

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Minutes, June 15, 2016
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 15, 2016.

1. Call to order

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

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul G. Peschel, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Roseann Galvan, City of Selma (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Buzz Bureson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Dean Uota, City of Dinuba (alternate)
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno (alternate)
Don Cameron, Raisin City Water District (alternate)

Members Absent:

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

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Charles Garabedian Jr., Malaga County Water District
Kristin Dobbin, Community Water Center
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.

Interested Parties Absent:

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

Others Present:

Eric Osterling, KRCD	Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD	Joe Aguirre, City of Dinuba
Randy Shilling, KRCD	Brianna Padilla, Assembly Member Jim Patterson
Soua Lee, KRCD	
Jim Anderson, Malaga County Water District	
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard	
Glenn Eastes, City of Clovis	

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Review of the March 16, 2016 Meeting Notes

Chair Koehn noted that the Minutes from the December 16, 2015 meeting was missing from the June agenda packet; therefore, the December 2015 Minutes will be approved at the September 21, 2016 Advisory Committee meeting. Alternate Director Galvan requested a correction to the March 16 notes; Jim Avalos did not attend the March 16 Advisory Committee meeting and requested the removal of his name from the March notes. It was moved by Alternate Director Galvan and unanimously carried that the notes be approved as corrected.

5. Work Group Report and Recommendations

Budget Ad-Hoc Committee – Randy Shilling reported that at the upcoming July 20 Board of Directors meeting the Budget Ad-Hoc Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors that Member dues remain the same and Authority reserves be used to balance the budget. The Authority's reserves policy specifically states that reserves may be used in the event that the Authority applies for grant funding that benefit the region. In this case, reserve funds would be used to task Provost & Pritchard with developing a Proposition 1 IRWM Planning Grant application. Alternate Director Galvan suggested that in the event that the Budget Ad-Hoc Committee considers raising Member dues, it would be good to put it on the January Board of Directors meeting agenda to give Members sufficient notice to project it in their budget.

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 and reported that under Proposition 84, Round 1, Consolidated Irrigation District completed their South and Highland Groundwater Banking Project. Under Proposition 84, Round 2, Laguna Irrigation District completed their Recharge Basin No. 11 Project and the City of San Joaquin began construction on the water meters portion of their Project. A final grant report for the Implementation of Interlinked Groundwater Management Strategies in the Kings Basin Region Project was submitted to the California Water Foundation on April 15, 2016 and the grant is complete.

Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Eric Osterling reported on the Proposition 1 DAC Involvement Grant. The \$3.4 million DAC Involvement Grant is a noncompetitive grant for the entire Tulare Lake Funding Area. Osterling reported that an IRWM practitioners group has been meeting at the Provost & Pritchard office in Visalia to develop a grant proposal. The group has penned a draft scope which includes tasks for a needs assessment, creation of a DAC Coordinator position and staff support positions, and further development of a database to house DAC water information.

Public Information – Tufenkjian reported on a news article by the Fresno Bee regarding the Laguna Irrigation District recharge dedication ceremony held on May 20, 2016.

Legislation – Tufenkjian reported on AB 935 (Salas). The original legislation earmarked money from Proposition 1 IRWM funding to two special projects, the Friant-Kern Canal Restoration Project and the San Joaquin River Recapture at Patterson Irrigation District, without going through the competitive route. This language was taken out of the bill; however, another issue arose regarding the new language prioritizing these types of projects. Although these projects will go through the competitive process, they will receive point advantages because they are considered priority projects. KRCD is working with the legislative committee to draft potential amendment language. The bill is in the inactive file, but may come out on the Senate floor in August.

Administrative Items – Lee reported on the following:

- The Parlier City Council approved the selection of the Mayor as the Director and the City Manager and City Engineer as Alternate Directors to represent the City of Parlier at the Kings Basin Water Authority Board meetings.
- Lee is working to update the Kings Basin Water Authority's Project List and will be contacting entities with a project on the list for a status update. Additionally, if entities have additional projects they would like to add to the list, a Project Information Form may be requested from KRCD staff.
- Lee reported that water conversation handouts in both English and Spanish are still available for pickup. Also available are "Planners Packet" USB drives that were developed through the California Water Foundation Grant. The USB drive has content regarding water in the Kings Basin, case studies, and policies and legislations on land use and water resources.

Other – Osterling provided an update on SGMA:

- James ID declared as a GSA, passed the 90-day review period, and is now the exclusive GSA for their area.
- The Kings River East GSA MOU declared as a GSA and now seeks to form a new agency under special act legislation. Their 90-day review period concludes in mid-July.
- DWR has scheduled several public meetings to solicit additional comments regarding basin boundary proposals. One local public meeting has been scheduled for July 13 at the Clovis Veteran's Memorial Building from 2pm-5pm. DWR will present public comments received to the California Water Commission later this year for adoption. A qualitative re-ranking of the subbasins will follow the adoption of the basin boundary proposals.

7. Review of Member and Interested Party Participation in IRWM Activities

Osterling reported that at the March Advisory Committee meeting and April Board of Directors meeting a question was raised regarding Member and Interested Party participation in Authority meetings. KRCD staff was tasked with putting together a table that show attendance in Board of Directors and Advisory Committee meetings, though the Authority does not have a policy on the minimum level of participation. The table included in the agenda packet only considered attendance in Authority meetings and did not account for other forms of participation. Examples of other forms of participation include involvement in work groups and voluntary financial contributions. Osterling noted that some of the entities shown on the table as having not attended any meetings in the last three years have participated in other Authority activities such as sitting on the Project Work Group panel, which required hours of commitment in reviewing projects. Director Burleson and Alternate Director Galvan suggested sending a letter to entities that have not participated in any Authority activities for the last three years asking for affirmation that they are still interested in being a part of the Authority. The goal is to encourage continued participation in Authority activities. The Advisory Committee would make a report at the July 20 Board of Directors meeting regarding the intention of the Committee to consider a policy for removal of Members and Interested Parties due to nonparticipation at their September 21, 2016 meeting.

8. Other Items for Discussion or Reporting

Peter Sanchez provided an update on the City of Fresno, Fresno Irrigation District (FID) and Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District's (FMFCD) progress in submitting a grant application to compete in the Proposition 1 Stormwater Grant Program. FMFCD received comments from DWR on June 3rd regarding their pre-application. They have until July 8th to submit the full application. The \$12.5 million Project titled, "Fresno Stormwater Capture, Retention, and Reuse" will tie in two of FMFCD's fully excavated basins to Fresno Irrigation District's (FID) conveyance system, FID will construct a 100 acre-basin for groundwater recharge, connect water from the Gould Canal to the Fancher Creek Storm Basin Pipeline, and construct a pump station at Fancher Creek Detention Basin. FMFCD will submit their Stormwater Resources Plan to the Kings Basin IRWM when completed.

9. Next Meeting Date:

Koehn noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is September 21, 2016 at 9:30 am at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Koehn
Chair

Approved

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