

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Advisory Committee Minutes, March 20, 2019  
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, 93728**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held March 20, 2019.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)  
Emilio Morales, City of Dinuba  
Michael Carbajal, City of Fresno (alternate)  
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)  
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)  
Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
Louis Franco, City of Selma  
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno  
Denise England, County of Tulare (alternate)  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District  
Frank Fowler, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
Paul Peschel, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)  
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District

**Members Absent:**

Alta Irrigation District  
City of Sanger  
Consolidated Irrigation District  
Kings County Water District

**Interested Parties Present:**

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District  
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company  
Jim Anderson, Malaga County Water District  
Sue Ruiz, Easton Community Services District, Lanare Community Services District  
Paul Boyer, Self-Help Enterprises  
Buddy Mendes, North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

**Interested Parties Absent:**

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| Biola Community Services District                | Liberty Canal Company                 |
| California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter | Liberty Water District                |
| California State University, Fresno              | London Community Services District    |
| City of Kingsburg                                | Mid-Valley Water District             |
| City of Orange Cove                              | Orosi Public Utilities District       |
| City of San Joaquin                              | Pinedale County Water District        |
| Community Water Center                           | Riverdale Irrigation District         |
| County of Kings                                  | Riverdale Public Utility District     |
| Cutler Public Utilities District                 | Sanger Environmental Fund             |
| East Orosi Community Services District           | Sultana Community Services District   |
| El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust                  | Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter         |
| Hardwick Water Company                           | Sierra Resource Conservation District |
| James Irrigation District                        | Terranova Ranch, Inc.                 |
| Kings River Conservancy                          | Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners        |
| Kings River Water Association                    | US Cooperative Extension – Fresno     |
| Laguna Irrigation District                       |                                       |

**Others Present:**

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| Bethany Soto, CA Regional Water Quality Control Board      | Brian Trevarrow, KRCD       |
| Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard                      | Soua Lee, KRCD              |
| Buzz Bursleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District | Randy Shilling, KRCD        |
| Alan Hofmann, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District   | Isaac Moreno, City of Selma |

## 2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

## 3. Public Presentations

None

## 4. Approval of the June 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes and September 19, 2018 Meeting Notes

It was moved by Alternate Director Jimenez, seconded by Director Morales and unanimously carried that the minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting and notes of the September 19, 2018 meeting of the Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

## 5. Staff Reports

### *A. Planning and Implementation Contracts*

- *Prop 1 IRWM Planning Grant* – Lee reported that the Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) was accepted as final by DWR on March 6, 2019 and that the final grant invoice was submitted to Department of Water Resources (DWR) for payment. Lee reported that per a recommendation by DWR, a sentence was inserted into the IRWMP on page 17-4 and 17-16 stating that the strategies identified to address climate change vulnerabilities would be feasible. This non-material addition did not require Board re-adoption of the IRWMP. State Water Resources Control Board continues review of the Kings Basin Storm Water Resources Plan.
- *Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant Project Development Funds* – Lee reported that the next Project Advisory Committee meeting for the Prop 1 DAC Involvement (DACI) Program is scheduled for March 28, 2019 in Visalia. Lee reported that through the Prop 1 DACI Program, project development funds in the amount of \$250,000 is guaranteed to the Water Authority to develop a DAC project to be ready for Round 2 of the Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant anticipated in 2020. The project development funds may only be used for project pre-planning purposes such as CEQA, preliminary design activities, outreach and education for a specific project, and feasibility study reports. Lee requested that the Advisory Committee convene a workgroup to guide the solicitation of this funding opportunity. Staff from County of Fresno, Self-Help Enterprises and Armona Community Services District volunteered to participate in the workgroup.

*B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – Lee reported that the Roundtable of Regions hired a Network Coordinator to handle administrative tasks for the group and is in the process of executing cost-sharing agreements with IRWM regions that pledged financial contribution. The Water Authority Board also pledged support and will consider the cost-sharing agreement at the March 20, 2019 Special Board Meeting.

*C. Public Information* – None to report.

*D. Legislation* – Alternate Director Peschel reported on multiple bills related to drinking water, underground water storage, modernizing and reactivating existing stream gages and deploying new gages, wildfire and flood protection, Friant-Kern Canal subsidence, and water rights filings.

*E. Administrative Items* – None to report.

*F. Other* – None to report.

## 6. Request by McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency to become an Interested Party

The Water Authority received a letter, Interested Party questionnaire and documentation of IRWMP adoption from the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to become an Interested Party. It was moved by Alternate Director Jimenez, seconded by Director Fast and

unanimously carried that the Advisory Committee recommend to the Board approval of the McMullin Area GSA's request to become an Interested Party.

#### 7. Request to Approve the Kings Basin Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP)

Lee reported that a link to the Kings Basin Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP) was provided in the agenda packet. The SWRP was completed with funding from the Prop 1 IRWM Planning Grant and was submitted to State Water Resources Control Board on January 4, 2019 for concurrence review. Director Fast requested clarification regarding a section on water quality on page 2-6 of the SWRP. It was moved by Director Stretch, seconded by Alternate Director Jimenez and unanimously carried that the Kings Basin SWRP be recommended to the Board for approval with the condition that staff provide a response to Director Fast's comment.

#### 8. Request to Modify the IRWMP and SWRP Project Lists

Lee reported that 11 projects were submitted to the Project Work Group for review. The projects are listed in the agenda. The Project Work Group recommended that the Advisory Committee make a recommendation to the Board add the 11 projects to the IRWMP Project List and the SWRP Project List. Lee noted that six of the storm water projects were developed as a result of outreach efforts by Self-Help Enterprises and Provost & Pritchard to small communities and Fresno and Tulare County staff. Lee also noted that Tranquility Irrigation District submitted a storm water project to be placed on the SWRP Project List. Although Tranquility Irrigation District is not a Member or Interested Party to the Water Authority, as a small DAC, Tranquility Irrigation District is exempt from the requirements of the SWRP and would be able to directly apply for funding outside of the IRWM process. It was moved by Alternate Director Jimenez, seconded by Director Morales, and unanimously carried that that IRWMP and SWRP Project Lists be modified to include 11 new IRWMP projects and 11 new storm water projects.

#### 9. Recommendation to Approve Projects for Inclusion in an Application for a Grant under the Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Solicitation

Lee reported that the Project Review Panel thoroughly reviewed and ranked eleven projects that were submitted. Lee referred to the Pre-Application Evaluations handout that showed the ranking of eleven projects based on a maximum score of 40 points. Lee reported that the top seven scoring projects including: 1) Fresno Irrigation District Wagner Recharge Basin, 2) Consolidated Irrigation District Adams and Academy Basin, 3) Laguna Irrigation District Laton North Recharge Project, 4) Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Basin "SS" – Stormwater Recharge and Flood Protection Project, 5) Kings River Conservation District McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture Project – Phase 2B, 6) Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Basin "CE" – Stormwater Recharge and Flood Protection Project, and 7) Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Basin "CF" – Stormwater Recharge and Flood Protection Project be submitted as a package for the Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Solicitation. It was moved by Director Morales, seconded by Alternate Director England and unanimously carried that the seven projects be submitted as a package for the Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Solicitation.

#### 10. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is June 19, 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

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Approved