

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Advisory Committee Notes, September 18, 2019  
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, 93728**

Notes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held September 18, 2019.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)  
Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
Isaac Moreno, City of Selma (alternate)  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District  
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)  
Paul Peschel, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)  
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District

**Members Absent:**

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

**Interested Parties Present:**

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District  
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company  
Steve Stadler, James Irrigation District  
Michael Prado Sr., Sultana Community Services District  
Steve Haze, Sierra Resource Conservation District

**Interested Parties Absent:**

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  
Malaga County Water 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  
McMullin Area GSA  
Mid-Valley Water District  
North Fork Kings GSA  
Orosi Public Utilities District  
Pinedale County Water District  
Riverdale Irrigation District  
Riverdale Public Utility District  
Sanger Environmental Fund  
Self-Help Enterprises  
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter  
Terranova Ranch, Inc.  
Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners  
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

**Others Present:**

Brock Buche, City of Fresno  
Michael Prado Jr., Sultana Community Services District  
Miranda Prado, Public  
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard  
Soua Lee, KRCD

## 2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

Short of a quorum, the Committee discussed options for addressing the Committee's inability to get a quorum for the entire year. Options discussed include scheduling Committee meetings and Board meetings on the same day or request the Board to reduce quorum for the Committee. No formal action was taken. The Committee will continue to look into strategies for increasing attendance at meetings.

## 3. Public Presentations

The Advisory Committee received a public presentation by Steve Haze of the Sierra Resource Conservation District (SRCD) on a grant SRCD received to roll out a watershed program to look at upper watershed management that would result in downstream benefits to fisheries, Ag, and cities.

## 4. Approval of the June 19, 2019 Meeting Notes

This item was continued until the next regularly scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

## 5. Staff Reports

*A. Planning and Implementation Contracts* – Lee reported that an application for Prop 1, Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant funding was submitted to DWR on September 6, 2019. Six projects were submitted with the final application.

*B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – Lee referred to the handout in the agenda packet and reported that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) recently adopted updated IRWM Policy Principles. The IRWM Policy Principles are meant to guide ACWA's engagement on legislation or policies related to the IRWM Program. Lee also provided a report on activities related to the Roundtable of Regions. Lee referred to a letter in the agenda packet and reported that the Roundtable recently submitted a letter to Nancy Vogel, who is leading the development of the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio Initiative, to provide several recommendations on the Portfolio's development. The Committee discussed the option to send a letter from the Water Authority to Nancy Vogel. The Committee provided consensus to submit a letter from the Water Authority to recommend DWR consider using the collaborative nature of IRWM as the framework for developing the Portfolio.

*C. Legislation* – Paul Peschel reported on two bills:

- SB 1 (Atkins): This bill was intended to help California defend itself against the Trump administration's efforts to weaken environmental, public health and worker safety standards. SB 1 is on the Governor's desk for consideration.
- AB 658 (Arambula): This bill would authorize a GSA or local agency to apply for a conditional temporary permit for diversion of surface water to underground storage for beneficial use that advances the sustainability goal of a groundwater basin.

*D. Administrative Items* – Lee reported that the Water Authority will resume development of the 2019 Annual Report with assistance from Provost & Pritchard. Lee reported that staff will be working to develop a process flow chart for project development. The process flow chart would serve to illustrate and guide how a project moves from pre-application to final submittal to DWR. Lastly, Lee reported that the Project Workgroup in charge of reviewing Project Information Forms for new projects have declined in member participation over the years and request that Advisory Committee representatives interested in reviewing PIFs to notify staff about their interest in participating.

*E. Other* – None to report.

6. Update on the Prop 1 DAC Involvement Program

Lee reported that the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) held a meeting on August 15, 2019 in Visalia. The PAC approved the Water Authority's two projects from East Oroquieta CSD and Malaga County Water District for project development funds totaling up to \$250,000. Additionally, the PAC awarded \$72,600 to Sultana CSD's project from the regional competitive pot. Since approval of the EOCSD project by the PAC, EOCSD has requested a scope change to their project to adjust the project budget to allow for \$15,360 for acquisition of the test well site. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2019.

7. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is March 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maciel  
Chair

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Approved