

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

1. Call to order

Vice Chair Gary Serrato called the meeting to order at 9:38 am.

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)  
Jim Avalos, City of Selma (alternate)  
Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)  
Buzz Burleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
Denise England, County of Tulare (alternate)  
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)  
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)  
David Cehrs, Kings River Conservation District  
Don Cameron, Raisin City Water District (alternate)

**Members Absent:**

Alta Irrigation District  
City of Reedley  
City of Sanger  
Consolidated Irrigation District  
City of Dinuba

**Interested Parties Present:**

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District  
Sarge Green, California State University, Fresno  
David Cehrs, El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust, Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter  
Steve Stadler, James Irrigation District  
Charles Garabedian Jr., Malaga County Water District  
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.

**Interested Parties Absent:**

Bakman Water Company  
Biola Community Services District  
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  
Fresno County Farm Bureau  
Hardwick Water Company  
Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners  
Kings River Water Association  
Kings River Conservancy

Laguna Irrigation District  
Lanare Community Services District  
Liberty Canal Company  
London Community Water District  
Mid-Valley Water District  
Orange Cover Irrigation District  
Orosi Public Utility District  
Pinedale County Water District  
Riverdale Irrigation District  
Riverdale Public Utility District  
Sanger Environmental Fund  
UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno

**Others Present:**

Eric Osterling, KRCD  
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD  
Randy Shilling, KRCD  
Soua Lee, KRCD  
Alan Hoffman, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District

Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District  
Marianela Santis, DUOC US, Chile  
Don Wright  
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

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

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

5. Member/Interested Party Report

Vice Chair Serrato called on Sarge Green to provide a presentation on Fresno State's water programs. Green reported that the California Water Institute was promoted as the overlying administrative organization for the Center for Irrigation Technology and the International Center for Water Technology. Green reported that Fresno State has evolved to become a center for water-energy technology innovation and research, and has increasingly taken on larger responsibilities including being the center for evaluating all water-energy issues for northern California. Green reported that he is working on a grant with UC Davis on designs for on-farm recharge experiments.

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 June 15 and received reports from KRCD staff regarding the City of Parlier's appointment of a new Director and Alternate Directors to the KBWA Board, updates to the KBWA Project List, and an overview of SGMA activities in the Kings Subbasin. Koehn reported that the Committee discussed Member and Interested Party participation in KBWA activities for the last 3 years and appointed KRCD staff to prepare a letter to the entities who have not been attending KBWA meetings to encourage their participation. Koehn reported the Committee will probably draft a policy related to handling nonparticipation and will recommend the policy to the Board. Koehn reported that Peter Sanchez of Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District provided an update on their grant proposal for the Proposition 1 Stormwater Grant Program and will submit their Stormwater Resources Plan to the KBWA for adoption.

7. Staff Reports

*Planning and Implementation Contracts* – Lee referred to the grants matrix in the agenda packet and reported on the Proposition 84 grants. Lee reported that Consolidated Irrigation District has completed their groundwater banking project and the City of San Joaquin has started construction on the water meters portion of their project. Lastly, Lee reported on the completed CEQA requirement for the Proposition 1E Flood Corridor Grant. Osterling added that the solicitation for the Proposition 1 Planning Grant is still in draft form.

*Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – Osterling reported on the Proposition 1 DAC Involvement Grant. The DAC Involvement Grant requires each funding area to submit a single proposal on behalf of the funding area. A group of IRWM practitioners from the Tulare Lake funding area has been meeting regularly at the Visalia Provost & Pritchard office to put together a proposal in response to a DWR RFP. Tasks in the proposal includes a DAC Needs Assessment, DAC coordinator(s) position, and improving the GIS database to be more useful to IRWM practitioners. \$2 million of the allocated \$3.4 million DAC Involvement Grant will go towards developing DAC projects to a sufficient level to be competitive under the grant process.

*Public Information* – Tufenkjian reported that under the Proposition 1 DAC Involvement Grant, the DAC coordinator(s) will develop communication tools to help with educating DACs including materials in Spanish, a resource library website, and a series of videos.

