

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Advisory Committee Notes, March 15, 2023 at 9:30AM  
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, CA 93728**

Notes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held March 15, 2023.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Sean Ray called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)  
Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, City of Dinuba (alternate)  
Dejan Pavic, City of Fresno (alternate)  
Beverly Cho, City of Selma  
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)  
Brent Sunamoto, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)  
Paul Stanfield, Kings River Conservation District

**Members Absent:**

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

**Interested Parties Present:**

Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company  
Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District, Reclamation District No. 1606  
Charles Garabedian, Malaga County Water 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  
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  
Sierra Resource Conservation District  
Sultana Community Services District  
Terranova Ranch, Inc.  
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership  
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno  
XIO, Inc.

**Others Present:**

Soua Lee, KRCD

2. Additions to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

#### 4. Approval of the September 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

This item was continued until the next regularly scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

#### 5. Staff Reports

*A. Planning and Implementation Contracts* – Soua Lee referred to the grants matrix in the agenda packet and reported on the status of 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 Disadvantaged and Tribal Involvement (DACTI) Workgroup met February 8, 2023 via Zoom. The Workgroup received grant funding opportunity updates from DWR and heard presentations from four agencies regarding water education and leadership programs available through those agencies.

*C. Public Information* – Lee shared that Self-Help Enterprises is recruiting for their 2023 Rural Community Water Managers Leadership Institute. The start date for the Leadership Institute is April 1, 2023.

*D. Legislation* – None to report.

*E. Administrative Items* – Lee provided a reminder that the filing deadline for Statement of Economic Interests Form 700s with the KBWA are due April 3, 2023. Board Directors and their alternates are required to file a Form 700 with the KBWA.

*F. Other* – None to report.

#### 6. Update on Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant

Lee provided an update on the Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation grant proposal. In early February 2023, DWR finalized Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation grant funding to the KBWA in the amount of \$6,243,505 for three projects by Bakman Water Company, Fresno Irrigation District, and City of Parlier. The Kern County IRWM Group and Tule River Basin IRWM group were also recommended for funding. The grant agreement is in development with DWR.

#### 7. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is June 21, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Ray  
Chair

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Approved