

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting, July 20, 2022 at 9:30 AM  
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, CA 93728**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held July 20, 2022.

1. Call to order

Chair Mary Fast called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Drew Bessinger, City of Clovis (alternate)  
Ismael Hernandez, City of Dinuba (alternate)  
Sonia Hall, City of Parlier (alternate)  
Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
John Mulligan, City of Sanger (alternate)  
Beverly Cho, City of Selma  
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)  
Mitchel Ritchie, Consolidated Irrigation District  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)  
Buzz Burleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
David Merritt, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)  
Jon Verwey, Raisin City Water District (alternate)

**Members Absent:**

Alta Irrigation District  
City of Fresno  
City of Kerman  
County of Tulare  
Kings County Water District

**Interested Parties Present:**

Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District, Reclamation District No. 1606  
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company

**Interested Parties Absent**

Armona Community Services District  
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  
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  
McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Mid-Valley Water District  
North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
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  
Terranova Ranch, Inc.  
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership  
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

**Others Present:**

Scott Redelfs, City of Clovis  
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard  
Brian Trevarrow, KRCD  
Soua Lee, KRCD

## 2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

## 3. Public Presentations

None.

## 4. Consider Approval of the April 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alternate Director Merritt, seconded by Alternate Director Stretch, and carried that the minutes of the April 20, 2022, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

## 5. Director Reports

None.

## 6. Advisory Committee Report

Chair Fast called on Advisory Committee Vice Chair Stretch to provide a report on Advisory Committee activities on June 12, 2022. Stretch reported that Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel provided notice he is stepping down from the chair position due to health reasons and the Committee will need to select a new chair at the September Advisory Committee meeting. Vice Chair Stretch also reported that the Committee received staff reports, made a recommendation to the Board to add a project from Bakman Water Company to the IRWMP project list, and made a recommendation to the Board to consider approving three projects for the Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant application.

## 7. Staff Reports

*A. Planning and Implementation Contracts* – Soua Lee provided an update on the status of Proposition 1, Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant and Proposition 1 DAC Involvement Grant.

*B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – Lee reported that the IRWM Roundtable of Regions contracted with WSC to serve as the new Network Coordinator for the Roundtable and will provide administrative assistance to the Roundtable.

*C. Public Information* – Lee reported that DWR plans to create a video to celebrate 20 years of the IRWM Program. DWR is in the process of reaching out to IRWM regions for information on several projects completed through the IRWM program and will be requesting interviews with several IRWM representatives. In the Tulare-Kern Funding Area, the Fresno Irrigation District Southwest Groundwater Banking Project completed with Prop 84 IRWM funds was submitted to DWR for consideration to be highlighted in the video.

*D. Legislation* – None to report.

*E. Administrative Items* – Lee reported that Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel stepped down as chair due to health reasons and the Advisory Committee will be nominating a new chair at the September Advisory Committee meeting.

*F. Other* – None to report.

## 8. Request for Letter of Support for Kings River Conservation District WaterSMART Grant Application

Lee reported that the Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) submitted a request for a support letter for their application to the US Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART program. The project proposes to expand the hydroelectric powerplant below Pine Flat Dam by adding a new smaller unit to capture energy that would otherwise be lost to the system. It was moved by Alternate Director

Stretch, seconded by Director Burleson and unanimously carried that the KBWA provide a support letter for KRCD's grant application.

9. Request for Letter of Support for Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group Projects for Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant

Lee reported that IRWM representatives from the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group (SSRWMG) met with staff, Ronnie Samuelian, Sean Ray, and Javier Andrade regarding opportunities for project coordination between the two IRWM regions. Both the KBWA and SSRWMG representatives agreed to provide a letter of support for each other's Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant applications. It was moved by Alternate Director Merritt, seconded by Alternate Director Hernandez, and unanimously carried that the KBWA provide a support letter for SSRWMG's grant application.

10. Request to Modify the Kings Basin IRWM Plan Project List

Lee reported that the Advisory Committee provided a recommendation to the Board to add Bakman Water Company's Source Monitoring and Control with Nitrate Analyzers Project to the Kings Basin IRWM Plan project list. It was moved by Alternate Director Merritt, seconded by Alternate Director Bessinger, and unanimously carried that Bakman Water Company's project be added to the Kings Basin IRWM Plan project list.

11. Approval of Projects for Inclusion in an Application for Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Solicitation

Lee referred to the handout provided to the Board and gave an overview of the three projects that were submitted for Round 2, their scores, ranking, and total grant request. Lee noted that the Advisory Committee reviewed the three projects and made a recommendation that the Board approve the projects for a grant application to DWR's Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant. It was moved by Alternate Director Mulligan, seconded by Director Burleson, and unanimously carried that the projects by Fresno Irrigation District, City of Parlier, and Bakman Water Company be included in an application for the Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant.

12. Adoption of Resolution No. 22-01

Lee reported that a resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application and entering into an agreement with DWR was needed for the Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant application. It was moved by Director Burleson, seconded by Alternate Director Mulligan and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 2201 be approved as presented.

13. Request to Approve Quarterly Financial Reports

Brian Trevarrow provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022. It was moved by Director Burleson, seconded by Alternate Director Mulligan, and unanimously carried that the quarterly financial reports be approved as presented.

14. Recommendation to Approve Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget

Brian Trevarrow presented on the proposed FY 2022-23 Budget. Trevarrow noted that the Budget was reviewed by the Finance Committee. It was moved by Alternate Director Mulligan, seconded by Alternate Director Merritt, and unanimously carried that the FY 2022-23 Budget be approved as presented.

15. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors is October 19, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fast  
Chair

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Approved