

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Notes, June 21, 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 June 21, 2023.

1. Call to order

Advisory Committee Chair Sean Ray called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, City of Dinuba
Dejan Pavic, City of Fresno (alternate)
Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Brent Sunamoto, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)
David Merritt, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)

Members Absent:

Alta Irrigation District
City of Selma
City of Kerman
City of Reedley
Consolidated Irrigation District
County of Fresno
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
Steve Haze, Tulare Basin Watershed Network

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
Malaga County Water District
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:

Steve Haze, Tranquillity Resource Conservation District
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 and March 15, 2023 Meeting Notes

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 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant. Under the Round 1 funding, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District’s project is on hold due to a delay in shipment of materials for the pump station. Under the Round 2 funding, a grant agreement with DWR was signed on May 18, 2023 and the three projects (Bakman Water Company, City of Parlier, and Fresno Irrigation District) commenced project work.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported on the meeting activities of the general IRWM Roundtable of Regions and their DAC and Tribal Involvement Workgroup.

C. Public Information – None to report.

D. Legislation – Lee provided an update on legislative efforts for AB 1567(Garcia) and SB 867 (Allen). AB 1567(Garcia) was amended to include \$350M for the IRWM Program. Under SB 867(Allen), requests have been submitted by IRWM regions and individual agencies to increase IRWM Program funding from \$300M to \$350M.

E. Administrative Items – Lee provided a reminder that new directors or representatives appointed to the KBWA should be communicated to Lee so that the roster can be updated.

F. Other – None to report.

6. Update on Kings Basin Water Authority Website

Lee presented on the recently launched Kings Basin Water Authority website (kingsbasinauthority.org) and walked the Committee through the various aspects of the website. Lee noted that the Kings Basin IRWM Plan, Kings Basin Storm Water Resources Plan and their associated project lists are available to view and download from the website. The Project Information Forms for adding new projects to the project lists are also available to download from the website.

7. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is September 20, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Ray
Chair

Approved