

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Minutes, September 20, 2023 at 9:35AM
Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges, Fresno, CA 93728**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee (Committee) of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held September 20, 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)
George Avila, City of Dinuba (alternate)
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
John Mulligan, City of Sanger (alternate)
Beverly Cho, City of Selma
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno
Denise England, County of Tulare
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
Buzz Burleson, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District (alternate)
David Merritt, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Charles Garabedian, Malaga County Water District

Interested Parties Absent:

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
James Irrigation District
Kings River Conservancy
Kings River Water Association
Laguna Irrigation District
Lanare Community Services District
Liberty Canal Company
Liberty Water District

Others Present:

Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno
Soua Lee, KRCD
James Reynolds, KRCD

Members Absent:

Alta Irrigation District
City of Kerman
City of Parlier
Consolidated Irrigation District
Raisin City 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
Reclamation District No. 1606
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 Network
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno
XIO, Inc.

Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Brian Trevarrow, KRCD

2. Additions to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Approval of the September 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes, March 15, 2023 Meeting Notes, and June 21, 2023 Meeting Notes

It was moved by Alternate Director Merritt, seconded by Alternate Director Stretch and unanimously carried that the meeting notes be approved as presented.

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 and Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grants. Under the Round 1 funding, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District’s project resumed work on August 24, 2023 and installation of the pump station deep shafts is in progress. Delivery of the pumps and electrical components are delayed. Under the Round 2 funding, the Fresno Irrigation District Recharge Basin Project has completed CEQA and is continuing with permitting and final design.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee reported that there will be a 2023 California Water Plan Update Plenary in Roseville on October 3 and 4 and will feature the premier of the 20th IRWM Anniversary film. Lee noted that she will be at the Plenary and was invited to speak on the work and accomplishments of the KBWA.

C. Public Information – None to report.

D. Legislation – Lee reported that there are no changes to the status of AB 1567 (Garcia) and SB 867 (Allen).

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. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is March 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Ray
Chair

Approved