reported that a survey will be sent to Members and Interested Parties regarding four alternatives to address small member agency membership and that the Advisory Committee approved recommending the Consolidated Irrigation District Adams and Academy Basin 2 project for inclusion in a grant application.

6. Staff Reports

Planning and Implementation Contracts – Tufenkjian reported that the California Water Foundation hydrologic modeling project is completed and was presented to the Modeling Work Group. Director Cehrs reported that the new model allows for model runs in specific parts of the basin and also identifies water lost to adjacent basins. Tufenkjian reported that the third component of the California Water Foundation grant was the drilling of dedicated monitoring wells. Tufenkjian reported that two wells have been completed.

Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Tufenkjian reported that the coordinated IRWMP group discussed the filings of grant applications under Prop. 84 Final Round. Tufenkjian reported that Osterling 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 3,000 of the Indoor Watering Tips handout have been distributed by Members and Interested Parties. Tufenkjian reported that she is working on producing the Outdoor Watering Tips handout. Tufenkjian reviewed the newly created website, kingsgroundwater.info. Tufenkjian reported that the purpose of the website is to be a portal for information on regional groundwater and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation.

Legislation – Tufenkjian reported that the budget trailer bill that included language giving the State Water Resources Control Board authority to mandate consolidation of public water systems in California passed. Tufenkjian reported on AB 935 (Salas), a bill that would fund two San Joaquin River Restoration projects from funds appropriated from DWR, which could include IRWMP funds. Tufenkjian reported that AB 647 (Eggman) that would define groundwater as a beneficial use has now become a 2-year bill.

Administrative Items – Tufenkjian provided an update on the status of the adoption of the Kings Basin IRWMP. Tufenkjian reported that Mid-Valley Water District will have a full Board once the appointments are approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. Tufenkjian reported that once the appointments are final, she will work with the agency on adoption of the Kings Basin IRWMP. Tufenkjian reported that the KRCD Board has appointed Randy Shilling as an Alternate Director to the Water Authority Board.

Other – Randy Shilling reported on the Budget Committee's survey regarding small public agency dues structure for membership on the Water Authority Board. Shilling reported that he has received seven responses to date. Shilling reported that the responses are due by July 31, 2015.

Tufenkjian provided an update on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation in the Kings Basin. Tufenkjian reported that agencies within the basin are forming management areas to work on governance and boundaries for potential groundwater sustainability agencies to cover the basin.

7. Recommendation to approve proposed Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

Shilling provided an overview of the draft budget. Shilling reported that the budget is similar to the 2014-15 budget. Shilling reported that contributions have remained the same. Shilling reported that the budget sub-committee met on May 18 to discuss the proposed budget and that the budget sub-committee and staff recommend that the Board approve the budget as presented. It was moved by Alternate Director Mills, seconded by Alternate Director Uota, and unanimously carried to approve the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

8. Request to approve quarterly financial reports

Shilling provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period April 1– June 30, 2015. Shilling reported that at the end of fiscal year the Water Authority had \$246,972 in the bank and \$21,286 in accounts payable with a total equity of \$225,686. It was moved by Director Fast, and seconded by Alternate Director Moore, and unanimously carried to approve the quarterly financial reports.

9. Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer

Tufenkjian reported with the resignation of David Orth from the Kings River Conservation District that the Board needs to appoint a new Secretary/Treasurer. It was moved by Alternate Director Stretch, seconded by Alternate Director Mendes, and unanimously carried to approve Randy Shilling as Secretary/Treasurer to the Water Authority.

10. Other items for discussion or reporting

No report

11. Next meeting date: October 21, 2015 at 9:30 am, at the Fresno County Farm Bureau

Chair Armstrong reported that the next regularly scheduled meeting is on October 21 at the Fresno County Farm Bureau office.

Adjournment

It was moved by Director Fast, seconded by Alternate Director Mendes, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, Chair Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 10:28 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Shilling
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved

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