

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Notes, June 21, 2017
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, 93728**

Notes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held June 21, 2017.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Lisa Koehn called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Koehn noted that there was not a quorum.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis (alternate)
William Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District
Jim Avalos, City of Selma
Paul Peschel, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Russ Robertson, City of Reedley (alternate)

Members Absent:

Alta Irrigation District
City of Dinuba
City of Fresno
City of Kerman
City of Parlier
City of Sanger
Consolidated Irrigation District
County of Fresno
County of Tulare
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Kings County Water District

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Dwight Miller, Biola Community Services District
Steve Stadler, James Irrigation District

Interested Parties Absent:

Bakman Water Company
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
California State University, Fresno
Community Water Center
City of Kingsburg
City of Orange Cove
City of San Joaquin
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
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
Sultana Community Services District
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Sierra Resource Conservation District
Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

Others Present:

Eric Osterling, KRCD
Soua Lee, KRCD
Bethany Soto, Regional Water Quality Control Board
Aileen Poveda, Bakman Water Company

Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Ronald Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Frankie Olivares, City of Selma
Abigail Solis, Self-Help Enterprises

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Approval of the March 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes

This item was continued until the next regularly scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

5. Staff Reports

A. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Authority staff member Soua Lee reported on the status of planning and implementation contracts. Lee referred to the contracts matrix in the agenda packet and reported that the Prop 84 Round 1 Implementation Grant contract was extended to June 30, 2018. Under Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant, Lee reported that the Fresno Irrigation District's project is out for construction bid, the water meter installation component of Bakman Water Company's project is 75% complete and the wellhead treatment component is in final design stages, the City of San Joaquin is working with their water meter vendor to troubleshoot the meter software, and the City of Kerman completed installation of 665 water meters. Lee shared that the Authority's Department of Water Resources (DWR) grant manager, Daniel Gamon, will conduct a site visit on June 28th of the Prop 84 Round1 East Orosi CSD Well Rehabilitation Project and the Prop 84 Round 2 City of San Joaquin Well Rehabilitation and Water Meter Installation Project.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee provided a PowerPoint presentation on the May 30, 2017 Roundtable of Regions meeting with DWR regarding DWR's proposed new approach to IRWM grant solicitation. Highlights included:

- A two-step process for grant solicitation where DWR would perform preliminary evaluation of applications and formulate a list of questions about the proposal. DWR would then meet with the applicant to justify the benefits claimed for each project and give DWR an opportunity to have its list of questions answered. Afterwards, DWR will finalize its evaluation of the projects and determine which projects to fund.
- DWR proposed the development of a greatest needs list for each Funding Area that would be used in evaluating projects within each application.
- DWR proposed the submittal of applications with a suite of projects that require 150% of the maximum grant request.
- \$367.3M is available for Implementation Grant Program, plus \$51M in DAC projects funds.

C. Public Information – Authority staff member Cristel Tufenkjian shared that some outdoor watering tip handouts are still available for pickup.

D. Legislation – Tufenkjian provided an update on AB 176 (Salas) – Friant-Kern Canal Pump-Back Facility Project. The bill has been placed in the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File, but that \$4 million has been included in the budget for the project.

E. Administrative Items – Lee provided a reminder that the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget will be considered at the upcoming July 19 Board meeting and will require a supermajority vote from the Board.

F. Other – Authority staff member Eric Osterling provided an update on SGMA activities. In the Kings Subbasin there is an overlap due to a new filing by the cities in the Consolidated Irrigation District service area. The cities are working to resolve the overlap issues. All other GSA groups that have been established are moving forward with Groundwater Sustainability Plan development. Abigail Solis from Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) shared that public schools also have a requirement to comply with SGMA. SHE will be conducting a series of workshops called "SGMA Roundtable for

Schools” in an effort to connect schools with their local GSAs. The workshops will tailor to school districts located in Fresno, Tulare, Kings, and Kern County and will take place fall 2017.

6. Request to Modify the IRWMP Project List

Osterling reported that two projects were submitted to the Project Work Group for review – Raisin City Water District Grantland Recharge Project and Terranova Ranch/Kings River Conservation District McMulln On-Farm Flood Capture Project Phase 2 and 3. The Project Work Group recommended that the Advisory Committee make a recommendation to the Board to add the two projects to the IRWMP Project List. Director Jerry Rai shared that the two projects are scalable and offer the best return on Raisin City Water District’s objectives to come into compliance with SGMA. Representative Steve Stadler also voiced support for the two projects. After some discussion, the Committee came to a unanimous agreement to recommend the two projects to the Board.

7. Update on DAC Involvement Proposal

Osterling reported on the current status of the DAC Involvement Proposal. A revised work plan and budget was submitted to DWR. An application requesting Facilitation Support Services was also submitted to DWR. A Project Advisory Committee (PAC) will guide the implementation of the work plan, budget and schedule and will consist of a representative and alternate from each IRWM as well as a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) representative and alternate from each IRWM. Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) developed an application for the purpose of soliciting interested persons who would like to participate on the PAC. The application that SHE developed will need to be approved by the KBWA Advisory Committee and Board before being utilized.

8. Update on Prop 1 IRWM Planning Grant

Lee reported that the IRWMP Update Workgroup had a kick-off meeting on May 8th at the KRCD office. The group discussed the data needed to address AB 1249 and possible ways to structure the functional equivalent Stormwater Resource Plan. Notes from the meeting were emailed to all KBWA Members and Interested Parties and will continue to be forwarded to the group after each Workgroup meeting. Provost & Pritchard is working on gathering data, reviewing the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District’s alternate Stormwater Resource Plan, and have started to develop the outline for the Stormwater Resource Plan. Ronnie Samuelian added that the Workgroup meetings would be announced ahead of time and are open for anyone to attend.

9. Other Items for Discussion or Reporting

None to report.

10. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is September 20, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Koehn
Chair

Approved