

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Special Board Meeting, March 20, 2019
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, 93728**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held March 20, 2019.

1. Call to order

Chair Burluson called the meeting to order at 10:20 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Emilio Morales, City of Dinuba
Michael Carbajal, City of Fresno (alternate)
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Louis Franco, City of Selma
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno
Denise England, County of Tulare (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Frank Fowler, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Paul Peschel, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent

Alta Irrigation District
City of Sanger
Consolidated Irrigation District
Kings County Water District

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Jim Anderson, Malaga County Water District
Sue Ruiz, Easton Community Services District, Lanare Community Services District
Paul Boyer, Self-Help Enterprises
Buddy Mendes, North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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	Mid-Valley Water District
City of Orange Cove	Orosi Public Utility District
City of San Joaquin	Pinedale County Water District
Community Water Center	Riverdale Irrigation District
County of Kings	Riverdale Public Utility District
Cutler Public Utilities District	Sanger Environmental Fund
East Orosi Community Services District	Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust	Sierra Resource Conservation District
Hardwick Water Company	Sultana Community Services District
James Irrigation District	Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Kings River Conservancy	Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
Kings River Water Association	UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno
Laguna Irrigation District	

Others Present:

Ronald Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard	Brian Trevarrow, KRCD
Bethany Soto, CA Regional Water Quality Control Board	Soua Lee, KRCD
Buzz Burluson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Randy Shilling, KRCD
Alan Hofmann, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Isaac Moreno, City of Selma

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Burleson led the Water Authority in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

None.

4. Public Presentations

None.

5. Staff Reports

a. Administrative Items – Lee reminded the Board that Statement of Economic Interests Form 700s must be filed with the Water Authority by April 2, 2019. Lee reported that per a recommendation by the Department of Water Resources, a sentence was inserted into the Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) on page 17-4 and 17-16 stating that the strategies identified to address climate change vulnerabilities would be feasible. This non-material addition did not require Board re-adoption of the IRWMP.

6. Selection of a Chair Officer to the Board of Directors

Chair Burleson conducted nominations and voting for a new chair. It was moved by Alternate Director Peschel, seconded by Director Morales and unanimously carried that Director Mary Fast serve as the chair of the Board of Directors. At this point of the meeting, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District's (FMFCD) newly appointed Director, Frank Fowler, replaced former Chair Burleson at the table. Former Chair Burleson will continue to serve as an alternate for FMFCD. Chair Fast conducted the remainder of the meeting.

7. Consideration of Funding Commitment to the Roundtable of Regions and Entering into a Cost-Sharing Agreement

Lee referred to the Cost-Sharing Agreement and pledged funds table in the agenda packet and reported that at the October 17, 2018 Board meeting, the Board tentatively agreed to pledge \$5,000 to support the efforts of the Roundtable of Regions to contract with a consultant to serve as a Network Coordinator. The role of the Coordinator would be to serve as administrative staff and pursue special projects pertinent to the goals and objectives of the Roundtable. The Roundtable released a Request for Proposal in December 2018 and the successful applicant proposed a scope of work that would cover the remainder of fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020 and 2021 for \$168,569. The total pledge received from fourteen IRWM regions was \$72,600. In order to cover the consultant cost over the next two and a half fiscal years, the Roundtable provide a breakdown of how much each IRWM region would be invoiced during the next two and a half fiscal years based on a proportion percentage of the original amount pledged. For fiscal year 2019, the Water Authority would be responsible for \$1,484.09; for fiscal year 2020, the Water Authority would be responsible for \$4,960.74 and for fiscal year 2021, the Water Authority would be responsible for \$5,164.60. The Board questioned whether providing financial contribution to the hiring of a Network Coordinator would provide a benefit to the Water Authority. Lee responded that the Water Authority would not receive any added benefits; however, the Roundtable has been working on strategies to ensure sustainability of the IRWM Program and if the Board is supportive of this effort, the Board may choose to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with the Roundtable. It was moved by Director Stretch, seconded by Director Morales and unanimously carried that the Water Authority enter into a Cost-Sharing Agreement with the Roundtable of Regions and contribute funds according to the funding commitment table shown in Exhibit B of the Cost-Sharing Agreement.

8. Recommendation to Approve McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency as an Interested Party

Lee reported that the Advisory Committee provided a recommendation to the Board to approve the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) as an Interested Party. Included in the Board agenda packet was a letter of interest, completed Interested Party Questionnaire, and a resolution documenting adoption of the Kings Basin IRWMP by the McMullin Area GSA Board. The McMullin

Area GSA appointed General Manager Matt Hurley as their representative. It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Morales and unanimously carried that the McMullin Area GSA be approved as an Interested Party of the Water Authority.

9. Recommendation to Approve Resolution No. 19-01

It was moved by Director Stretch, seconded by Director Morales and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 19-01 certifying adoption of the Kings Basin Storm Water Resources Plan be approved as presented.

10. Request to Modify the IRWMP and SWRP Project Lists

The Advisory Committee provided a recommendation to the Board that the Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and Kings Basin Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP) project lists be modified to include 11 new IRWM projects and 11 new storm water projects. It was moved by Director Morales, seconded by Director Mendes and unanimously carried that the IRWMP and SWRP project lists be modified to include 11 new IRWM projects and 11 new storm water projects.

11. Approval of Projects for Inclusion in an Application for Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Solicitation

Lee reported that the Project Review Panel thoroughly reviewed and ranked eleven projects that were submitted. Lee referred to the Pre-Application Evaluations handout that showed the ranking of eleven projects based on a maximum score of 40 points. Lee reported that the top seven scoring projects including: 1) Fresno Irrigation District Wagner Recharge Basin, 2) Consolidated Irrigation District Adams and Academy Basin, 3) Laguna Irrigation District Laton North Recharge Project, 4) Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Basin "SS" – Stormwater Recharge and Flood Protection Project, 5) Kings River Conservation District McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture Project – Phase 2B, 6) Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Basin "CE" – Stormwater Recharge and Flood Protection Project, and 7) Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Basin "CF" – Stormwater Recharge and Flood Protection Project be submitted as a package for the Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Solicitation. Lee noted that although the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's North Fork Regional Recharge Project was a top scoring project, due to uncertainty related to whether the GSA would be able to acquire CEQA and permits in a timely manner as well as uncertainty as to whether the GSA would have sufficient funds to cover the cost share portion of the project, the Project Review Panel did not recommend inclusion of the GSA's project in the application to DWR. It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Morales and unanimously carried that the seven projects be submitted as a package for the Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Solicitation.

12. Recommendation to Approve Resolution No. 19-02

Randy Shilling requested the Board approve Resolution No. 19-02 designating bank signatories on the JP Morgan Chase Bank account and appointment of Brian Trevarrow as the new Assistant Treasurer of the Water Authority. It was moved by Alternate Director Moore, seconded by Director Morales and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 19-02 be approved as presented.

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

There being no further business, Chair Fast adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Peschel
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved