

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board of Directors Meeting, April 19, 2023 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 19, 2023.

1. Call to order

Chair fast called the meeting to order at 9:33 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
Beverly Cho, City of Selma
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Eddie Valero, County of Tulare
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Buzz Burleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Paul Stanfield, Kings River Conservation District
Don Cameron, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent:

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

Interested Parties Present:

Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District, Reclamation District No. 1606
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Phil Desatoff, City of Kingsburg
Steve Haze, Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership
Charles Garabedian Jr., Malaga County Water District
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.

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
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

Others Present:

Sarge Green, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Steve Haze, Tranquility Resource Conservation District
James Reynolds, Kings Water Alliance
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 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alternate Director Stretch, seconded by Alternate Director Buche, and carried that the minutes of the October 19, 2022, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

5. Director Reports

None.

6. Advisory Committee Report

Chair Fast called on Advisory Committee Chair Sean Ray to provide a report on Advisory Committee activities on March 15, 2023. Ray reported that the Committee received staff reports and an update on funding awards for the Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant.

7. Staff Reports

A. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Soua Lee provided an update on the status of Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation grant activities. Lee reported that the Water Authority was awarded a little over \$6.24M for three projects. Two of the three projects will provide direct benefits to a disadvantaged community.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee provided an update on general Roundtable of Regions meeting activities.

C. Public Information – Lee shared that DWR will host an IRWM 20th Anniversary film screening in Sacramento on May 2, 2023. Soua Lee, Sonia Sanchez with Self-Help Enterprises and Bill Stretch with Fresno Irrigation District were invited to attend the film screening to provide remarks on how the IRWM Program has benefited the communities in the Kings Subbasin.

D. Legislation – Lee reported on legislative efforts for AB 1567(Garcia). The Water Authority along with several IRWM regions and organizations individually submitted request letters to ask that \$660M be included in AB 1567(Garcia) for DWR's IRWM Program. From the Kings Subbasin, Self-Help Enterprises and McMullin Area GSA also submitted request letters to AB 1567(Garcia).

E. Administrative Items – None to report.

F. Other – None to report.

8. Request to Approve the New Kings Basin Water Authority Website

Lee presented the draft Water Authority website to the Board. The Board requested a few additional items to be added to the website. It was moved by Alternate Director Stretch, seconded by Director Valero, and unanimously carried that KRCD staff work with the consultant to finalize and launch the Water Authority website.

9. Consideration to Extend Funding Commitment to the Roundtable of Regions for FY 2024-2025

Lee reported that the Board approved funding to the Roundtable of Regions Network Coordinator for FY 2023-24 at the April 20, 2022 Board meeting. Due to a desire to fund the Network Coordinator to continue IRWM community engagement and advocacy work, the Roundtable of Regions is requesting to extend the contract agreement with the Network Coordinator through FY 2024-25. The requested amount for FY 2024-25 is \$5,100. It was moved by Director Burleson, seconded by

Director Valero and unanimously carried that the Water Authority pledge funding to the IRWM Roundtable of Regions for FY 2024-25 for \$5,100.

10. Request to Approve Kings Basin Water Authority 2021-22 Annual Report

Lee provided an overview of the updates that were made to the Kings Basin Water Authority 2021-22 Annual Report. The Annual Report covers activities that commenced or were completed by Water Authority Members and Interested Parties for Water Year October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. It was moved by Director Burlison, seconded by Alternate Director Buche, and unanimously carried that the Kings Basin Water Authority 2021-22 Annual Report be approved as presented.

11. Request to Approve Quarterly

Brain Trevarrow provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period October 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023. It was moved by Director Cameron, seconded by Alternate Director Buche, and unanimously carried that the quarterly financial reports be approved as presented.

12. Next Meeting Date:

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

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Merritt
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved