

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Advisory Committee Minutes, March 20, 2024 at 9:30AM
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 March 20, 2024.

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)
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)
David Merritt, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Don Cameron, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent:

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

Interested Parties Present:

Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Manny Amorelli, James Irrigation District, Reclamation District No. 1606
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 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
Malaga County Water 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
Tulare Basin Watershed Network
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno
XIO, Inc.

Others Present

Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Soua Lee, KRCD
James Reynolds, KRCD

2. Additions to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Approval of the September 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chair Ray noted an edit to the September 20, 2023 minutes to change the word “District” to “Director”. It was moved by Alternate Director Merritt, seconded by Director Cameron and unanimously carried that the meeting notes be approved with the correction.

5. Staff Reports

A. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Kings River Conservation District staff James Reynolds provided updates on the Proposition 1 Rounds 1 and 2 IRWM Implementation Grants.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee shared that an IRWM Roundtable of Regions meeting was scheduled for March 20, 2024 at 1:30PM.

C. Public Information – Lee shared information on the upcoming Summit for Equity and Resilience in Water scheduled for March 26th and 27th in Alhambra, CA. Lee noted that she will be facilitating a panel discussion titled, “Lessons Learned from 20 Years of IRWM Engagement – Regional Perspectives,” and Sonia Sanchez with Self-Help Enterprises will sit as a panelist for a panel session titled, “Community-Led Planning.”

D. Legislation – Lee reported that AB 1567 (Garcia) and SB 867 (Allen) have been postponed to 2025 due to the State budget deficit.

E. Administrative Items – Lee provided a reminder that Board Directors and their alternates are required to file Form 700 with the Water Authority by April 2nd. Lee also requested that due to dwindling grant funding for the IRWM Program, the Committee should consider creating a Strategic Planning Workgroup to develop recommendations for future engagements of the Water Authority. Chair Ray, Alternate Director Stretch, Alternate Director Merritt, and Representative Amorelli volunteered to participate in the Workgroup.

F. Other – None to report.

6. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is June 19, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Ray
Chair

Approved