

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Minutes, June 15, 2022 at 9:30AM
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, CA 93728**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held June 15, 2022.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Vice Chair Bill Stretch called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Javier Andrade, City of Parlier (alternate)
Russ Robertson, City of Reedley (alternate)
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Denise England, County of Tulare (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
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 Fresno
City of Kerman
Consolidated Irrigation District
City of Selma
City of Sanger
Kings County Water District

Interested Parties Present:

Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District, Reclamation District No. 1606
James Petty, Riverdale Public Utility District
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Steve Haze, Sierra Resource Conservation District

Interested Parties Absent:

Armona Community Services District
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
North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Orosi Public Utilities District
Pinedale County Water District
Riverdale Irrigation District
Sanger Environmental Fund
Self-Help Enterprises
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Sultana Community Services District
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno
XIO, Inc.

Others Present:

Dejan Pavic, City of Fresno
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard

Soua Lee, KRCD
Debra Dunn, KRCD

2. Additions to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Approval of the March 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Staff noted an edit to the minutes to show that Roy Jimenez represented the County of Fresno at the March 16, 2022 Advisory Committee meeting. It was moved by Alternate Director Merritt, seconded by Director Cameron, and carried that the minutes of the March 16, 2022 meeting of the Advisory Committee be approved with an edit to the County of Fresno representative. Alternate Director Sunamoto abstained.

5. Staff Reports

A. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Soua Lee referred to the grant matrix in the agenda packet and reported on the Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant and Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant (Prop 1 DACI).

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported that the IRWM Roundtable of Regions is in the process of contracting with a new Network Coordinator. Lee notes that her term expired on the Steering Committee of the Roundtable, but that she will continue as chair for the Roundtable's DAC and Tribal Involvement Workgroup. The purpose of the workgroup is to share grant and best practice information that DACs and Tribal groups can use to access resources.

C. Public Information – Vice Chair Stretch called on Debra Dunn with Kings River Conservation District to provide an update on the Kings Water Alliance (KWA) group. Dunn shared updates on the current work of the KWA. The KWA serves as the Management Zone for the Kings and Tulare Lake groundwater subbasins and its purpose is to implement new water quality requirements under the Salt and Nitrate Control Program by the State Water Resources Control Board.

D. Legislation – None to report.

E. Administrative Items – Lee shared that due to health concerns, Chair Maciel is stepping down as Chair of the Advisory Committee effective immediately. The Advisory Committee will nominate a new chair at the September meeting of the Advisory Committee.

F. Other – None to report.

6. Request to Modify the Kings Basin IRWM Plan Project List

Lee reported that Bakman Water Company (BWC) submitted a new project to the IRWMP project list. BWC's project is also a project that was reviewed and vetted by the Project Review Panel to move forward in the Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation grant solicitation. The project proposes to install nitrate analyzers on their wells to monitor nitrate levels at each well. It was moved by Director Cameron, seconded by Alternate Director Merritt, and unanimously carried that a recommendation be made to the Board of Directors to add BWC's project to the IRWMP project list.

7. Recommendation to Approve Projects for Inclusion in an Application for a Grant Under the DWR Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Solicitation

Lee referred to a handout that was given to the Advisory Committee at the beginning of the meeting. The handout provided an overview of the three projects that the Project Review Panel reviewed and recommended to move forward in the Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation grant solicitation. It was moved by Alternate Director England, seconded by Alternate Director Jimenez, and unanimously carried that a recommendation be made to the Board of Directors to approve the Fresno Irrigation

District's project, City of Parlier's project, and Bakman Water Company's project in an application to DWR for Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant funds.

8. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is September 21, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Stretch
Vice Chair

Approved