

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Minutes, September 15, 2021 at 9:30AM
Zoom Teleconference**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held September 15, 2021.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)
Javier Andrade, City of Parlier (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Isaac Moreno, City of Selma (alternate)
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Brent Sunamoto, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)
David Merritt, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Don Cameron, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent:

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

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District, Reclamation District No. 1606
Buddy Mendes, North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Sonia Sanchez, Self-Help Enterprises
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.

Interested Parties Absent:

Bakman Water Company
Biola Community Services District
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
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
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
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno
XIO, Inc.

Others Present:

Kassy Chauhan, Fresno Irrigation District
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD

Soua Lee, KRCD

2. Additions to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Approval of the June 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Cameron, seconded by Director Mendes, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the June 16, 2021, 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 (Prop 1 DACI). Under the Prop 1 DACI grant, Malaga County Water District completed their planning project and Sultana Community Services District and East Orosi Community Services District are continuing their planning projects. Lee shared that through the Prop 1 DACI grant, Self-Help Enterprises has funding to assist underserved communities with preparing a Project Information Form to place their water projects on the IRWM Plan project list. The assistance from Self-Help Enterprises is available through the end of October 2021.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported that the IRWM Roundtable of Regions is planning a November IRWM Roundtable of Regions Summit with a theme focused on climate change.

C. Public Information – Lee reported that ACWA and DWR are working on updates to the Save Our Water campaign and new campaign materials will be made available soon. Lee reported that several years ago, the Water Authority printed outdoor and indoor water conservation tips handouts that members agencies were able to take to their office to give to the public. Lee mentioned the possibility of doing that again with the new campaign materials.

D. Legislation – None to report.

E. Administrative Items – None to report.

F. Other – None to report.

6. Request to Modify the IRWM Plan Project List

Lee reported that Sultana Community Services District (CSD) submitted a new project for the IRWM Plan project list. The project proposes to replace all potable water distribution pipelines in the community because the existing ones are leaky. The Project Information Form was reviewed by the Project Workgroup and the Workgroup found that the project met at least one goal and objective of the IRWM Plan. Alternate Director Buche asked if Sultana CSD planned to adopt the IRWM Plan because on the Project Information Form, it indicated that the district has not adopted the IRWM Plan. Lee answered that Sultana CSD adopted the 2012 IRWM Plan but has yet to adopt the 2018 IRWM Plan. It was moved by Alternate Director Buche, seconded by Director Fast and unanimously carried that a recommendation be made to the Board of Directors to consider the addition of Sultana CSD's "Sultana Distribution Replacement Project" to the IRWM Plan Project List.

7. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is March 16, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maciel
Chair

Approved