

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Minutes, March 17, 2021 at 9:30AM
Microsoft Teams Video-Teleconference**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held March 17, 2021.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Isaac Moreno, City of Selma (alternate)
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Denise England, County of Tulare (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)
Paul Stanfield, Kings River Conservation District
Don Cameron, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent:

Alta Irrigation District
City of Dinuba
City of Kerman
City of Sanger
Consolidated Irrigation District
Kings County Water District

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Eduardo Antunez, Biola Community Services District
Matt Hurley, McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Sonia Sanchez, Self-Help Enterprises
Michael Prado Sr., Sultana Community Services District
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.

Interested Parties Absent:

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
James Irrigation 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
Malaga County Water District
Mid-Valley Water District
North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Orosi Public Utilities District
Pinedale County Water District
Reclamation District No. 1606
Riverdale Irrigation District
Riverdale Public Utility District
Sanger Environmental Fund
Sierra Resource Conservation District
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno
XIO, Inc.

Others Present:

Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno
David Merritt, KRCD
Soua Lee, KRCD

2. Additions to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Approval of the September 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Fast, seconded by Alternate Director Jimenez, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the September 16, 2020, meeting of the Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

5. Staff Reports

A. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Soua Lee provided updates on the Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant and Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant. Under the Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Lee reported that Department of Water Resources executed the grant agreement in January 2021 and Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District commenced project designs. Under the Prop 1 DACI Grant Program, the three DAC projects (Malaga County Water District, East Orosi Community Services District, and Sultana Community Services District) are continuing to move forward, and Self-Help Enterprises continues to develop a water tour video for DAC outreach and educational purposes.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported that the Roundtable of Regions is working to finalize an IRWM Assessment Report. The purpose of the assessment is to identify how the practice of IRWM supports, or needs to be adjusted to better support, regional water management and resilience planning. The assessment attempts to better understand why IRWM has been more successful in some regions than others and seeks to identify how state agencies can better support the IRWM Program.

C. Public Information – Chair Maciel called on Sonia Sanchez with Self-Help Enterprises to share about an upcoming Leadership Institute. Sonia shared a flyer about Self-Help Enterprises 2021 Rural Communities Water Managers Leadership Institute and invited interested rural community leaders to participate. The Leadership Institute offers a capacity building program for residents and leaders from disadvantaged communities to gain the skills and knowledge to better participate in regional water management programs.

D. Legislation – None to report

E. Administrative Items – Lee provided a reminder that Board Member's Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 is due on April 1, 2021.

F. Other – None to report.

6. Consider Updates and Legal Review of the Joint Powers Agreement Bylaws

Lee reported that at the October 2020 Board meeting, there were concerns raised about quorum and voting for the Board of Directors and Advisory Committee, especially now that meetings are being held remotely. Lee shared that Alternate Director Paul Peschel reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement and made edits to the Agreement to better clarify the language for voting and quorum. Lee reviewed those edits with the Committee. The Committee discussed the issue and provided direction to staff to ask legal to provide interpretations of the JPA instead of making edits to the JPA.

8. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is June 16, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maciel
Chair

Approved