

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Special Advisory Committee Minutes, May 30, 2014
Kings River Conservation District, 4886 E. Jensen Ave., Fresno, CA 93725**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held May 30, 2014.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Member Gary Serrato called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. Serrato noted that there was a quorum.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Chris Kapheim, Alta Irrigation District (alternate)
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
Dean Uota, City of Dinuba (alternate)
Denise Akins, County of Tulare (alternate)
Bernard Jimenez (alternate)
Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)
Frank Fowler, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)
Gary Serrato, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Roseann Galvan, City of Selma (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District (alternate)

Members Absent:

City of Parlier
City of Fresno
Kings River Conservation District
City of Sanger

Interested Parties Present:

Sue Ruiz, Easton Community Services District
Kathy Wood McLaughlin, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
Maria Herrera, Community Water Center
Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company
Phil Desatoff, City of Kingsburg
Cruz Ramos, City of San Joaquin

Interested Parties Absent:

Biola Community Services District
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
California State University, Fresno
City of Orange Cove
County of Kings
Cutler Public Utilities District
East Orosi Community Services District
El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust
Fresno County Farm Bureau
Hardwick Water Company
James Irrigation District
Kings River Conservancy
Kings River Water Association
Laguna Irrigation District
Liberty Canal Company
Liberty Water District

London Community Services District Malaga County
Water District
Mid-Valley Water District
Orange Cove Irrigation District
Orosi Public Utilities District
Raisin City 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
Terranova Ranch, Inc.
UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno

Others Present:

Eric Osterling, KRCD
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Ron Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Alan Hoffman, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control Dist.
Jason Clarke, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control Dist.
Jerry Lakeman, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control Dist.

Ryan Jensen, Community Water Center
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Kevin Fabino, City of Reedley
Heather Bashian, Provost & Pritchard

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Request to modify the IRWMP Project List

Director Serrato called on staff member Eric Osterling to report on the modification of the IRWMP Project List. Osterling reported that the Project Selection Panel reviewed the projects and that they are consistent with the Kings Basin IRWMP Goals and Objectives. Osterling reported that the Project Selection Panel recommends that the Advisory Committee add the projects to the IRWMP Project List. Osterling reported that the projects included the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Regional Groundwater Recharge and Surface Water Reuse Project, East Orosi Community Services District Water Conservation and Meter Project, Sultana Community Services District Water Conservation and Meter Project, Malaga County Water District Water Supply Conservation Project, City of Kerman Median Landscaping Renovation Project, City of San Joaquin Water Storage Tank, and City of Orange Cove Water System Feasibility Study. It was moved by Director Jimenez, seconded by Director Fabino and unanimously carried that the Advisory Committee approve the Project Selection Panel's recommendation to add the projects listed to the IRWMP Project List.

5. Recommendation to approve projects for inclusion in an application for a grant under the 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation

Director Serrato called on staff member Eric Osterling to report on the projects recommended by the Project Selection Panel to be included in a grant application under the 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation. Osterling reported that the Project Section Panel thoroughly reviewed and ranked eleven projects that were submitted. Osterling referred to the Pre-Application Evaluations handout that showed the ranking of the eleven projects based on a maximum score of 60 points. Osterling reported that the top three ranked projects included: 1. Consolidated Irrigation District Adams and Academy Basin project, 2. City of Fresno Nielsen Groundwater Recharge Basin, and 3. Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Regional Groundwater Recharge and Surface Water Reuse Project. Osterling reviewed the draft guidelines and timeline that DWR has provided for the application. Discussion followed regarding inclusion of DAC projects, the amount of funding available for the Tulare Lake Basin, scalability of each project, the scoring process of the eleven projects under the categories of human right to water, voluntary conservation measures, cost/per acre-foot conserved, and compliance with DWR requirements.

It was moved by Director Koehn, seconded by Director Moore and unanimously carried that the top five scoring projects including: 1. Consolidated Irrigation District Adams and Academy Basin project, 2. City of Fresno Nielsen Groundwater Recharge Basin, 3. Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Regional Groundwater Recharge and Surface Water Reuse Project, 4. East Orosi Community Services District Water Conservation and Meter Project, and 5. Sultana Community Services District Water Conservation and Meter Project be submitted as a package with the ability by the five project proponents to adjust the projects for the 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation application based on the requirements of the final PSP and also on the potential final amount of the grant awarded.

Director Serrato thanked the Project Selection Panel for their time and effort in reviewing the projects. The Project Selection Panel included Roseann Galvan, Bill Stretch, Kathy Wood McLaughlin, Dan Munk, Shay Bakman, Paul Boyer and Auggie Ramirez.

6. Other items for discussion or reporting

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Orth
Chair

Approved

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