

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting, April 20, 2022 at 9:30 AM  
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, CA 93728**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held April 20, 2022.

1. Call to order

Chair Mary Fast called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Drew Bessinger, City of Clovis (alternate)  
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)  
Sonia Hall, City of Parlier (alternate)  
Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)  
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 Dinuba  
City of Kerman  
City of Sanger  
City of Selma  
Consolidated Irrigation District  
County of Tulare  
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.  
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company

**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  
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:**

Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard  
Brian Trevarrow, KRCD  
Soua Lee, KRCD

## 2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

## 3. Public Presentations

None.

## 4. Consider Approval of the October 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alternate Director Stretch, seconded by Director Burleson, and carried that the minutes of the October 20, 2021, 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 March 16, 2022. Maciel reported that the Advisory Committee received staff reports, made a recommendation to the Board to add 16 new projects from Fresno Irrigation District to the Kings Basin IRWMP, and made a recommendation to the Board to consider a proposal by Wonder Media Group to develop a new website for the Water Authority.

## 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. Lastly, Lee provided an overview of the schedule and key dates for the Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant solicitation.

*B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – Lee reported that the IRWM Roundtable of Regions is in the process of developing a request for proposal to obtain a new Network Coordinator to assist with the administrative work of the Roundtable, build relationships with key local and state officials, and lead special projects.

*C. Public Information* – None to report.

*D. Legislation* – None to report.

*E. Administrative Items* – None to report.

*F. Other* – None to report.

## 8. Consideration to Extend Funding Commitment to the Roundtable of Regions with the Option to Modify Funding Commitment for FY 2023-24

Lee reported that the IRWM Roundtable of Regions is in the process of obtaining a new Network Coordinator. Jodie Monaghan, the current Network coordinator will retire on June 30, 2022. The Roundtable hopes to have a new Network Coordinator in place for the next two fiscal years but only have funding commitment from funding partners through Fiscal Year 2022-23. The Roundtable is requesting funding partners consider extending their funding commitment through Fiscal Year 2023-24. The Board discussed this matter and expressed support for the Network Coordinator's role to serve as an advocate for the IRWM Program. It was moved by Alternate Director Merritt, seconded by Director Burleson, and unanimously carried that the Water Authority pledge funding to the IRWM Roundtable of Regions for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for \$5,100.

9. Request to Approve Kings Basin Water Authority 2020-21 Annual Report

Lee provided an overview of the updates that were made to the Kings Basin Water Authority 2020-21 Annual Report. The Annual Report covered activities that commenced or was completed by the Water Authority Members and Interested Parties for Water Year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. It was moved by Director Burleson, seconded by Alternate Director Stretch, and unanimously carried that the Kings Basin Water Authority 2020-21 Annual Report be approved as presented.

10. Request to Modify the Kings Basin IRWM Plan Project List and Kings Basin Storm Water Resources Plan Project List

Lee reported that the Advisory Committee provided a recommendation to the Board to add 16 new projects from Fresno Irrigation District to the Kings Basin IRWMP project list and Kings Basin Storm Water Resources Plan project list. The 16 projects includes a mix of expanding existing groundwater recharge basins and constructing new groundwater recharge basins. It was moved by Alternate Director Hall, seconded by Alternate Director Merritt, and unanimously carried that Fresno Irrigation District's 16 projects be added to the Kings Basin IRWMP project list and Kings Basin Storm Water Resources Plan project list.

11. Request to Rebuild the Kings Basin Water Authority Website

Lee presented a proposal by Wonder Media Group to rebuild the Kings Basin Water Authority website. The current website has widgets and themes that are no longer being supported by the developer and will eventually stop functioning. The Board discussed this matter and agreed to table this request until the next meeting. The Board provided direction to staff to obtain additional proposals to rebuild the Water Authority website.

12. Biennial Audit Report

Brian Trevarrow provided an overview of the Biennial Audit Report for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021. It was moved by Alternate Director Merritt, seconded by Alternate Director Hall, and unanimously carried that the Biennial Audit Report be approved as presented.

13. Request to Approve Quarterly Financial Reports

Brain Trevarrow provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period October 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022. It was moved by Director Burleson, seconded by Alternate Director Bessinger, and unanimously carried that the quarterly financial reports be approved as presented.

14. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors is July 20, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fast  
Chair

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Approved