

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Special Advisory Committee Minutes, April 15, 2020
Zoom Teleconference**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held April 15, 2020.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Chad Wegley, Alta Irrigation District (alternate)
Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
John Mulligan, City of Sanger (alternate)
Scott Robertson, City of Selma (alternate)
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Eddie Valero, County of Tulare
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Frank Fowler, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Mark McKean, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent:

City of Dinuba
Kings County Water District

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Phil Desatoff, City of Kingsburg
Matt Hurley, McMullin Area GSA
Steve Stadler, James Irrigation District
Mark McKean, North Fork Kings GSA
Sonia Sanchez, Self-Help Enterprises
Michael Prado Sr., Sultana Community Services District
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.

Interested Parties Absent:

Biola Community Services District
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
California State University, Fresno
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
Malaga County Water 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
Sierra Resource Conservation District
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

Others Present:

Michael Prado Jr., Sultana Community Services District	Brian Trevarrow, KRCD
Osvaldo Gutierrez, Price Paige & Co.	Becca Quist, KRCD
Henry Oum, Price Paige & Co.	Charlotte Gallock, KRCD
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard	Jim Petty, Riverdale Public Utilities District
Paul Peschel, KRCD	Soua Lee, KRCD
Peter Sanchez, 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 19, 2019 and September 18, 2019 Meeting Notes

It was moved by Alternate Director Jimenez, seconded by Alternate Director Peschel and unanimously carried that the notes of the June 19, 2019 and September 18, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

5. Staff Reports

A. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Soua Lee reported that six projects were submitted for the Prop 1, Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant solicitation. In February 2020, DWR recommended funding award of \$1,113,033 for the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Basin “CF” Groundwater Recharge Flood Protection Project, which would provide a benefit to the community of Malaga. The other five projects were not recommended for funding. During the public comment period for the draft award recommendations, staff provided comments to DWR urging for a re-evaluation of scores which resulted in an overall proposal increase of 0.4, but was not enough to change the final funding award decision. Lee reported that through the Prop 1 DAC Involvement Program, Self-Help Enterprises developed a fact sheet for the Water Authority that may be used as an outreach tool. Lastly, Lee reported on the status of the Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported that the Water Authority provided support for the Roundtable of Region’s joint letter to the State regarding the Governor’s proposed Climate Resilience Bond which would allocate \$1 billion for IRWM and other programs and projects that achieve regional and inter-regional water resilience. Lee provided an update on new regulations through the CV-SALTS program that would require permitted salt and nitrate dischargers a new pathway for compliance, which is to choose between tougher nitrate requirements or participate in a Management Zone. Lee also shared information on the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley, a new economic report that seeks to highlight significant water challenges for California communities.

C. Public Information – The Committee approved the reconvening of the Outreach Workgroup to update the 2013 Kings Basin Water Authority highlight brochure to include recent accomplishments of the Water Authority.

D. Legislation – None to report.

E. Administrative Items – Lee provided a reminder that Statement of Economic Interests Form 700s must be filed with the Water Authority by June 1, 2020.

F. Other – None to report.

6. Request by McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency to become a Member

Lee reported that the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is a current Interested Party and is requesting to become a Member. Lee provided a boundary map to the Committee to illustrate the geographical location of the GSA. The GSA submitted a written request to become a member, completed the member questionnaire and adopted the JPA agreement. The GSA had previously adopted the updated 2018 Kings Basin IRWMP. General Manager Matt Hurley provided information on the GSA and reasons for why the GSA would like to become a member. The Committee discussed this request including voicing potential surface water and project concerns. It was moved by Alternate Director Jimenez, seconded by Director Fast and approved by a majority vote to recommend that the Board of Directors consider the request by McMullin Area GSA to become a member.

Ayes: Representatives Moore, Romero, Fast, Mulligan, Robertson, Jimenez, Valero, Fowler, McKean, Rai, Maciel, Ray, Hurley, Pado Sr., Stadler

Noes: Representatives Desatoff, Stretch, Armendariz, Wegley, Buche

Absent: Representatives Morales, McCutcheon, Miller, Shaw, Green, Escobar, McMullen, Renteria, Mills, Rodriguez Jr., DeSantiago, Ruiz, Cehrs, Casas, Haugen, Urbach, Zonneveld, Labrado, Coelho, Nielsen, Keltner, Garabedian Jr., Singh, Castillo, Franklin, Acquistapace, Mauger, Cuadros, Haze, Combs, Munk

Abstain: Representative Sanchez

7. Consider IRWMP Boundary Expansion to include Non-Represented Areas

Lee reported that through the Prop 1 DAC Involvement Program, Self-Help Enterprises is developing DAC education and engagement materials. Part of their scope of work is to connect IRWM regions to nearby communities or tribes that do not have IRWMP coverage. Lee requested Committee consideration for outreaching to nearby communities including the City of Lemoore and the Santa Rosa Indian Tribe to inquire about any interest in participating with the Water Authority. If there is interest, it may include the potential expansion of the Water Authority's boundaries to cover those communities. It was moved by Alternate Director Desatoff, seconded by Director Stretch and unanimously carried that the Water Authority does not conduct outreach to nearby communities that does not have IRWMP coverage, but that those communities may submit a request to join.

8. Kings Basin Water Authority 2018-19 Annual Report

It was moved by Alternate Director Buche, seconded by Director Fowler and unanimously carried that the Kings Basin Water Authority 2018-19 Annual Report be approved as presented.

7. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is June 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau, but subject to change.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maciel
Chair

Approved