

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board Meeting July 19, 2017
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 19, 2017.

1. Call to order

Chair Burluson called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Chad Wegley, Alta Irrigation District (alternate)
Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)
Steve Brandau, City of Fresno
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)
Russ Robertson, City of Reedley (alternate)
John Mulligan, City of Sanger (alternate)
Jim Avalos, City of Selma
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Steve Worthley, County of Tulare
William Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Buzz Burluson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District (alternate)
Paul G. Peschel, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent:

City of Dinuba
Consolidated Irrigation District

Interested Parties Present:

Dwight Miller, Biola Community Services District
Dennis Mills, County of Kings
Maria Herrera, Lanare Community Services District, Self Help Enterprises
Charles Garabedian Jr., Malaga County Water District
Steve Haze, Sierra Resource Conservation District
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Carole Combs, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners

Interested Parties Absent:

Armona Community Services District	Kings River Conservancy
Bakman Water Company	Laguna Irrigation District
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter	Liberty Canal Company
California State University, Fresno	Liberty Water District
City of Kingsburg	London Community Services District
City of Orange Cove	Mid-Valley Water District
City of San Joaquin	Orosi Public Utility District
Community Water Center	Pinedale County Water District
Cutler Public Utilities District	Riverdale Irrigation District
East Orosi Community Services District	Riverdale Public Utility District
Easton Community Services District	Sanger Environmental Fund
El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust	Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Hardwick Water Company	Sultana Community Services District
James Irrigation District	UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno
Kings River Water Association	

Others Present:

Alan Hofmann, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Aileen Poveda, Bakman Water Company
Randy Shilling, KRCD	Casey Creamer, Kings River Water Quality Coalition
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD	Soua Lee, KRCD
Eric Osterling, KRCD	Campbell Gilkey, KRCD

2. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Consider approval of the April 19, 2017 meeting minutes

It was moved by Alternate Director Jimenez, seconded by Director Avalos and carried that the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented. Alternate Director Wegley and Alternate Director Mills abstained.

5. Member/Interested Party Report

Chair Burleson called on Casey Creamer, Program Coordinator of the Kings River Water Quality Coalition, to present on the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) Program. Creamer provided a CV-SALTS overview handout to the Board and audience. Creamer reported that through a collaborative process, CV-SALTS came up with two strategies for dealing with salts and nitrogen in the central valley – an interim Salt Management Strategy and a Nitrogen Management Strategy. Both strategies entail having the permittee either continue to comply with the regulations of their permits or participate in an alternative solution.

6. Director Reports

None.

7. Advisory Committee Report

Chair Burleson called on Advisory Committee Chair Lisa Koehn to provide a report on Advisory Committee activities on June 21, 2017. Koehn reported that the Committee received a PowerPoint presentation by Soua Lee on DWR's proposed new approach to soliciting for the first round of IRWM Implementation funding. The Committee also discussed the proposal to add two new projects to the IRWMP Project List, which the Committee concurred with recommending to the Board. The Committee also received an update on the DAC Involvement Grant and IRWMP Update Planning Grant.

8. Staff Reports

a. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Soua Lee referred to the grants matrix included in the agenda packet and reported on the status of each project under the Prop 84 Round 1 Implementation Grant and the Prop 84, Round 2 Implementation grant.

b. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – None to report.

c. Public Information – Cristel Tufenkjian reported that the outdoor watering tips sheets have been completely distributed; however, a small amount of indoor watering tips sheets are still available. Tufenkjian noted that there is \$1,500 available in the budget to reorder more handouts or other products that stakeholders can use for outreach purposes. Representative Maria Herrera commented that Self-Help Enterprises distributed the outdoor watering tips sheets in several communities and most recently in Seville.

d. Legislation – Tufenkjian reported that AB 176 (Salas) – Friant-Kern Canal Pump-Back Facility Project has been placed in the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File, but that \$4 million has been allocated in the General Fund for this project. At this time, IRWM funding is no longer in danger of being earmarked for this project.

Eric Osterling reported on three new bond proposals relating to water and the environment that could be considered in 2018. Jerry Meral at the Natural Heritage Institute proposed an \$8.37 billion water bond; however, no money in the bond is set aside for IRWM. Joseph Caves of The Nature Conservancy proposed a \$7.5 billion water bond which would include only \$60 million statewide for IRWM. Lastly, state Senate President Pro Tem Kevin De Leon proposed a \$3.5 billion parks and water bond.

e. Administrative Items – Lee reported that the Project Information Form was updated to an editable pdf and is available on the kingsbasinauthority.org website. Additionally, depending on the solicitation schedule for the Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, Members and Interested Parties are encouraged to submit their conceptual projects to the IRWMP Project List as soon as possible.

Osterling shared that Carmel Brown is replacing Tracie Billington as new Chief of the Financial Assistance Branch within the Division of IRWM at the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

f. Other – None to report.

9. Status and Discussion of Planning Grants

- A. *Prop. 1 DAC Involvement* – Osterling reported that the Proposal was revised and resubmitted to DWR. The Project Team was able to secure facilitation services through a separate contract with DWR which helped reduce the project budget to \$3.4 million. KBWA staff composed two letters of support, one for the Proposal and another for facilitation support services through DWR. Part of the scope of work is the formation of a Project Advisory Committee (PAC). The KBWA would need to appoint one (1) IRWM representative and an alternate, and one (1) DAC Representative and an alternate to the PAC. An application form was developed to solicit candidates for the PAC and will be emailed to KBWA Members and Interested Parties. Candidates will be considered by the Advisory Committee at their September meeting and the Board will approve the appointments in October.
- B. *Prop. 1 IRWMP Update* – Lee reported that Provost & Pritchard (P&P) is continuing work with gathering data to address AB 1249 and completed development of an outline for the Storm Water Resource Plan. P&P also completed review of the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District's functional equivalent Storm Water Resource Plan. In the coming months P&P will be reaching out to stakeholders to request additional information relating to constituents of concern and any storm water related projects.

10. Request to Modify the IRWMP Project List

The Advisory Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Raisin City Water District Grantland Recharge Project and Terranova Ranch/Kings River Conservation District McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture Project Phases 2 and 3 be added to the IRWMP Project List. It was moved by Director Worthley, seconded by Alternate Director Jimenez and unanimously carried that the IRWMP Project List be modified to include the Raisin City Water District and Terranova Ranch/Kings River Conservation District projects.

11. Request to Approve Quarterly Financial Reports

Assistant Treasurer Randy Shilling provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period April 1 – June 30, 2017. Shilling reported that all Members have paid their Member contribution dues for FY 2016-17 and more voluntary contribution was received from Interested Parties than originally budgeted. It was moved by Director Avalos, seconded by Alternate Director Koehn and unanimously carried to approve the quarterly financial reports.

12. Recommendation to Approve Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget

Shilling reported that the Budget Ad-Hoc Committee met on April 10, 2017 and recommended that the Board approve the FY 2017-18 Budget. Member and Interested Party contributions and Administrative fees will remain the same. No audit fee is in the FY 2017-18 Budget. It was moved by Director Avalos, seconded by Alternate Director Koehn and unanimously carried to approve the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget.

13. Other Items for Discussion or Reporting

- Osterling noted that the Kings Subbasin has full Groundwater Sustainability Agency coverage.
- Chair Burleson requested a review of the KBWA insurance and director liability coverage on the next Board meeting agenda.

14. Next meeting date: October 18, 2017 at 9:30 am, at the Fresno County Farm Bureau

There being no further business, Chair Burleson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Peschel
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved