

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Board Meeting October 17, 2018  
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 October 17, 2018.

1. Call to order

Vice Chair Worthley called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Chad Wegley, Alta Irrigation District (alternate)  
Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)  
Michael Carbajal, City of Fresno (alternate)  
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)  
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)  
Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
John Mulligan, City of Sanger (alternate)  
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno  
Steve Worthley, County of Tulare  
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District  
Alan Hofmann, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)  
Paul Peschel, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)  
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District

**Members Absent**

City of Dinuba  
City of Selma  
Kings County Water District

**Interested Parties Present:**

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District  
Jim Anderson, Malaga County Water District  
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.

**Interested Parties Absent:**

Bakman Water Company  
Biola Community Services District  
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter  
California State University, Fresno  
City of Kingsburg  
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  
El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust  
Hardwick Water Company  
James Irrigation District  
Kings River Conservancy  
Kings River Water Association

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:**

Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno  
Maria Meja-Ng, Self-Help Enterprises  
Liesbet Olaerts, Self-Help Enterprises  
Ronald Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard  
Charlotte Gallock, KRCD

Randy Shilling, KRCD  
Soua Lee, KRCD

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Worthley led the Water Authority in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

None.

4. Public Presentations

None.

5. Consider approval of the July 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Fast, seconded by Director Stretch and unanimously carried that the minutes of the July 18, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented.

6. Director Reports

None.

7. Advisory Committee Report

Chair Burluson called on Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel to provide a report on Advisory Committee activities on September 19, 2018. Maciel reported that although the Committee did not have a quorum at their September 19, 2018 meeting, the Committee provided consensus to recommend that the Board adopt the updated Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Maciel also noted that the Committee has been having difficulty with reaching quorum.

8. Staff Reports

a. *Planning and Implementation Contracts* –

- **Implementation Contracts:** Soua Lee referred to the grants matrix included in the agenda packet and reported on the status of the Prop 84 Round 1 Implementation Grant, Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant, and the Prop 1E Round 1 Flood Corridor Grant. Lee reported that all projects under Prop 84 Implementation Grants Round 1 and Round 2 were complete and closed out. Under Round 1, \$10,311.24 of the grant funds were unused. Under the Prop 1E Round 1 Flood Corridor Grant, the McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture and Recharge Project began construction early October 2019.
- **Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant:** Lee reported that the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) met on August 30, 2018 at the Visalia Provost & Pritchard office. The PAC approved Self-Help Enterprise's scope of work for the DAC Education and Engagement Program and additional scope of work for the Needs Assessment task.
- **Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, Round 1:** Lee provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, Round 1. Lee provided an overview of eligible projects, funding, schedule and scoring criteria. DWR is providing an opportunity for each of the twelve funding areas across the state to determine the amount of funding for Round 1 and Round 2 of grant solicitations and to determine the date for the Pre-Application Workshop with DWR and other state agencies. The Board discussed this matter and provided consensus to request that DWR release all funds under the General Implementation Projects Category (\$23,048,112) in Round 1 rather than splitting the grant funds into two rounds of solicitation. Lee noted that the Water Authority would need to receive consensus from the other six IRWMGs in the Tulare-Kern Funding Area in order to make this request to DWR.

b. *Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – Lee reported that the Roundtable of Regions is preparing a Request for Proposal to hire a Network Coordinator to assist the Roundtable with administrative duties including coordinating and facilitating the work of the group. To jumpstart this process, the Roundtable asked IRWMGs to consider providing funds to the Roundtable to support the hiring of this person or firm. The maximum requested from each IRWMG is \$10,000, although financial contribution is not required and would not restrict an IRWMG from continued participation in the Roundtable. Lee reported that the Water Authority has sufficient funds in their reserve for this request and suggested that should

the Board consider financial contribution to the Roundtable, \$5,000 would be a good starting point. Alternate Director Desatoff asked how the Water Authority would benefit from contributing money to the Roundtable. Lee responded that she has been participating in the meetings of the Roundtable and has found it to be of value. In recent years, the Roundtable has worked closely with DWR on the implementation of the IRWM Program and grant solicitations. By participating in the Roundtable, Lee found that those meetings has provided her early insights into the type of information DWR will be looking for in upcoming rounds of IRWM grant solicitation. It was moved by Alternate Director Romero, seconded by Director Stretch and approved by majority vote to consider contributing \$5,000 to the Roundtable of Region's Network Coordinator position at the next regular Board meeting.

*c. Public Information* – Lee reported that she attended the California Water Plan Update 2018 Plenary on October 10, 2018 in Sacramento. Topics of the Plenary included the successes of IRWM and its future from the perspective of IRWM practitioners and state agency leaders.

*d. Legislation* – Lee reported that AB 2060 (Garcia) and AB 2064 (Gloria) were vetoed by Governor Brown. Both bills aimed to provide advance payment for DAC and nonprofit projects.

*e. Administrative Items* – Lee reported that the Conflict of Interested Code was updated to meet current requirements of the Fair Political Practices Commission. A public comment period for the updated Code began on September 7, 2018 and ends on October 22, 2018. The updated Code was public noticed on the Water Authority's website and was sent to Board Directors and Alternates. Lastly, Lee noted that the Board was provided a handout that included Advisory Committee and Board of Directors meeting dates for 2019.

*f. Other* – None.

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

Due to the anticipated retirement of Vice-chair Worthley from the County of Tulare, the Board conducted nominations and voting for a new Vice-chair. It was moved by Alternate Director Desatoff, seconded by Director Mendes and unanimously carried that Director Bill Stretch serve as the Vice-chair of the Board of the Directors.

#### 10. Recommendation to Approve Resolution 18-02 to Adopt the Kings Basin IRWMP and file a CEQA Notice of Exemption

It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Alternate Director Moore and unanimously carried that Resolution 18-02 be adopted as presented.

#### 11. Request to Approve Quarterly Financial Reports

Randy Shilling provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period July 1 – September 30, 2018. It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Fast and unanimously carried that the quarterly financial reports be approved as presented.

#### 12. Next meeting date: April 17, 2019 at 9:30 am, at the Fresno County Farm Bureau

There being no further business, Vice Chair Worthley adjourned the meeting at 10:34 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul G. Peschel  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Approved