

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Advisory Committee Minutes, September 20, 2017  
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 20, 2017.

1. Call to order

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

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)  
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)  
Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
William Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District  
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District  
Paul Peschel, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)  
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)

**Members Absent:**

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

**Interested Parties Present:**

Aileen Poveda, Bakman Water Company  
Dwight Miller, Biola Community Services District  
Sue Ruiz, Easton Community Services District, Lanare Community Services District, Self-Help Enterprises  
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.

**Interested Parties Absent:**

Armona Community Services District	Liberty Canal Company
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter	Liberty Water District
California State University, Fresno	London Community Services District
Community Water Center	Malaga County Water District
City of Kingsburg	Mid-Valley Water District
City of Orange Cove	Orosi Public Utilities District
City of San Joaquin	Pinedale County Water District
County of Kings	Riverdale Irrigation District
Cutler Public Utilities District	Riverdale Public Utility District
East Orosi Community Services District	Sanger Environmental Fund
El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust	Sultana Community Services District
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	US Cooperative Extension – Fresno
Laguna Irrigation District	

**Others Present:**

Eric Osterling, KRCD	Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Soua Lee, KRCD	Ronald Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Bethany Soto, Regional Water Quality Control Board	Lynn Moore, Public

## 2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

## 3. Public Presentations

None

## 4. Approval of the March 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes and Review Notes of the June 21, 2017 Meeting

It was moved by Director Stretch, seconded by Representative Cameron and unanimously carried that the minutes and notes be approved as presented.

## 5. Staff Reports

*A. Planning and Implementation Contracts* – Soua Lee referred to the grants matrix included in the agenda packet and reported on the status of each project under the Prop 84 Round 1 Implementation Grant and the Prop 84, Round 2 Implementation Grant. Lee also noted that status information on the Prop 1 IRWM Planning Grant and Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant were added to the grants matrix.

*B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – Lee provided highlights from the Roundtable of Regions conference call that occurred on August 31, 2017. The Roundtable of Regions discussed the status of the Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant and Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, the future of IRWM, and proposed water bonds.

Eric Osterling reported that there will be a California Water Plan Update 2018 Plenary on September 27<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento. Osterling was invited to participate on a panel at the Plenary titled, “Enhancing the Connection between IRWM and SGMA.” Osterling stated that the foundation of the discussion would point to the *Stakeholder Perspectives* documented published by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The Plenary may be attended in person or via webcast. Authority staff will email Members and Interested Parties a link to register for the webcast following the meeting.

*C. Public Information* – Cristel Tufenkjian reported that she plans to order more indoor and outdoor watering tip handouts. Tufenkjian anticipates that the handouts would be ready by the next Advisory Committee meeting in March 2018.

*D. Legislation* – Tufenkjian reported that the legislative session has ended. The Legislature passed SB 5 California Drought, Water, Parks, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (De Leon) which will appear on the June 5<sup>th</sup> statewide ballot. SB 5 is currently on the Governor’s desk for signature. Chapter 11.6 of SB 5 includes \$240 million that could potentially be designated for IRWM. Joseph Caves stated that he would support SB 5; however, if the bond fails, Caves stated he would return to his bond which is a \$3.5 billion water bond with \$60 million designated for IRWM. Another competing water bond is one proposed by Gerald Meral, but does not include funding for IRWM. The Roundtable of Regions tried to advocate for IRWM funding in Meral’s bond; however, Meral remains firm on no funding for IRWM.

*E. Administrative Items* – Lee reported that updates were made to drought related information on the [kingsbasinauthority.org](http://kingsbasinauthority.org) website. Additionally, agendas and minutes of the IRWMP Update Workgroup will be posted on the website.

*F. Other* – None to report.

## 6. Status and Discussion of Planning Grants

### a. Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant

- Lee reported that the County of Tulare received an award letter from DWR on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The County of Tulare is in negotiation of the grant agreement with DWR.

b. Prop 1 IRWMP Update

- Lee reported that the IRWMP Update Workgroup met on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Kings River Conservation District and discussed Provost & Pritchard's progress in the update of the IRWMP and development of the Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP). Lee reported to the Committee that in order for projects to be eligible for the upcoming round of the State Water Board's Storm Water Resources Plan Implementation Grant, those projects are required to be listed on the SWRP Project List. As such, Provost & Pritchard created a Storm Water Project Supplemental Form to identify projects with a storm water related component to be placed on the SWRP Project List. For projects already on the IRWMP Project List, the project sponsor would need to complete the Supplemental Form only if that project has a storm water related component. For new projects not on the IRWMP Project List, the project sponsor would complete the IRWM Project Information Form as usual and also complete the Supplemental Form if their project has a storm water related component. In anticipation of the upcoming round of Prop 1 IRWM Implementation solicitation and to facilitate the development of a Project List for the SWRP, Lee announced a call for projects. Project Information Forms are due to Soua Lee by November 17, 2017. An email regarding a call for projects will be sent to Members and Interested Parties following the meeting.

7. Consider Candidates for the Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant Project Advisory Committee (PAC)

Lee reported that the County of Tulare had requested that the KBWA select one (1) member and one (1) DAC representative, and their alternates, to represent the KBWA on the PAC. To solicit candidates, Authority staff emailed all KBWA Members and Interested Parties an application for the DAC representative position on August 4, 2017. The application was also made available on the kingsbasinauthority.org website. The Authority received two application submittals. The Committee reviewed the two applications and discussed the potential candidates to serve on the PAC. It was moved by Representative Ruiz, seconded by Director Fast and unanimously carried that Eric Osterling, Kings River Conservation District (KRCD), serve as the primary IRWM Group representative to the PAC and Soua Lee, KRCD, as the alternate; and Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District, as the primary DAC representative and Eduardo Antunez, Biola Community Services District, as the alternate.

8. Other Items for Discussion or Reporting

Representative Ruiz shared that DAC communities often lack the resources and capacity to generate money to sustain their communities. Representative Ruiz would like to develop a workshop where public and private investor or donors can work with a DAC community representative to develop a project. At the end of the workshop, the community representative would present their project to the potential investor or donor and hopefully walk away with funding. The goal of the workshop would be to help community members develop an entrepreneurial mindset so that they can help their community obtain, sustain, and grow financing for community projects. Representative Ruiz stated she is looking for any feedback, ideas, or connection to potential investors who would be interested in participating.

9. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is March 21, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Koehn  
Chair

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Approved