

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board Meeting, July 17, 2019
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, 93728**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held July 17, 2019.

1. Call to order

Chair Fast called the meeting to order at 9:36 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Chad Wegley, Alta Irrigation District (alternate)
Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Michael Carbajal, 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
Isaac Moreno, City of Selma (alternate)
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Alan Hofmann, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)
Paul Stanfield, Kings River Conservation District
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent

City of Dinuba
County of Tulare
Kings County Water District

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Phil Desatoff, City of Kingsburg
Steve Stadler, James Irrigation District
Jim Anderson, Malaga County Water District
Matt Hurley, McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Buddy Mendes, North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Interested Parties Absent

Biola Community Services District	Liberty Canal Company
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter	Liberty Water District
California State University, Fresno	London Community Services District
City of Orange Cove	Mid-Valley Water District
City of San Joaquin	Orosi Public Utility District
Community Water Center	Pinedale County Water District
County of Kings	Riverdale Irrigation District
Cutler Public Utilities District	Riverdale Public Utility District
East Orosi Community Services District	Sanger Environmental Fund
Easton Community Services District	Self-Help Enterprises
El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust	Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Hardwick Water Company	Sierra Resource Conservation District
Kings River Conservancy	Sultana Community Services District
Kings River Water Association	Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
Laguna Irrigation District	UC Cooperative Extension - Fresno
Lanare Community Services District	

Others Present:

Michael Prado Sr., Sultana Community Services District	Brock Buche, City of Fresno
Michael Prado Jr., Sultana Community Services District	Soua Lee, KRCD

Ronald Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
 Seamus Guerin, Self-Help Enterprises
 Brian Trevarrow, KRCD
 David Merritt, KRCD

Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
 Trelawney Bullis, Provost & Pritchard
 Charlotte Gallock, KRCD
 Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Alternate Director Armendariz led the Water Authority in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

None.

4. Public Presentations

None.

5. Consider Approval of the October 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes and March 20, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Stretch, seconded by Director Mendes and unanimously carried that the minutes of the October 17, 2018 and March 20, 2019 meetings of the Board of Directors be approved as presented.

6. Director Reports

None.

7. Advisory Committee Report

Chair Fast called on Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel to provide a report on Advisory Committee activities on June 19, 2019. Maciel reported that agenda item 12 on today's Board agenda was placed there by consensus of the Committee for further consideration by the Board. Additionally, the Committee provided consensus to recommend the Board consider approval of the East Orosi CSD and Malaga County Water District DAC projects for project development funds available through the Prop 1 DAC Program and approval to forward the Sultana CSD Stormwater Project to request funding from the regional competitive pot.

8. Staff Reports

a. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Soua Lee referred to the grants matrix in the Board packet and reported that the request for release of retention was submitted to DWR for the Prop 1 IRWM Planning Grant. The grant contract will close out once retention is received.

b. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported on the ongoing work of the Roundtable of Regions and ACWA IRWM Subcommittee. The ACWA IRWM Subcommittee is updating the IRWM Policy Principles to be more reflective of the Prop 1 legislation and current state of IRWM. The Policy Principles will guide ACWA on how to advocate or engage with state legislation and policies relating to IRWM.

c. Public Information – Lee provided an update on the Water Authority's social media accounts and reported on the Tulare-Kern Funding Area Pre-Application Workshop with DWR that occurred on June 25, 2019 at the California Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Overall, DWR expressed satisfaction with the workshop setup and outcome.

d. Legislation – Cristel Tufenkjian reported that the Governor is expected to sign SB 200 (Monning), which is a safe and affordable drinking water fund. The Senate Bill will provide \$130M each year to find solutions for administrative, technical, and operational systems for DACs. Of the \$130M, \$100M will come from the Greenhouse Gas fund and \$30M will come from the State General fund.

e. Administrative Items – Lee provided the Board with a reminder that Member agencies are required to readopt the updated IRWMP.

f. Other – None.

9. Request to Approve Quarterly Financial Reports

Brian Trevarrow provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period October 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. Trevarrow reported that several Members have yet to pay their member dues for the year and will follow up with those agencies. Alternate Director Peschel asked if there were any ramifications for Members that do not pay their member dues. KRCD staff responded they would research the JPA to see if it provides any clarity and will provide a report at the next Board meeting. It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Alternate Director Moreno and unanimously carried that the quarterly financial reports be approved as presented.

10. Recommendation to Approve Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget

Trevarrow referred to the FY 2019-20 Budget in the agenda packet. The Budget Ad-Hoc Committee met on June 19, 2019 to review the Budget and recommended that the Board approve the FY 2019-20 Budget. Trevarrow reported that revenue is composed of Member contribution and an estimated 50% from Interested Parties. Under the Expenses section, KRCD requested a 3% increase for staff costs, which has not changed since 2014. Trevarrow further reported that the Budget includes costs for an audit this year and that FY 2020 is the last year for the Water Authority to pay prior costs to KRCD for data management. Alternate Director Moreno asked what the miscellaneous or unallocated funds may be used for. Trevarrow responded that it serves as contingency funds. It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Stretch and unanimously carried that the FY 2019-20 Budget be approved as presented.

11. Recommendation to Approve Projects for Project Development Funds from the Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant Program

Lee reported that \$250,000 was allocated to the Water Authority through the Prop 1 DAC Involvement Program, which is a shared grant amongst the seven IRWM regions located within the Tulare-Kern Funding Area. The Water Authority held an outreach workshop with Self-Help Enterprises in April to inform DACs about the available funding to the Water Authority for DAC projects and announced a call for project applications. The Water Authority received six applications. A Project Review Panel comprised of four Member and Interested Party representatives reviewed and ranked the project applications. Of the six applications, the East Orosi CSD (EOCSD) Well and Pipeline Design and Environmental Documents Project was the highest scoring and was recommended by the Project Review Panel for full funding in the amount of \$159,144.00. The Malaga County Water District (MCWD) Replace Well 3 Project, MCWD Replace Well 5 Project, and Sultana CSD (SCSD) Storm Water Project received tied scores. Based on other criteria considered, three tiebreaker points were awarded to the two MCWD projects and one tiebreaker point was awarded to the SCSD project. Due to limited funds remaining after award of the ECOSD project, the Project Review Panel recommended the MCWD Replace Well 3 Project for funding in the amount of \$90,856.00. The Project Review Panel further recommended that the SCSD Project held sufficient merit to be submitted to the Project Advisory Committee for funding consideration under the regional competitive pot. The Advisory Committee provided consensus at their meeting on June 19, 2019 to recommend the Board approve the recommendation of the Project Review Panel. It was moved by Director Stretch, seconded by Director Mendes and unanimously carried that the EOCSD and MCWD projects be awarded the Project Development Funds allocated to the Water Authority and the SCSD project be submitted to the Project Advisory Committee for funding consideration under the regional competitive pot.

12. Review of the Kings River Conservation District (KRCDD) McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture Project, Phase 2B

Randy Hopkins with Provost & Pritchard provided a brief PowerPoint presentation of the McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture Project, Phase 2B (Project) including the project components and benefits. Following the presentation, Alternate Director Peschel provided background on the status of the Project. KRCDD elected to remove themselves as sponsors of the Project and suggested removal of the Project from the application for Prop 1, Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant funding until a later phase when the project can be sponsored by a benefitting member agency.

Some main points of discussion by the Board and Interested Parties were as followed:

- a. The McMullin Area GSA as an Interested Party would be the agency to build the Project and is willing to move forward with the Project as is.
- b. Souza provided background on the scoring and ranking of the Project. Information was also provided regarding the overall impact to the Water Authority's application score if the Project were to be removed or submitted with the other six projects.
- c. Issues with the Project include the potential to affect water rights on the Kings River. Floodwater coming from the Kings River Water Association is tied to water rights. Floodwater in the Kings Basin is considered fully appropriated.
- d. Raisin City Water District provided a statement request that the Water Authority Board remove KRCDD as sponsor of the Project, but take no further action on the Project until the Raisin City Water District Board can make an informed decision as potential sponsor. The District request at minimum 30 days to consider next steps.
- e. Due to the approaching application deadline, providing Raisin City Water District 30 days to consider potential project sponsorship would not allow sufficient time to prepare each project to its fullest potential.
- f. It was emphasized that this is a flood control project with benefits to downstream communities and would provide a secondary benefit of groundwater recharge. The merit of the Project is the same and should be considered separately from the water rights discussions.
- g. It was suggested that the Water Authority consider other projects to replace the McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture Project. The response to this suggestion was that adding other lower scoring projects may have the potential to lower the overall application average.

It was motioned by Director Stretch and seconded by Alternate Director Desatoff to remove the McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture Project, Phase 2B from the application for Prop 1, Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant funding and continue with submittal of the six projects that were previously approved by the Board of Directors.

AYES: Director Fast, Stretch, Stanfield, Alternate Directors Wegley, Armendariz, Carbajal, Moore, Romero, Mulligan, Moreno, Desatoff, Hofmann

NOES: Directors Mendes and Rai

ABSENT: Directors Morales, Crocker, McCutcheon

13. Adoption of Resolution No. 19-03

It was moved by Alternate Director Hofmann, seconded by Alternate Director Moore and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 19-03 authorizing the Water Authority to file a grant application under Round 1 of the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Program and enter into an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources be approved as presented.

14. Next meeting date: October 16, 2019 at 9:30 am, at the Fresno County Farm Bureau

There being no further business, Chair Fast adjourned the meeting at 10:51 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Peschel
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved