

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

1. Call to order

Chair Fast 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
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)
Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)
Eddie Valero, County of Tulare
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Buzz Burleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
David Merritt, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Don Cameron, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent:

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

Interested Parties Present:

Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District, Reclamation District No. 1606
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
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:

Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Brian Trevarrow, KRCD
Steve Haze, Tranquility Resource Conservation District
Brandy Swisher, KRCD
Soua Lee, KRCD

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Consider Approval of the April 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alternate Director Stretch, seconded by Director Beltran, and carried that the minutes of the April 19, 2023, 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 June 21, 2023. Ray reported that the Committee received staff reports and an overview of the new Kings Basin Water Authority website.

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.

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

C. Public Information – Lee shared that the new Kings Basin Water Authority website is live.

D. Legislation – Lee reported that there are no changes to the status of AB 1567(Garcia) and SB 867(Allen). Both bills are still with their respective committees for review.

E. Administrative Items – Lee introduced Brandy Swisher as the new External Affairs Director for KRCD and that Brandy will be supporting outreach, legislative efforts, and grant activities for KRCD. Lee also requested that member agencies review their projects on the IRWM Plan Project List and make updates to those project forms as necessary.

F. Other – None to report.

8. Request to Develop an Investment Policy

Brian Trevarrow reported that the Finance Committee made a recommendation to direct the Fiscal Agent to develop an investment policy for Water Authority reserve funds. After discussion by the Board of Directors it was moved by Director Cameron, seconded by Director Valero, and unanimously carried that the Fiscal Agent would develop an investment policy and present it at the next KBWA Board of Directors meeting.

9. Request to Approve Quarterly Financial Reports

Brain Trevarrow provided an overview of the quarterly financial reports for the period April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023. It was moved by Director Valero, seconded by Alternate Director Buche, and unanimously carried that the quarterly financial reports be approved as presented.

10. Recommendation to Approve Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

Due to a lack of supermajority of Board members present, this item was continued until the next meeting.

11. Next Meeting Date:

A special meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for September 20, 2023 immediately following the regularly scheduled Advisory Committee meeting. The special meeting will be held at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Merritt
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved