

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Advisory Committee Minutes, June 20, 2018  
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 20, 2018.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Vice-Chair Bill Stretch called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. A quorum was established at 10:10 am.

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)  
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)  
Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District  
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)  
Randy Shilling, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)  
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District

**Members Absent:**

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

**Interested Parties Present:**

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District  
Idalia Rodriguez, Bakman Water Company  
Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company  
Scott Sills, Laguna Irrigation District  
Maria Herrera, Lanare Community Services District, Self-Help Enterprises

**Interested Parties Absent:**

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	Malaga County Water District
City of Orange Cove	Mid-Valley Water District
City of San Joaquin	Orosi Public Utilities District
Community Water Center	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
Easton Community Services District	Sultana Community Services District
El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust	Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Hardwick Water Company	Sierra Resource Conservation District
James Irrigation District	Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Kings River Conservancy	Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
Kings River Water Association	US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

**Others Present:**

Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD  
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard  
Soua Lee, KRCD

Eric Osterling, KRCD  
Brian Trevarrow, KRCD  
Charlotte Gallock, KRCD

## 2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

## 3. Public Presentations

None

## 4. Approval of the September 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes and March 21, 2018 Meeting Notes

After quorum was established at 10:10 am, it was moved by Alternate Director Armendariz, seconded by Alternate Director Sanchez and unanimously carried that the minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting and notes of the March 21, 2018 meeting of the Advisory Committee 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 active projects under the Prop 84 Round 1 Implementation Grant and Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant. Of note, the grant contract for both grants end on June 30, 2018. East Oroshi Community Services District, Fresno Irrigation District, and Bakman Water Company projects are moving towards closeout.

*B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – Lee provided an overview of the results of a survey from the Roundtable of Regions. The survey aimed to gather information on the status of each IRWM region's IRWM Plan update. Overall, most IRWM regions indicate they will complete their Plan update by the end of 2018.

*C. Public Information* – Lee shared that indoor and outdoor watering tip handouts are still available for pickup and can be used for outreach purposes.

*D. Legislation* – Cristel Tufenkjian reported on the following bills and bonds:

- AB 2064 (Gloria) and AB 2060 (Garcia) both aim to provide advance payment of grant awards to disadvantaged communities and nonprofits.
- Proposition 68 passed. Although there is no dedicated IRWM money, the proposition would make \$290,000,000 available for drought and groundwater investments to achieve regional sustainability.
- A support letter on from the Water Authority was submitted to Dr. Gerry Meral in support of his \$8.8 billion dollar bond. This bond will appear on the November 2018 ballot and include \$5,000,000 for IRWM. Handouts of the letter was provided to the Committee.

*E. Administrative Items* – Lee provided an update on the Water Authority's social media accounts. Agendas and minutes for the IRWMP Update Workgroup meetings and Project Advisory Committee meetings for the DAC Involvement grant are routinely posted on the Water Authority's official website: [www.kingsbasinauthority.org](http://www.kingsbasinauthority.org). Additionally, the Water Authority maintains an active Twitter account (@KingsWater) where relevant news and studies are tweeted.

*F. Other* – None to report.

## 6. Status and Discussion of Prop 1 Grants

- a. DAC Involvement – Lee reported that the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) met on June 15, 2018 at the Provost & Pritchard office in Visalia to approve the PAC Program Charter, Scope of Work for the Needs Assessment activity, and directed Self-Help Enterprises to develop a formal proposal for the DAC Engagement and Education Program. That proposal will be presented to the PAC in August 2018, for review and consideration.

- b. IRWMP Update – Lee reported that the IRWMP Update Workgroup met on June 12, 2018 at the Kings River Conservation District office. The Workgroup reviewed and discussed comments received by Workgroup members on the Draft IRWMP. The next step is to submit the Draft IRWMP to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for preliminary review. The Workgroup will reconvene in August 2018 to review any comments received from DWR. It is anticipated that the Draft IRWMP will be public noticed in August 2018 and adopted at the October 2018 Board of Directors meeting. Likewise, the Storm Water Resources Plan will follow a similar schedule for adoption.
  
