

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Minutes, September 16, 2020
Microsoft Teams Video-Teleconference**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held September 16, 2020.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Isaac Moreno, City of Selma (alternate)
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Frank Fowler, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Mark McKean, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent:

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

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Mark McKean, North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Sonia Sanchez, Self-Help Enterprises
Michael Prado Sr., Sultana Community Services District

Interested Parties Absent:

Bakman Water Company
Biola Community Services District
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
California State University, Fresno
City of Orange Cove
City of Kingsburg
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
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 Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Mid-Valley Water District
Orosi Public Utilities District
Pinedale County Water District
Riverdale Irrigation District
Riverdale Public Utility District
Sanger Environmental Fund
Sierra Resource Conservation District
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership
Terranova Ranch, Inc.
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

Others Present:

Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Brent Sunamoto, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Paul Peschel, Kings River Conservation District
Michael Prado Jr., Sultana Community Services District
Debra Dunn, KRCD
Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District
Soua Lee, KRCD
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Charlotte Gallock, KRCD
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Approval of the June 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Stretch, seconded by Director Fowler, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting of the Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

5. Staff Reports

A. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Soua Lee provided updates on the Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant, and Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee shared dates for several upcoming IRWM related webinars and noted that those webinar links were previously emailed to Water Authority participants. Lee reported that the Roundtable of Regions hosted a Pre-Summit Orientation to the October virtual summit on “Ensuring Equitable Involvement in Regional Water Planning” on September 23, 2020. The purpose of the Pre-Summit was to help stakeholders, who may not be as familiar with IRWM, to understand the IRWM program, its benefits, and challenges of participating in their region’s IRWM program. Lee reported that a webinar on the “Successful Collaboration between IRWM and SGMA” was planned for September 23, 2020. To advertise the IRWM-SGMA webinar, Lee reported that on behalf of the Roundtable of Regions, she authored a blog-post for Maven’s Notebook providing an overview of IRWM and SGMA and highlighted two examples of how the Water Authority has been able to leverage the strengths of IRWM and SGMA to benefit the Kings Basin region.

Lee reported that the Roundtable of Regions Chair and Co-Chair received a letter from the San Francisco IRWM region requesting that the Roundtable of Regions lead a statewide effort to address racial equity and justice in IRWM and improve equitable outcomes for African American, black, indigenous, people of color, Native Nations and California Tribes. The letter would be brought to the full Roundtable of Regions for consideration at a future meeting date. The Advisory Committee discussed its position on the letter and provide Lee with guidance on responding to the letter on behalf of the Water Authority.

C. Public Information – None to report

D. Legislation – None to report

E. Administrative Items – None to report

F. Other – None to report.

6. Work Group Reports and Recommendations

Lee reported that included in the agenda packet was a draft of the KBWA Highlight Brochure and that the Outreach Workgroup recommended that the Advisory Committee approve the updates to the brochure. Lee provided an overview of the changes that the Outreach Workgroup made to the brochure. Short of a quorum, the Advisory Committee provided consensus to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the updates made to the brochure, provided that the Committee is allowed to provide any additional edits or comments on the brochure prior to the October Board meetings.

7. Request by Reclamation District 1606 to become an Interested Party

Lee reported that Reclamation District 1606 made a request to join the Water Authority as an Interested Party. Reclamation District 1606 submitted a letter of interest, completed questionnaire and resolution demonstrating adoption of the Kings Basin IRWMP to staff. Manny Amorelli with Reclamation District 1606 was called to share about the work of the District and the reason the District is interested in participating with the Water Authority. Short of a quorum, the Advisory Committee provided consensus to recommend that the Board of Directors consider approval of Reclamation District 1606 as an Interested Party.

8. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is March 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau, but subject to change.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maciel
Chair

Approved