

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Notes, September 19, 2018
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, 93728**

Notes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held September 19, 2018.

1. Call to Order

Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Chair Maciel noted that there was not a quorum.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Steve Worthley, County of Tulare
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)

Members Absent:

Alta Irrigation District
City of Dinuba
City of Fresno
City of Reedley
City of Sanger
City of Selma
Consolidated Irrigation District
Kings County Water District
Kings River Conservation District
Raisin City Water District

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Shay Bakman, Bakman Water Company
Jim Anderson, Malaga County Water District

Interested Parties Absent:

Biola Community Services District
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
California State University, Fresno
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
Hardwick Water Company
James Irrigation District
Kings River Conservancy
Kings River Water Association
Laguna Irrigation District

Lanare Community Services District
Liberty Canal Company
Liberty Water District
London Community Services District
Mid-Valley Water District
Orosi Public Utilities District
Pinedale County Water 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
Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

Others Present:

Dejan Pavic, City of Fresno
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Bethany Soto, California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Soua Lee, KRCD

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Approval of the June 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes

This item was continued until the next regularly scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

5. 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 active projects under the Prop 84 Round 1 Implementation Grant and Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant.

Lee reported that under Prop 84, Round 1, there is \$10,311.24 in unused grant funds and that submittal of the Grant Completion Report is the last component that needs to be submitted to close out the grant. This Report will be provided to DWR no later than September 30, 2018. Additionally, East Oroshi CSD is awaiting their retention payment from DWR.

Under Prop 84, Round 2, all projects were completed and all grant funds used. Fresno Irrigation District and Bakman Water Company have received the retention payment for their projects. The last component that needs to be submitted to close out the grant is the Grant Completion Report, which will be provided to DWR no later than September 30, 2018.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported on the activities of the Roundtable of Regions. The Roundtable of Regions is developing an RFP to hire a Network Coordinator to perform the administrative tasks for the group including meeting coordination, development of an annual summit of the Roundtable of Regions participants, and promoting the successes of the IRWM Program through website content development. The estimated amount needed to fund this position for one year is \$100,000. Lee noted that there are pros and cons in regards to the Roundtable of Regions and asked the Committee to begin considering the possibility of contributing dollars to support the Roundtable's effort in hiring a Network Coordinator.

Lee reported on the activities of the Tulare Basin Watershed Connections Collaborative. The Collaborative is planning a "Discovery" workshop with the purpose to gather input from water managers on the collective vision, mission, and initial goals of the proposed organization. This workshop is anticipated to be held in November 2018.

C. Public Information – Lee shared that indoor and outdoor watering tip handouts are still available for pickup and can be used for outreach purposes. Lee also shared that DWR is putting together a California Water Plan Update 2018 Plenary that is scheduled for October 9th and 10th in West Sacramento. The second day of the Plenary (October 10th) will be dedicated to discussions on priorities for sustaining, broadening, and strengthening regional water planning. Lee noted that DWR will have an online webinar for those who cannot attend in person.

D. Legislation – Cristel Tufenkjian reported on AB 2064 (Gloria) and AB 2060 (Garcia). Both bills aim to provide advance grant payment of up to \$500,000 or 50%, whichever is less, to disadvantaged communities and nonprofits or projects that directly benefit a DAC. Both bills passed the Senate and Assembly Committees and will be considered by Governor Brown.

E. Administrative Items – Lee reported that at the July 18, 2018 Board meeting, Chair Burleson directed staff to send a letter to member agencies that have not attended any Water Authority meetings in 2018 to encourage them to attend the last Board meeting that is scheduled for October 17,

2018. Those letters were mailed in August 2018. Lee also reported that the Water Authority's Conflict of Interest Code was updated to comply with current Fair political Practices Commission requirements and the comment period is from September 7, 2018 to October 22, 2018. Lastly, Lee noted that the handout that was distributed to the Committee contain the 2019 meeting dates of the Water Authority.

F. Other – None to report.

6. Status and Discussion of Prop 1 Grants

- a. DAC Involvement – Lee reported that the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) met on August 30, 2018 at the Tulare County Administrative Office in Visalia. The PAC approved a recommendation to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors to approve Self-Help Enterprises' proposal to develop and implement the DAC Engagement and Education Program. Additionally, the PAC approved a recommendation to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors to approve additional tasks to the Needs Assessment Scope, including completing a septic tank density evaluation and surface water rights information mapping. Lastly, the PAC discussed the need for a Kern IRWM DAC representative and will move to nominate a DAC representative for Kern if Kern does not appoint one before the next meeting.
- b. IRWM Implementation Grant, Round 1 – Lee reported that the Draft Proposal Solicitation Package for the Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant has not been released and DWR has not made available any new information. Lee reminded the Committee that agencies that have a project that does not have a DAC benefit should consider getting started on CEQA and permit planning as those are required eligibility components for non-DAC projects. Furthermore, interested parties will also need to obtain sponsorship from a member agency in order to put forth their project for consideration by the Water Authority.

7. Request to Approve IRWMP Update

Chair Maciel noted that there was not a quorum to formally approve the Kings Basin IRWMP; however, the Committee can provide consensus to take a recommendation to the Board to consider adoption of the Kings Basin IRWMP. Lee provided a PowerPoint presentation on the work that the IRWMP Update Workgroup and Provost & Pritchard put into updating the 2012 Kings Basin IRWMP to comply with 2016 IRWM Plan Standards. Lee shared that the Draft IRWMP has gone through the public comment period and that no comments were received. Although short of a quorum, the Committee did not voice any objections to the Draft Kings Basin IRWMP and provided general consensus to recommend that the Board adopt the updated Kings Basin IRWMP.

11. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is March 20, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maciel
Chair

Approved