

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board Meeting April 20, 2016
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 April 20, 2016.

1. Call to order

Vice Chair Gary Serrato called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul G. Peschel, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
John Mulligan, City of Sanger (alternate)
Jim Avalos, City of Selma (alternate)
Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)
Buzz Bureson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District (alternate)
Georgeanne White, City of Fresno (alternate)
Gary Serrato, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Chris Kapheim, Alta Irrigation District (alternate)
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent:

City of Parlier
City of Dinuba
Consolidated Irrigation District
County of Tulare

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company
Steve Haugen, Kings River Water Association

Interested Parties Absent:

Biola Community Services District
California State University, Fresno
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
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
Fresno County Farm Bureau
Hardwick Water Company
Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
James Irrigation District

Kings River Conservancy
Laguna Irrigation District
Lanare Community Services 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
Riverdale Irrigation District
Riverdale Public Utility District
Sanger Environmental Fund
Self-Help Enterprises
Sultana Community Services District
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Sierra Resource Conservation District
UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno

Others Present:

Eric Osterling, KRCD
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Randy Shilling, KRCD
Soua Lee, KRCD
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District

Alan Hoffman, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Brianna Padilla, Office of Assemblyman Jim Patterson
Jason Franklin, Pinedale County Water District

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Approval of Minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting minutes

It was moved by Director Fast, seconded by Alternate Director Mills, and unanimously carried that the minutes of January 20, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented.

5. Member/Interested Party Report

Steve Haugen of the Kings River Water Association presented on the water conditions and impacts of the Rough Fire on the Kings River watershed. Haugen highlighted some concerns related to the Rough Fire's impact on watershed hydrology including debris flow, sediment loads, landslides, and water quality.

6. 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 March 16, but did not have a quorum. Koehn reported that the Committee received a report from the Prop 1 Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc workgroup and a report from KRCD staff regarding planning and implementation contracts, interregional and statewide coordination, public information, legislation, and administrative items. The Committee discussed the request by Pinedale County Water District to become an Interested Party and agreed Pinedale County Water District met the Interested Party requirements and is located within the boundaries of the IRWMP. Lastly, the Committee discussed the recommendation to task Provost & Pritchard to provide services for the preparation of a Prop 1 Planning Grant application and to update the Kings Basin's IRWM plan.

7. Staff Reports

Planning and Implementation Contracts – Lee reported that under Prop 84 Round 1; Consolidated ID's groundwater banking project is completed and under Prop 84 Round 2; Laguna ID's groundwater recharge project is completed and Fresno ID gained compliance for their Ag Water Management Plan and is now eligible for Prop 84 grant reimbursement. Lee reported that on April 15 a final grant report was submitted to the California Water Foundation for the Kings IWFM project, Educational Outreach for Local Land Use Planning project, and the Lower Kings Basin Dedicated Monitoring Well project.

Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Osterling reported that \$3.4 million is available in noncompetitive grant funding to the Tulare Lake Funding Area under the Prop 1 IRWM DAC Involvement Program. Osterling reported that a DAC Involvement committee made up of IRWM representatives, DAC representatives, County representatives, and NGOs have been meeting regularly in Visalia to develop a scope of work. The DAC Involvement committee came up with a draft scope where \$2 million would be allocated to DAC project development, \$500,000 for the creation of a DAC coordinator position, and the remaining \$500,000 would be allocated to various administrative and outreach activities. Osterling reported that it would be wise to enter into an MOU between the seven IRWM groups to allow the IRWM groups to drive the efforts of this grant and to ensure equitable distribution of funding and impact throughout the Funding Area.

Osterling reported that the IRWM Roundtable of Regions released a survey to look at the future of IRWM. The DWR Division of IRWM is trying to figure out how to incentivize IRWM participation and sustainability.

Osterling reported that the Kings Subbasin currently has five possible GSAs. James ID GSA and Kings River East MOU GSA have submitted their notification to become a GSA and are undergoing the 90-day comment period.

Public Information – None to report

Legislation –Tufenkjian reported that AB 935 (Salas) is in the Senate inactive file, but may be brought on the Senate floor for consideration. Tufenkjian reported that one of the concerns of AB 935 is the policy language that can be written into the bill to prioritize certain projects over others. Tufenkjian reported she will send information to members who had previously put in an opposition letter to see if they will be maintaining an opposed position.

Administrative Items – Lee reported that the Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 for the year 2015 is completed. Lee reported that Dezaraye Bagalayos was appointed as a new alternate representative for the Interested Party, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners.

Other – None to report

8. Request by Pinedale County Water District to become an Interested Party

Lee reported that Pinedale County Water District has requested to become an Interested Party and would like to appoint Jason Franklin as their representative and Mark Gutierrez as their alternate representative. Lee reported that the Advisory Committee was not able to take action on the request at their March 16 meeting because there was not a quorum, but the Committee did discuss the request and the Committee supported the request. It was moved by Alternate Director Jimenez, seconded by Alternate Director Avalos, and unanimously carried that Pinedale County Water District become an Interested Party of the KBWA.

9. Recommendation to approve Resolution No. 16-01 and to task Provost & Pritchard to provide related services regarding preparation of a Planning Grant application

Osterling referred to pages 11, 13, and 17 of the agenda packet for information on two proposals from Provost & Pritchard and Resolution No. 16-01. The first proposal is to task Provost and Pritchard to prepare a Planning Grant application; the second is a cost estimate for Provost & Pritchard to implement the work of updating the Kings Basin IRWM Plan; and the third is an authorizing resolution for the Authority's Chairman to enter into an agreement with the Department of Water Resources to update the IRWM Plan if the Kings Basin IRWM is awarded funding. Shilling referred to page 12 of the agenda packet and noted that the authorization to expend \$14,000 to prepare a Planning Grant application was not budgeted into the current IRWM budget. Shilling further clarified that the Authority has sufficient funds to cover the \$14,000 Planning Grant application under the current budget and that the cost share estimate of \$49,250 to update the IRWM Plan would be included in the 2016-2017 budget that will be voted on by the Board in July 2016.

1. It was moved by Alternate Director Kapheim, seconded by Director Fast, and unanimously carried that the Authority expend \$14,000 to task Provost & Pritchard to prepare the Planning Grant application.
2. It was moved by Alternate Director Peschel, seconded by Alternate Director Kapheim, and unanimously carried that the Authority cost share be authorized in an amount not to exceed \$49,250 to update the Kings Basin IRWM Plan.
3. It was moved by Alternate Director Koehn, seconded by Alternate Director Jimenez, and unanimously carried that the Authority adopt Resolution 16-01 to authorize the Chair of the Water Authority, or his or her designee, to prepare a Planning Grant application and to enter into a grant agreement with the Department of Water Resources.

10. Recommendation to approve Resolution No. 16-02

Shilling requested the Board approve Resolution No. 16-02 designating JP Morgan Chase Bank as the depository of the Authority's funds, appoint Paul G. Peschel as the Secretary/Treasurer and Randy

Shilling as the Assistant Treasurer, and identify officers of the Authority as signatories on the account. Vice Chair Serrato recommended that Resolution 16-02 be modified to leave out the names of the Board Officers and simply list the Board Officer positions as signatories on the account. It was moved by Director Burleson, seconded by Alternate Director Avalos, and unanimously carried that Resolution 16-02 be approved as modified to designate JP Morgan Chase Bank as the depository of the Authority's funds, appoint Paul G. Peschel as the Secretary/Treasurer and Randy Shilling as the Assistant Treasurer, and establish the Chairman or Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer as signatories on the account.

11. Request to approve quarterly financial reports

Shilling provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period January 1 – March 31, 2016. Shilling reported on the audit report for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 and noted that the auditor Price Paige & Company found no Disagreement with Management during the audit. Shilling noted that July is when the Authority adopts their budget; therefore, the Budget Committee will be convening between now and July to draft the budget. It was moved by Director Fast, seconded by Alternate Director Moore, and unanimously carried to approve the quarterly financial reports and accept the audit report.

12. Other items for discussion or reporting

None to report.

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

There being no further business, Vice Chair Serrato adjourned the meeting at 11:19 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Peschel
Secretary/Treasurer

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