- c. IRWM Draft Proposal Solicitation Process Concepts and Implementation Schedule – Lee provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposal Solicitation Process (PSP) Concepts developed by DWR for the Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant. This round of implementation funding will consist of a pre-application workshop with each of the twelve Funding Areas in the State. The workshop will provide a forum for DWR to directly engage with applicants on their proposed projects and provide feedback. Two items that DWR is requesting from the Funding Areas is communication regarding our preferred timeframe for the pre-application workshop and preferred allocation of grant funds between Round 1 and Round 2. The Committee discussed the preferred timeframe for the pre-application workshop and provided general consensus for meeting with DWR as early as possible. The Committee also discussed the funding split between Round 1 and Round 2. Alternate Representative Maria Herrera commented that it would be good to have more implementation dollars available during the second round because the DAC Involvement grant has \$2 million set aside now to develop projects that would benefit DAC and non-DAC members. It would be unfortunate to get those projects to be shovel-ready, but not have enough funding in Round 2 to implement those projects. The Committee provided general consensus to keep the default funding split proposed by DWR for the Tulare-Kern Funding Area, which is \$12,032,056 for implementation projects in Round 1 and \$12,032,056 for implementation projects in Round 2. Additionally, there will be \$1,020,000 available in Round 1 for DAC-benefit projects and \$2,380,000 in Round 2.

#### 7. Selection of a Chair Officer to the Advisory Committee

Vice-Chair Stretch called for nominations of a new Chair to the Advisory Committee. Representative Jim Maciel, Board President of Armona Community Services District, was nominated for Chair. Director Stretch would remain as vice-Chair. After quorum was established at 10:10 am, it was moved by Alternate Director Jimenez, seconded by Director Fast and unanimously carried that Jim Maciel serve as the Chair of the Advisory Committee.

#### 8. Request by North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency to become an Interested Party

The Water Authority received a letter and Interested Party questionnaire from the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to become an Interested Party. Vice-Chair Stretch asked if this was the first time a GSA request to become an Interested Party. Lee and Eric Osterling confirmed that it was. Osterling shared that eligibility to join is open to entities interested in water management in the region and GSAs fit that bill. Director Rai asked if there are entities in the North Fork Kings GSA that are already Members or Interested Parties. Alternate Representative Scott Sills answered that the County of Fresno, Lanare Community Services District, Laton Community Services District, Riverdale Public Utilities District, Crescent Canal Company, Reed Ditch Company, Riverdale Irrigation District, Liberty Canal Company, and Liberty Water District are current Members or Interested Parties. Directors Fast asked what is the hierarchy between IRWMs and GSAs; are IRWMs over GSAs or on the same level? Osterling clarified that both organizations are on the same level, although they have different objectives. IRWM was the foundation for regional water resource planning and largely funding driven, whereas, GSAs are regulatory in nature and focus solely on groundwater. At this point Alternate Director Shilling joined the meeting at 10:10 am and a quorum was established. Director Fast wondered if it was necessary to merge GSA with IRWM. Osterling

stated that Laguna Irrigation District has a current project on the IRWMP Project List and desire for the North Fork Kings GSA to be the project sponsor; however, in order to do so, the GSA will need to be an Interested Party. Director Rai noted that letting the GSA to join the Water Authority would organize the white areas to have a voice. Representative Maria Herrera stated that having the GSA join the Water Authority is a good thing because we are always looking for ways to integrate IRWM and SGMA. It is good to see that GSAs are recognizing the need to engage in IRWM. Director Stretch also echoed Alternate Representative Herrera's sentiments. Lee noted that the North Fork Kings GSA's Board will meet on June 27, 2018 to formally adopt the IRWMP and approve the application package requesting to become an Interested Party. It was moved by Alternate Director Jimenez, seconded by Alternate Director Shilling and unanimously carried that the Advisory Committee recommend to the Board approval of the North Fork Kings GSA's request to become an Interested Party.

9. Request to Modify the IRWMP and Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP) Project Lists

Lee noted that this agenda item was for informational purposes only. This project is already on the IRWMP Project List; however, several updates were made to the project including the project name, project proponent, and project status. The project maintains the same benefits originally proposed.

10. Other Items for Discussion or Reporting

Lee noted that the July 18, 2018 Board of Directors meeting will require a super-majority vote to pass the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget.

11. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is September 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maciel  
Chair

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Approved