Tufenkjian reported that the State will launch a new water conservation campaign this summer with the tag line “Water conservation, it’s for life.” The focus is on permanent changes to one’s lifestyle. In August, the State will launch a radio campaign with the Fresno/Visalia area as the target market. The Save Our Water website has informational handouts that agencies can download and use for outreach.

*Legislation* – Tufenkjian reported that AB 935 (Salas) is still in the inactive file, though it might be brought to the Senate floor in August. AB 935(Salas) is a bill that prioritizes certain water projects over others.

*Administrative Items* – Lee reported on the following:

The City of Parlier recently appointed their Mayor, City Manager, and City Engineer to represent the City on the KBWA Board. Lee welcomed the City of Parlier’s City Engineer Philip Romero to the meeting.

Lee is working to update the KBWA’s Project List and will be contacting entities with a project on the list for a status update. Additionally, if entities have additional projects they would like to add to the list, a Project Information Form may be requested from KRCD staff.

Lee announced that water conservation tip handouts developed through Save Our Water are available for pick up after the meeting. Also available are “Planners Packet” USB drives that was developed through the California Water Foundation Grant. The USB drive contains information regarding the Kings Basin’s water system, case studies, and policies and legislations on land use and water resources.

Lee reported that KRCD staff was tasked with sending a letter to entities who have not participated in any KBWA meetings for the last three years. KRCD staff mailed a letter to nine different entities at the beginning of July requesting a response in regards to whether or not those entities are still interested in being a part of the KBWA.

*Other* – Osterling recognized Dean Uota, Alternate Director for the City of Dinuba, on his retirement and the tremendous amount of effort he has expended on the KBWA. Koehn noted that Uota was the Vice Chair for the Advisory Committee and so the Committee would need to elect a new Vice Chair. Osterling responded that KRCD staff will include this as an action item on the next Advisory Committee agenda.

Osterling reported on the following SGMA activities in the Kings Subbasin: The Kings River East GSA Group is forming a special act agency for the purpose of implementing SGMA (SB 37); the North Fork area of the Kings Subbasin is pursuing special act legislation (SB 564) and the bill is making its rounds to get the requisite support; the North Kings GSA MOU Group has put together a draft JPA Agreement; James ID became the exclusive GSA for their area; and all other GSA efforts in the Kings Subbasin will look to file with DWR in the fall or winter.

#### 8. Recommendation to approve Resolution No. 16-03

Shilling recommended the approval of Resolution No. 16-03. It was moved by Director Cehrs, seconded by Alternate Director Moore, and unanimously carried that the Board adopt Resolution No. 16-03 to authorize the use of the name Kings Basin Water Authority and abbreviations (i.e. UKBIRWMA and KBWA) and to accept payment and conduct business with the banking system in those names.

#### 9. Request to approve quarterly financial reports

Shilling provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period April 1 – June 30, 2016 included in the agenda. Shilling reported that the KBWA had a balance of \$256,971 at end of June. Shilling reported that the KBWA got new liability insurance that includes directors and officers insurance for less than what the Authority had originally been paying. It was moved by Alternate Director Avalos, seconded by Alternate Director Moore, and unanimously carried to approve the quarterly financial reports.

10. Recommendation to approve proposed Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget

Shilling noted that there was not a supermajority; therefore, approval of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget was continued until the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting. Shilling reported that the Budget Ad-Hoc Committee elected to keep Member dues at the same level for the next fiscal year. Shilling asked the Board whether or not he could make payments on expenses incurred after July 1. After some discussion, the Board agreed that Shilling should be able to authorize payment to any contractor that the Authority has contractual obligations to.

11. Other items for discussion or reporting

None to report.

12. Next meeting date: October 19, 2016 at 9:30 am, at the Fresno County Farm Bureau

There being no further business, Vice Chair Serrato adjourned the meeting at 10:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul G. Peschel  
Secretary/Treasurer

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