

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board Meeting, July 21, 2021 at 9:30 AM
Microsoft Teams Teleconference**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held July 21, 2021.

1. Call to order

Chair Mary Fast called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Scott Redelfs, City of Clovis (alternate)
Ismael Hernandez, City of Dinuba (alternate)
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)
Javier Andrade, City of Parlier (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
John Mulligan, City of Sanger (alternate)
Isaac Moreno, City of Selma (alternate)
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Eddie Valero, County of Tulare
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Buzz Burleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Paul Stanfield, Kings River Conservation District

Members Absent:

Alta Irrigation District
City of Kerman
Consolidated Irrigation District
Kings County Water District
Raisin City Water District

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District, Reclamation District No. 1606
Michael Prado Sr., Sultana Community Services 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 Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Mid-Valley Water District
North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Orosi Public Utilities District
Pinedale County Water District
Riverdale Irrigation District
Riverdale Public Utility District
Sanger Environmental Fund
Self-Help Enterprises
Sierra Resource Conservation District
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Terranova Ranch Inc.
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

Others Present:

Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Mark McKean, KRCD
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard

Brian Trevarrow, KRCD
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Soua Lee, KRCD
Kassy Chauhan, Fresno Irrigation District

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Consider Approval of the April 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Stretch, seconded by Director Valero, and carried that the minutes of the April 21, 2021, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented. Alternate Director Andrade and Alternate Director Redelfs abstained.

5. Director Reports

None.

6. Advisory Committee Report

Chair Fast called on Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel to provide a report on Advisory Committee activities on June 16, 2021. Maciel reported that the Advisory Committee received staff reports and approved a recommendation to the Board of Directors to add the City of Dinuba's "Expansion of the Existing Euclid/Saginaw Storm Drain Retention Basin Capacity" project to the IRWM Plan and Storm Water Resources Plan Project Lists.

7. Staff Reports

A. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Soua Lee provided an update on the status of Proposition 1, Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant and Proposition 1 DAC Involvement Grant Program. Lee reminded that any Member or Interested Party looking to place a project on the IRWMP project list may submit a Project Information Form (PIF) at any time. The PIF can be found on the Water Authority's website.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported that the IRWM Roundtable of Regions held a special meeting on July 1, 2021 to discuss the future of IRWM. The purpose of the meeting was to review possible futures for IRWM regarding general funds and water bonds and to hear IRWMs strategies if no additional IRWM designated funding was made in the future.

C. Public Information – None to report.

D. Legislation – None to report.

E. Administrative Items – None to report.

F. Other – None to report.

8. Request to Modify the IRWM Plan and Storm Water Resources Plan Project Lists

Lee reported that the Advisory Committee made a recommendation to the Board to add the City of Dinuba's "Expansion of Existing Euclid/Saginaw Storm Drain Retention Basin Capacity" Project to the IRWM Plan and Storm Water Resources Plan Project Lists. It was moved by Director Valero, seconded by Alternate Director Buche and unanimously carried that the City of Dinuba's project be added to the IRWM Plan and Storm Water Resources Plan Project Lists.

9. Request to Approve Quarterly Financial Reports

Brain Trevarrow provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021. It was moved by Director Burleson, seconded by Director Stretch, and unanimously carried that the quarterly financial reports be approved as presented.

10. Request to Approve Price Paige and Company to Perform Audit for the Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2021

Trevarrow reported that an audit of the Water Authority's financials is conducted every two years and that it is time for the next audit. Trevarrow requested that the Board approve a service agreement with Price Paige and Company to perform the financial audit. It was moved by Alternate Director Buche, seconded by Director Stretch and unanimously carried that the Water Authority enter into a service agreement with Price Paige and Company to perform financial audit for the years ended June 20, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

11. Recommendation to Approve Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget

Trevarrow provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. It was moved by Director Burleson, seconded by Alternate Director Buche and unanimously carried that the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget be approved as presented.

12. Request to Establish a Standing Finance Committee

Trevarrow reported that the Fiscal Agent typically would form an ad-hoc Budget Group as needed to review the fiscal year budget and other financial documents and that each Board member pulled into the ad-hoc has varied over time. Trevarrow requested that the Board establish a three (3) member standing Finance Committee composed of Directors for the purpose of reviewing all financial and budgetary matters, as needed, and then making recommendations to the Board for the Board's final approval. It was moved by Alternate Director Moreno, seconded by Alternate Director Jimenez and unanimously carried that a three (3) member Finance Committee be formed.

13. Appointment of Standing Finance Committee Members

Chair Fast appointed Director Buzz Burleson, Director Stretch, and herself (Director fast), to the standing Finance Committee. This item was passed unanimously.

14. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors is October 20, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fast
Chair

Approved