

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Minutes, March 16, 2022 at 9:30AM
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, CA 93728**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held March 16, 2022.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, City of Dinuba (alternate)
Fernando Santillan, City of Selma (alternate)
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno
Denise England, County of Tulare (alternate)
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Frank Fowler, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)
David Merritt, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Don Cameron, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent:

Alta Irrigation District
City of Fresno
City of Kerman
City of Parlier
City of Reedley
City of Sanger
Kings County Water District

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District, Reclamation District No. 1606
Buddy Mendes, North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Steve Haze, Sierra Resource Conservation 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 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
Kings River Conservancy
Kings River Water Association
Laguna Irrigation District
Lanare Community Services District
Liberty Canal Company

Liberty Water District
London Community Services District
Malaga County Water District
McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency
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
Sierra Resource Conservation District
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Sultana Community Services District
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno
XIO, Inc.

Others Present:

Michael Carbajal, Consolidated Irrigation District
Jim Petty, Riverdale Public Utilities District

Soua Lee, KRCD
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard

2. Additions to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Approval of the September 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alternate Director Merritt, seconded by Alternate Director Stretch, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting of the Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

5. Staff Reports

A. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Soua Lee referred to the grants matrix in the agenda packet and reported on the Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant (Prop 1 DACI), and Proposition 1 Round 2 Storm Water Grant for the McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture Project. After the updates, Lee provided an overview of the upcoming Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant solicitation. Lee referred to the KBWA Project Solicitation Schedule handout and provided an overview of the KBWA’s internal project selection process and key dates.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported that the IRWM Roundtable of Regions plans to hire a new Network Coordinator because the current Network Coordinator, Jodie Monaghan plans to retire in June 2022. A request for proposal will be released soon to advertise for the open position. Additionally, the IRWM Roundtable of Regions has requested that funding partners consider pledging funds for the Network Coordinator for FY 2023-24. More details regarding this request will be provided to the Board of Directors.

C. Public Information – None to report.

D. Legislation – None to report.

E. Administrative Items – Lee provided a reminder that Statement of Economic Interests Form 700s are due on April 1, 2022. Lee shared that she is working with Provost & Pritchard to release the 2020-2021 KBWA Annual Report for public comment.

F. Other – None to report.

6. Request to Modify the Kings Basin IRWM Plan Project List and Kings Basin Storm Water Resources Plan Project List

Lee reported that Fresno Irrigation District submitted 16 new projects to the IRWMP project list. The projects were reviewed by the Project Review Workgroup and the Workgroup found that all 16 projects met at least one goals and objectives of the IRWMP. Alternate Director Stretch shared that through strategic planning effort, Fresno Irrigation District is working to build or expand recharge basins under a three-year time limit. It was moved by Director Cameron, seconded by Alternate Director Merritt, and unanimously carried that Fresno Irrigation District’s 16 projects be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration to the IRWMP project list.

7. Request to Rebuild the Kings Basin Water Authority Website

Lee requested that the Advisory Committee considered approving a budget up to \$15,000 to rebuild the KBWA website. Lee reported that she has been in contact with Wonder Media Group analyze the current performance of the KBWA website. Many components of the website are no longer being supported by its developers or are no longer being updated. Overtime, the website will cease to function as intended. Alternate Director Desatoff recommended that staff provide written details and justification regarding the request to the Board of Directors. It was moved by Alternate Director

Stretch, seconded by Alternate Director Fowler and unanimously carried that a \$15,000 budget be approved to work with Wonder Media Group to develop a new website and a written proposal be presented to the Board of Directors for further consideration.

8. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is June 15, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maciel
Chair

Approved