

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board Meeting April 19, 2017
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 April 19, 2017.

1. Call to order

Chair Burleson called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)
Jim Avalos, City of Selma
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Steve Worthley, County of Tulare
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Buzz Burleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District (alternate)
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent:

Kings River Conservation District
Alta Irrigation District
City of Dinuba
City of Fresno
City of Reedley
City of Sanger
Consolidated Irrigation District

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Dwight Miller, Biola Community Services District
Dennis Mills, County of Kings
Warren Shaw, California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Association
Charles Garabedian Jr., Malaga County Water District
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.

Interested Parties Absent:

Bakman Water Company
California State University, Fresno
City of Kingsburg
City of Orange Cove
City of San Joaquin
Community Water Center
Cutler Public Utilities District
East Orosi Community Services District
Easton Community Services District
El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust
Hardwick Water Company
James Irrigation District
Kings River Conservancy
Laguna Irrigation District
Lanare Community Services District

Liberty Canal Company
Liberty Water District
London Community Services District
Mid-Valley Water District
Orosi Public Utility District
Pinedale County Water District
Riverdale Irrigation District
Riverdale Public Utility District
Sanger Environmental Fund
Self Help Enterprises
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Sierra Resource Conservation District
Sultana Community Services District
Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno

Others Present:

Augustine Ramirez, County of Fresno
Christine Simon, KRCD
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Eric Osterling, KRCD
Soua Lee, KRCD
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard

Alan Hofmann, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Don Cameron, Raisin City Water District

2. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Consider approval of January 18, 2017 meeting minutes

It was moved by Alternate Director Koehn seconded by Director Avalos and carried that the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented. Romero was not present for the vote and was recorded as an abstention.

5. Member/Interested Party Report

Chair Burleson called on Steve Haugen, Watermaster with Kings River Water Association, to present a report on Kings River water conditions. Haugen reported that the 2017 year is projected to be the fourth wettest year on record, with the total run-off from this year matching the sum total of the last five years. Haugen summarized the KRWA Water Conditions handout dated April 17, 2017. In a normal scenario, the rain season will be over after this date, with another 3-4" of rain expected between now and July 1, 2017.

6. Director Reports

None.

7. Advisory Committee Report

Chair Burleson called on Advisory Committee chair Lisa Koehn to provide a report on Advisory Committee activities on March 15, 2017. Koehn explained that Tulare County was submitting a DAC Involvement Proposal to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and hoped to have a contract in place by June, with a three-year planning process. Regarding the Prop 1 IRWMP Update, the group hopes to hear back from DWR soon and anticipate a need to update some chapters and conduct other activities to cash-in on \$50,000 in in-kind services.

8. Staff Reports

a. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Staff member Soua Lee referred to the grants matrix and Program Manager Eric Osterling explained that the staff is waiting to hear back regarding the planning grant. Staff had a kick off meeting yesterday with Provost & Pritchard staff and expect to convene the IRWMP Update Work Group in the next several weeks. One of the main tasks of the work group would be to develop a functionally equivalent Stormwater Resources Plan. Staff is seeking at least three volunteers for the work group.

b. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported that the County of Tulare submitted a proposal in response to the Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant and is undergoing review with DWR. The Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant is a non-competitive grant designed to ensure involvement of DACs in the IRWM planning process. Osterling added that they are waiting for DWR to issue a draft for GSP funding and the second round of implementation funding, with hopes of receiving word on at least the former at the end of the month. The group recommended that everyone gear up on projects as soon as possible. Osterling reminded the group that every quarter is considered an open period to submit projects and that the list presented in the agenda packet includes the most current information available.

c. Public Information – Cristel Tufenkjian handed out the outdoor watering tips sheet, with a recommendation to use the sheets in mailings and at booths for public use.

d. Legislation – Tufenkjian reported on AB 176 Friant Kern pump project, with an update that money for this project is planned to take \$7 million out of general fund, nothing out of IRWMP.

e. Administrative Items – Lee reported that the KBWA website issues are resolved and current information is available online.

f. Other – Osterling reported that we are nearing the end of the period in which people can submit GSAs to cover the entire basin. McMullin, the last to submit, is expecting to send out paperwork at the end of this week. The group expressed appreciation for how well the Kings Basin is coordinated.

9. Selection of a Vice Chair Officer to the Board of Directors

As Gary Serrato is vacating his position as Vice Chair, Chair Burleson asked for recommendations for a Vice Chair.

It was moved by Director Stretch, seconded by Director Mills and unanimously carried that Director Worthley serves as the Board's Vice Chair.

10. Request to Approve Quarterly Financial Reports

On behalf of Shilling, Osterling reported that KBWA's expenses are tracking appropriately with the budget. The group had an increase in contributions from Interested Parties, which was a welcome surprise.

It was moved by Alternate Director Koehn, seconded by Director Worthley and unanimously carried to approve the quarterly financial report as presented.

11. Other Items for Discussion or Reporting

The next meeting on July 19, 2017 will include an agenda item to approve the budget in which a supermajority of the Board is needed to pass.

Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard, recommended vetting the project list prior to the July meeting in preparation for the October meeting.

12. Next meeting date: July 19, 2017 at 9:30 am, at the Fresno County Farm Bureau

There being no further business, Chair Burleson adjourned the meeting at 10:18 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Peschel
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved