

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board of Directors Meeting, October 19, 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 October 19, 2022.

1. Call to order

Vice Chair Stretch called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, City of Dinuba (alternate)
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)
Sonia Hall, City of Parlier (alternate)
Russ Robertson, City of Reedley (alternate)
Fernando Santillan, City of Selma (alternate)
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno
Denise England, County of Tulare (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Buzz Burleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Paul Stanfield, Kings River Conservation District

Members Absent:

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

Interested Parties Present:

Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District, Reclamation District No. 1606
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
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 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 Club, Tehipite Chapter
Sultana Community Services District
Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

Others Present:

Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Brian Trevarrow, KRCD
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Soua Lee, KRCD

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Consider Approval of the July 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Burleson, seconded by Alternate Director Santillan, and carried that the minutes of the July 20, 2022, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

5. Director Reports

None.

6. Advisory Committee Report

Vice chair Stretch called on Advisory Committee Chair Sean Ray to provide a report on Advisory Committee activities on September 21, 2022. Ray reported that the Committee received staff reports and nominated a new Advisory Committee Chair. Sean Ray with Bakman Water Company was nominated as Advisory Committee Chair.

7. Staff Reports

A. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Soua Lee provided an update on the status of Proposition 1, Round 1 IRWM Implementation grant activities. Lee also reported that an application for Proposition 1, Round 2 IRWM Implementation grant was submitted in August 2022 and is in technical review.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported that the IRWM Roundtable of Regions was recruiting new Steering Committee members. The Steering Committee is a 8-member committee that guides the activities of the Roundtable.

C. Public Information – Lee reported that DWR was developing a video to celebrate 20 years of IRWM. Soua Lee and Bill Stretch were interviewed for the video to highlight the work of the KBWA and Fresno Irrigation District's Southwest Groundwater Banking Project that was funded through Prop 84.

D. Legislation – None to report.

E. Administrative Items – Lee provided a reminder that Statement of Economic Interests Form 700s can be filed for the KBWA starting in early January 2023.

F. Other – None to report.

8. Request to Rebuild the Kings Basin Water Authority Website

Lee presented four bids to the Board for development of a new KBWA website. The current KBWA website is outdated and many of its plugins will no longer be supported. As such, a new website is needed. The Board reviewed the bids and discussed the elements and associated costs for the new website. It was moved by Alternate Director Buche, seconded by Director Mendes, and unanimously carried that BCT Consulting be selected as the consultant to develop the KBWA website. The City of Parlier, Fresno Irrigation District, and City of Fresno offered to appoint one of their staff to provide input and guide development of the website.

9. Request to Approve Quarterly Financial Reports

Brain Trevarrow provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022. It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Alternate Director Buche, and unanimously carried that the quarterly financial reports be approved as presented.

10. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors is April 19, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fast
Chair

Approved