

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Board Meeting, October 20, 2021 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 20, 2021.

1. Call to order

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

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)  
Ismael Hernandez, City of Dinuba (alternate)  
Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
John Mulligan, City of Sanger (alternate)  
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)  
Eddie Valero, County of Tulare  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District  
Buzz Burleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
David Merritt, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)  
Don Cameron, Raisin City Water District

**Members Absent:**

Alta Irrigation District  
City of Fresno  
City of Kerman  
City of Parlier  
City of Selma  
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  
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 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  
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  
North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Orosi Public Utilities District  
Pinedale County Water District  
Riverdale Irrigation District  
Riverdale Public Utility District  
Sanger Environmental Fund  
Self-Help Enterprises  
Sierra Resource Conservation District  
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter  
Sultana Community Services District  
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership  
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

**Others Present:**

Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno  
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
Soua Lee, KRCD  
Brian Trevarrow, KRCD  
Charlotte Gallock, KRCD

## 2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

## 3. Public Presentations

None.

## 4. Consider Approval of the July 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Stretch, seconded by Alternate Director Jimenez, and carried that the minutes of the July 21, 2021, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented. Alternate Director Armendariz and Alternate Director Merritt abstained.

## 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, 2021. Maciel reported that the Advisory Committee received staff reports and made a recommendation to the Board of Directors to consider the addition of the Sultana Community Services District's Distribution Replacement Project to the IRWMP project list.

## 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. Regarding the upcoming Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation grant solicitation, Lee reported that IRWM Funding Areas are to select one of two application deadlines proposed by DWR. The two proposed application deadlines are March 2022 and September 2022. The Board discussed this matter and provided direction to staff to notify the IRWM regions in the Tulare-Kern Funding Area that the KBWA's preference is the March 2022 application deadline. Lee noted that the Funding Area would need to provide consensus on one application submittal date and potentially the preferred March 2022 date may not be the selected date.

*B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – Lee reported that the IRWM Roundtable of Regions is planning a 2021 Roundtable of Regions Summit for November 15 -17. The summit will be a three half-day virtual event focused on IRWM and climate change. Summit registration link was previously forwarded to Members and Interested Parties.

*C. Public Information* – None to report.

*D. Legislation* – None to report.

*E. Administrative Items* – Lee noted that the 2022 meeting dates of the KBWA Advisory Committee and Board of Directors is included in the agenda packet. It was requested that staff send Board Directors the 2022 meeting calendar invites.

*F. Other* – None to report.

## 8. Request to Authorization to Prepare and Submit Documents Necessary to Request Funding from DWR's 2021 Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant Program to Supplement the Prop 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program

Lee reported that the County of Tulare on behalf of the Tulare-Kern Funding Area is planning to apply to DWR's 2021 Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant Program for up to \$5M to supplement the existing Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant Program. This funding would be used to implement several DAC drought planning projects developed under the Prop 1 DAC Involvement

Grant Program. Specific to the KBWA, a portion of this funding, if awarded, may be allocated to implement Malaga County Water District's project to construct a new community water supply well. The County of Tulare will require letters of support from each IRWM region in the Tulare-Kern Funding Area for inclusion in the grant application. It was moved by Director Valero, seconded by Director Cameron, and unanimously carried that staff prepare and submit the necessary documents to the County of Tulare for inclusion in the grant application to the 2021 Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant Program.

9. Request to Modify the IRWM Plan Project List

Lee reported that the Advisory Committee provided a recommendation to the Board to include the Sultana Community Services District's Distribution Replacement Project to the IRWM Plan project list. The goal of this project is to replace leaky potable pipes in the community with new ones to reduce loss of potable water supply during distribution. It was moved by Director Valero, seconded by Alternate Director Jimenez, and unanimously carried that Sultana Community Services District's project be added to the IRWM Plan project list.

10. Request to Approve Quarterly Financial Reports

Brain Trevarrow provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021. It was moved by Alternate Director Merritt, seconded by Director Valero, 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 20, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fast  
Chair

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Approved