

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board Meeting October 15, 2014
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, 93728**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held October 15, 2014.

1. Call to order

Staff Member Eric Osterling called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and in absence of the chair and vice chair asked for nominations for an interim chair. It was moved by Director Cehrs, and seconded by Director Worthley, and unanimously carried to nominate Director Buche as interim chair.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Steve Worthley, County of Tulare
Dean Uota, City of Dinuba (alternate)
Buzz Burselson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
Dr. David Cehrs, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Phillip Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)

Members Absent:

City of Sanger
City of Parlier
Alta Irrigation District
City of Selma
Kings County Water District

Interested Parties Present:

Kathy Wood McLaughlin, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
Sue Ruiz, Easton Community Services District
Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company
Cruz Ramos, City of San Joaquin
Dr. David Cehrs, El Rio Reyes Trust, Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Hank Urbach, Kings River Conservancy
Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Association
Robert Nielsen, Liberty Canal Company, Liberty Water District
Charles Garabedian, Jr., Malaga County Water District

Interested Parties Absent:

Biola Community Services District	London Community Services District
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter	Mid-Valley Water District
California State University Fresno	Orange Cove Irrigation District
City of Kingsburg	Orosi Public Utilities District
City of Orange Cove	Raisin City 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	Self-Help Enterprises
Fresno County Farm Bureau	Sierra Resource Conservation District
Hardwick Water Company	Sultana Community Services District
James Irrigation District	Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Laguna Irrigation District	UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno

Others Present:

Eric Osterling, KRCD	Ron Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Randy Shilling, KRCD	Alan Hofmann, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control Dist.
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD	Kevin Fabino, City of Reedley
Steve Stadler, KRCD	Denise England, County of Tulare
Bethany Soto, CRWQ Control Board	Steven Pickens, Bakman Water Company

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Approval of Minutes of the May 30, 2014 special meeting and July 16, 2014 meeting

It was moved by Director Desatoff, seconded by Director Cehrs, that the minutes of the May 30, 2014 special meeting and July 16, 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented.

5. Member Interested Party Report

Interested Party Member Steve Haugen presented an update on Kings River water conditions. Haugen reported that current storage in Pine Flat Reservoir was approximately 114,000 acre feet. Haugen reported that the current inflow was 93 cubic feet per second (cfs) Haugen stated that it has been a number of years since the inflow was below 100 cfs. Current release out of Pine Flat Dam was 250 cfs. Haugen reported that for Water Year 2013/14 the runoff totaled 536,916 acre feet that was the 4th driest year on record. April-July runoff was 405,898 acre feet, which was 33 percent of average.

6. Advisory Committee Report

Advisory Committee Chair Brock Buche provided a report on Advisory Committee activities. Buche reported that the Advisory Committee met on September 17. Buche stated that the Advisory Committee discussed working on the measurable objectives of the Kings Basin IRWMP including the goal to achieve groundwater sustainability. Buche reported that the Advisory Committee also discussed identifying goals for the Advisory Committee for the fiscal year.

7. Staff Reports

Planning and Implementation Contracts – Osterling reported on the status of planning and implementation contracts. Osterling referred to the contracts matrix included in the agenda packet for updates on specific projects. Osterling reported that Prop. 84 Round 2 Implementation grant is moving forward and that a contract with the state has been signed. Osterling reported that under the California Water Foundation grant, the outreach component is almost completed. The final deliverable is the October 29 Symposium. Regarding the model update, work includes calibration of the water budget. Osterling reported that the well installation project is working on bid documents for well drillers. Osterling reported that the Water Authority's application for the Prop. 84 2014 Drought Grant Solicitation was unsuccessful. Osterling noted that the Tulare Lake funding area was highly competitive with limited funds available. Osterling reported that a letter was submitted on behalf of the KBWA to DWR asking for clarification on the scoring of the Drought Solicitation applications.

Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Osterling reported that in the most recent Tulare Basin IRWM monthly inter-regional, discussions centered on the 2014 Drought Grant Solicitation. Osterling reported that he provided information regarding KBWA projects to the California Farm Water Coalition for their website. The Coalition is promoting the passage of Prop. 1 by highlighting potential projects that could be funded by the Water Bond.

Public Information – Tufenkjian reported on the upcoming Groundwater Land Use Symposium including an overview of the agenda and the current registration for the event.

Legislation – Tufenkjian reported that the Advisory Committee recommended that the Board conduct a workshop on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Tufenkjian reported that a tentative date has been set for November 7.

Other – No report

8. Kings Basin IRWMP Measurable Objectives Update

Osterling reported on the presentation made by Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard, to the Advisory Committee including the development of a pie chart that shows categories of how the

Authority will achieve the objective to eliminate the groundwater overdraft in 20 years. The Advisory Committee recommended that the Project Work Group meet to discuss this issue. Osterling reported that the Kings Basin's IRMWP includes a requirement to report on the progress of the stated objectives each year in an annual report for the water year. Osterling reviewed an attachment of the measurable objectives and asked members present to review the objectives and provide any project information back to him. Osterling reported that the Authority has a contract with Provost & Pritchard to complete the Authority's annual report.

9. Consider Recommendation by Advisory Committee to approve Lanare Community Services District as an Interested Party

Tufenkjian reported that a letter and New Member/Interested Party Questionnaire was received from Lanare Community Services District requesting to join the Water Authority as an Interested Party. Lanare has appointed Board Member Francisco Ramirez as their Representative and Board Member Enedina Sanchez as their Alternate. Tufenkjian reported that the Advisory Committee recommends to the Board that they approve the request by Lanare Community Services District to join the Water Authority as an Interested Party. It was moved by Director Jimenez, and seconded by Director Fast and unanimously carried to approve Lanare Community Services District as an Interested Party.

10. Request to modify the IRWMP Project List

Osterling reported that Kings River Conservation District has requested that the Coehlo and Gragnani Wetlands Recharge Project be added to the Project List. Osterling reported that this project will reconfigure the Coehlo and Gragnani Wetlands sites to facilitate additional recharge. Osterling reported that the Advisory Committee recommended that the project be added to the Project List. It was moved by Director Worthley, and seconded by Director Jimenez, and unanimously carried that the Coehlo and Gragnani Wetlands Recharge Project be added to the Project List.

11. Consider Recommendation by Advisory Committee to Adopt Resolution in Support of Water Bond

Tufenkjian asked that the Board consider the recommendation by the Advisory Committee to adopt the resolution included in the agenda packet in support of Proposition 1 - The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. Tufenkjian provided an overview of the components of the Bond including possible funding categories for the region. It was moved by Member Burleson, seconded by Member Moore and unanimously carried that the Board adopt Resolution No. 14-02 Support of Proposition 1 - The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

12. Request to approve quarterly financial reports

Staff Member Randy Shilling provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period July 1 – September 30, 2014 included in the agenda packet. Shilling reported that the Mini 50 grant was received at the end of the fiscal year creating a surplus. It was moved by Director Worthley, and seconded by Director Burleson, and unanimously carried to approve the quarterly financial reports and to adjust the fiscal year 2015 budget to remove the Mini 50 grant revenue and expenses.

13. Other items for discussion or reporting

Director Koehn reported that DWR will be conducting a training for DACs on November 6 in the City of Clovis. Ronnie Samuelian reported that a draft annual report will be distributed in a month and a final will be presented to the Board for approval at their January meeting. Samuelian reported that a water energy grant program was announced by DWR. The deadline is December 9.

14. Next meeting date: January 21, 2015 at 9:30 am, at the Fresno County Farm Bureau

Interim Chair Buche reported that the next regularly scheduled meeting is on January 21 at the Fresno County Farm Bureau office. There being no further business, Interim Chair Buche adjourned the meeting at 11:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Orth
Secretary/Treasurer

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