

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board Meeting, October 21, 2020 at 9:30 AM
Microsoft Teams Teleconference**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held October 21, 2020.

1. Call to order

Chair Mary Fast called the meeting to order at 9:42 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Chad Wegley, Alta Irrigation District (alternate)
Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)
John Jansons, City of Kerman (alternate)
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
John Mulligan, City of Sanger (alternate)
Isaac Moreno, City of Selma (alternate)
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno
Eddie Valero, County of Tulare
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Frank Fowler, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Mark McKean, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)

Members Absent:

City of Dinuba
Consolidated Irrigation District
Kings County Water District
Raisin City Water District

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Mark McKean, North Fork Kings GSA
Sonia Sanchez, Self-Help Enterprises

Interested Parties Absent:

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
James Irrigation District
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
Orosi Public Utilities District
Pinedale County Water District
Riverdale Irrigation District
Riverdale Public Utility District
Sanger Environmental Fund
Sierra Resource Conservation District
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Sultana Community Services District
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership
Terranova Ranch, Inc.
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

Others Present:

Jerry Jones, City of Kerman
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Charlotte Gallock, KRCD
Soua Lee, KRCD

Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno
Brian Trevarrow, KRCD
Paul Peschel, KRCD
Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District
John Peairs, XiO, Inc.

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Consider Approval of the July 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Fowler, seconded by Director Stretch, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

5. Director Reports

None.

6. Advisory Committee Report

Chair Fast called on Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel to provide a report on Advisory Committee activities on September 16, 2020. Maciel reported that the Advisory Committee did not have a quorum at the September 16th meeting and therefore the Committee could only provide consensus on Committee action items. Chair Maciel reported that the Committee received staff reports and provided consensus to recommend that Reclamation District No. 1606 be approved by the Board as an Interested Party.

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 Program.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported that the Roundtable of Regions Chair and vice-Chair received a letter from the San Francisco Bay Area IRWM urging the Roundtable of Regions to lead a statewide effort to address racial equity and justice in IRWM and improve equitable outcomes for African American, black, indigenous, people of color, Native Nations and California Tribes. Lee reported that the Roundtable of Regions intends to create a workgroup to further explore this topic. Lee also reported that on behalf of the Roundtable of Regions, she authored a guest commentary piece on how SGMA and IRWM can utilize each other's strengths. The guest commentary was published on Maven's Notebook on September 22, 2020 and highlighted examples from the Kings Basin Water Authority and their successful coordination with local GSAs.

C. Public Information – None to report.

D. Legislation – None to report.

E. Administrative Items – Lee provided the Board with the 2021 Advisory Committee and Board of Directors meeting dates, time, and location. Lee noted that both Advisory Committee and Board meetings have been reduced to three times a year.

F. Other – Chair Fast called on Charlotte Gallock with the Kings River Conservation District to provide a PowerPoint presentation on the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability's (CV-SALTS) Salt and Nitrate Control Programs and the current state mandate to develop Management Zones. Gallock provided an overview of the Salt and Nitrate Control Programs and the current effort in the Kings and Tulare-Lake Subbasins to develop a Management Zone.

8. Recommendation by the Advisory Committee to Approve Updates made to the KBWA Highlight Brochure and Approve Translation of the Brochure into Spanish.

Lee provided the Board with an overview of the recent updates made to the KBWA highlight brochure. Lee noted that the cost estimate to translate the brochure into Spanish was \$1,000. The brochure will be used as an outreach tool to new Board and Advisory Committee representatives as well as a public educational piece. It was moved by Director Valero, seconded by Alternate Director Wegley, and unanimously carried that the KBWA highlight brochure and translation costs be approved as presented.

9. Request by Reclamation District No. 1606 to become an Interested Party

Lee reported that the Advisory Committee provided consensus to recommend that Reclamation District No. 1606 be approved as an Interested Party. Lee noted that Reclamation District No. 1606 submitted the necessary materials to request participation in the Water Authority as an Interested Party. Lee provided a map to illustrate the boundaries and location of Reclamation District No. 1606 in comparison to nearby cities and irrigation districts. It was moved by Alternate Director Buche, seconded by Director Stretch, and unanimously carried that Reclamation District No. 1606 be approved as an Interested Party to the Water Authority.

10. Request to Approve Quarterly Financial Reports

Brain Trevarrow provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020. It was moved by Director Valero, seconded by Alternate Director Buche, and unanimously carried that the quarterly financial reports be approved as presented.

11. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors is April 21, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fast
Chair

Approved