

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Minutes, June 17, 2020
Microsoft Teams Video-Teleconference**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held June 17, 2020.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Isaac Moreno, City of Selma (alternate)
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Denise England, County of Tulare
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 Dinuba
City of Fresno
City of Kerman
City of Sanger
Consolidated Irrigation District
Kings County Water District

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Matt Hurley, McMullin Area GSA
Steve Stadler, James Irrigation District
Leonard Acquistapace, Riverdale Irrigation District
Sonia Sanchez, Self-Help Enterprises
Michael Prado Sr., Sultana Community Services District

Interested Parties Absent:

Biola Community Services District
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
California State University, Fresno
City of Orange Cove
City of Kingsburg
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
North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Orosi Public Utilities District
Pinedale County Water District
Riverdale Public Utility District
Sanger Environmental Fund
Sierra Resource Conservation District
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership
Terranova Ranch, Inc.
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

Others Present:

Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Gillisann Harootunian, Fresno State University
Matt Meadows, Kings River Water Association
John Peairs, XiO, Inc.
Soua Lee, KRCD
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Approval of the April 15, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Fast, seconded by Alternate Director Peschel and unanimously carried that the minutes of the April 15, 2020 special meeting of the Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

5. Staff Reports

A. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Soua Lee provided updates on the Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant, and Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee provided updates on the activities of the ACWA IRWM Subcommittee and Roundtable of Regions.

C. Public Information – Lee reported that the Outreach Workgroup held a meeting on May 12, 2020 to review and discuss sections of the 2013 KBWA highlight brochure to update. The next meeting of the Outreach Workgroup is scheduled for June 24, 2020.

D. Legislation – Lee provided an update on the Governor’s Climate Resilience Bond.

E. Administrative Items – None to report

F. Other – None to report.

6. Request by XiO, Inc. to become an Interested Party

Lee reported that XiO, Inc. submitted a request to become an Interested Party. They completed submission of an interest letter and questionnaire. If they are granted approval by the Board of Directors to become an Interested Party, XiO, Inc. will provide adoption of the Kings Basin IRWMP within 90 days of Board approval. John Peairs with XiO, Inc. spoke on the work of his company and how XiO, Inc. may further collaboration between agencies. It was moved by Alternate Director Moreno, seconded by Director Fowler and unanimously carried that a recommendation be made to the Board of Directors to approve XiO, Inc. as an Interested Party.

7. Request to Modify the IRWMP and SWRP Project List

Lee reported that eight new projects were submitted to the Project Workgroup for review. The Project Workgroup made a recommendation to the Advisory Committee to recommend that the Board of Directors consider the addition of the following eight projects to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) project list and the City of Parlier’s Flood Control and Groundwater Banking Project to the Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP) project list.

New IRWMP Projects	New SWRP Projects
James ID – Main Canal Booster Improvement Project	-
James ID – Lake Avenue Canal Project	-
James ID – Basin Two Improvement Project	-
James ID – Levee Three Project	-
James ID – Telemetry and Automation Project	-
Riverdale ID – Blythe Avenue Recharge Basins	-

CSU Fresno – Single Portal GSP Toolbox for Small DACs – Easton and Lanare	-
City of Parlier – Flood Control and Groundwater Banking Project	City of Parlier – Flood Control and Groundwater Banking Project

It was moved by Representative Stadler, seconded by Director Fowler and unanimously carried that a recommendation be made to the Board of Directors to consider amending the IRMWP and SWRP project lists to include eight new IRWMP projects and one SWRP project.

8. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is September 16, 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 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maciel
Chair

Approved