

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board Meeting October 21, 2015
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 21, 2015.

1. Call to order

Vice Chair Gary Serrato called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Randy Shilling, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
Dean Uota, City of Dinuba (alternate)
Gary Serrato, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)
Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)
Buzz Bursleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno (alternate)
Jim Avalos, City of Selma (alternate)
Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District (alternate)
Georgeanne White, City of Fresno (alternate)
Steve Worthley, County of Tulare
Chris Kapheim, Alta Irrigation District (alternate)

Members Absent:

City of Parlier
City of Sanger

Interested Parties Present:

John Mallyon, James Irrigation District, Mid-Valley Water District
Charles Garabedian Jr., Malaga County Water District
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District
Carole Combes, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
Steve Haze, Sierra Resource Conservation District
Steve Pickens, Bakman Water Company
Phil Desatoff, City of Kingsburg
Kristin Dobbin, Community Water Center
Sue Ruiz, Easton Community Services District
Paul Boyer, Hardwick Water Company, Self-Help Enterprises, Sultant Communiy Services District

Interested Parties Absent:

Biola Community Services District
California State University, Fresno
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
City of Orange Cove
City of San Joaquin
County of Kings
Cutler Public Utilities District
East Orosi Community Services District
El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust
Fresno County Farm Bureau
Kings River Water Association

Kings River Conservancy
Laguna Irrigation District
Lanare Community Services District
Liberty Canal Company
Liberty Water District
London Community Services District
Orange Cove Irrigation District
Orosi Public Utilities District
Riverdale Irrigation District
Riverdale Public Utility District
Sanger Environmental Fund
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Terranova Ranch, Inc.
UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno

Others Present:

Eric Osterling, KRCD
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control Dist.

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Geri Gunland, Raisin City Water District
Bethany Soto, Regional Water Quality CB
Soua Lee, Kings River Conservation District

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Approval of Minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting minutes

It was moved by Alternate Director Desatoff, seconded by Alternate Director Shilling, and unanimously carried that the minutes of July 15, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented.

5. Advisory Committee Report

Vice Chair Serrato called on Advisory Committee Chair Lisa Koehn to provide a report on Advisory Committee activities. Koehn reported that the Advisory Committee met on September 16. Koehn reported that AB 935 has now become a two-year bill. Koehn reported that Raisin City Water District has requested to rejoin the KBWA as a member under the small city small agency fee schedule and they have met all of the requirements for becoming a member. Koehn reported that Armona CSD has requested to join KBWA as an interested party and to extend KBWA boundaries to fill in the donut hole that is Armona CSD. Koehn reported on the pros and cons for allowing Armona CSD to join KBWA as an interested party.

6. Staff Reports

Planning and Implementation Contracts – Osterling introduced new KRCD employee Soua Lee who will be assisting with KBWA grants. Soua Lee reported on the status of planning and implementation contracts. Lee referred to the contracts matrix included in the agenda packet for updates on specific projects. Lee reported that invoices through March 2015 for Prop. 84 Round 1 grant and invoices through June, 2015 for Prop. 84 Round 2 grant have been submitted. Lastly, Lee reported that nine monitoring wells were completed in August for the third component of the California Water Foundation grant and that Invoices through September 2015 were submitted.

Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Osterling reported that he was not able to attend the Stakeholder Engagement Advisory Committee in Sacramento that was coordinated by DWR. Osterling deferred to Kristin Dobbin to report on the discussion that happened with the Stakeholder Engagement Advisory Committee. Dobbin reported that the Committee discussed how to implement Prop. 1 IRWM funding, encourage innovative projects, grant scoring, and criteria guidelines. Dobbin reported that the first draft PSP Guidelines will be published on December 22. Dobbin reported that the next Stakeholder Engagement Advisory Committee will be in January 2016.

Public Information – Tufenkjian reported the Indoor Watering Tips handout is still available for Members and Interested Parties to pick up. Tufenkjian reported that she is in the process of producing the Outdoor Watering Tips handout in Spanish.

Legislation – Tufenkjian reported on AB 935 (Salas), a bill that would fund two San Joaquin River Restoration projects from funds appropriated from DWR, which could include IRWMP funds. Tufenkjian reported on the plan to continue to follow the two-year bill and will inform KBWA if any steps need to be taken as far as supporting or opposing the bill.

Administrative Items – None to report.

Other – None to report.

7. Recommendation to approve Raisin City Water District as a Member

Tufenkjian reported that Raisin City Water District has requested to become a member of KBWA. Tufenkjian reported that Raisin City Water District has met all of the requirements for becoming a member. Tufenkjian reported that Raisin City was originally a member, then became an interested party, and now would like to rejoin as a member. It was moved by Alternate Director Desatoff,

seconded by Alternate Director Avalos, and unanimously carried that Raisin City Water District would become a member once it has been confirmed that Raisin City has entirely paid the initial cost of becoming a Member.

8. Request to modify Water Authority boundaries to include Armona Community Services District
Osterling provided an overview of a map to illustrate the location of Armona CSD within the KBWA boundaries. Osterling reported that Armona CSD and Stratford PUD participated in the Kings Basin DAC study and both communities requested to be Interested Parties of the Water Authority. Osterling reported that the Kings Basin boundaries do not extend to their areas and they are unable to become Interested Parties. Osterling reported that the Board formed a Boundaries Work Group to work through these requests. Osterling reported the Boundaries Work Group recommended that Armona CSD be included in the Water Authority through the expansion of the boundaries. It was decided to recommend the expansion once there was also a solution for Stratford PUD. Osterling reported since that time, Stratford PUD has been absorbed into the Westside IRWMP. Osterling reported that the Boundaries Work Group is recommending that Armona CSD service area be added to the Water Authority boundaries. Discussion followed regarding concerns including that the City of Hanford may want to also join the Water Authority, that the inclusion of Armona would increase competition between DACs for IRWM funding, and the fact that Armona is located within the Tulare Lake groundwater Subbasin. Jim Maciel representing Armona Community Services District stated that Armona agree with the goals of the Kings Basin IRWMP and would like to participate in the KBWA and work on water sustainability issues. Discussion followed regarding the fact that other DACs within the Kings Basin are supportive of Armona CSD being included within the KBWA boundaries. It was moved by Alternate Director Kapheim, seconded by Alternate Director Mills and carried that the KBWA boundaries be amended to include Armona CSD.

AYES: Director Worthley, Burlson, Fast Alternate Directors Moore, Mendes, Serrato, Shilling, Uota, Avalos, Mills, White, Kapheim, Koehn

NOES: Alternate Director Desatoff

ABSTAIN: None

9. Request to approve quarterly financial reports

Shilling provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period July 1 – September 30, 2015. Shilling reported that as of September 30, 2015, the Authority has \$315,073.00 in the bank and grants reimbursements receivable of \$503,539.00. Discussion followed regarding having enough cash flow to cover the costs of the projects between waiting for state reimbursements for invoicing. It was moved by Director Burlson, seconded by Director Fast, and unanimously carried to approve the quarterly financial reports.

10. Other items for discussion or reporting

Ronald Samuelian reported that an email regarding the update of the KBWA annual report was distributed at the beginning of October requesting information from members and interested parties for the report. Samuelian reported that he will send out a draft of the report in the next couple of weeks for another round of comments and input from members and interested parties.

11. Next meeting date: January 20, 2016 at 9:30 am, at the Fresno County Farm Bureau

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on January 20 at the Fresno County Farm Bureau office.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice Chair Serrato adjourned the meeting at 10:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Shilling
Secretary/Treasurer

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