

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority  
Advisory Committee Notes, March 19, 2025 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 19, 2025.

1. Call to order

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

**Directors/Alternate Directors Present:**

Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, City of Dinuba  
Anthony White, City of Fresno (Alternate)  
Alma Beltran, City of Parlier  
Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno (alternate)  
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)  
Brent Sunamoto, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (alternate)  
Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District (alternate)  
David Merritt, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)

**Members Absent:**

Alta Irrigation District  
City of Clovis  
City of Kerman  
City of Sanger  
City of Selma  
County of Tulare  
Consolidated Irrigation District  
Raisin City Water District

**Interested Parties Present:**

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

**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  
Terranova Ranch Inc.  
Tulare Basin Watershed Network  
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno  
XIO, Inc.

**Others Present**

Soua Vang, KRCD  
Brian German, KRCD  
Eric Osterling, Laguna Irrigation District  
Mike Karbassi, City of Fresno

## 2. Additions to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

## 3. Public Presentations

None.

## 4. Approval of the March 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes and September 18, 2024 Meeting Notes

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

## 5. Staff Reports

*A. Planning and Implementation Contracts* – Soua Vang provided updates on the Proposition 1 Rounds 1 and 2 IRWM Implementation Grants. Under Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) Basin CF Project received and installed an electrical panel for their pump station in January 2025. PG&E is scheduled to connect power to the pump station in late June or early July; however, the grant agreement deadline is April 30, 2024. DWR has allowed FMFCD to close out the project by April 30th and request retention release so long as the FMFCD provides a letter of assurance guaranteeing the project will be completed in accordance with the grant terms.

Under Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant, work on Bakman Water Company's Nitrate Analyzer Project has begun and the City of Parlier is continuing with project designs on their Flood Control and Groundwater Banking Project.

*B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination* – None to report.

*C. Public Information* – Vang shared that the IRWM Roundtable of Regions has a meeting scheduled for March 19, 2024 at 1:30pm via Zoom. Vang also shared that the DAC and Tribal Involvement Workgroup under the Roundtable of Regions met on February 12, 2025 and began initial discussions on feedback to improve the grant making process for Proposition 4 funding.

*D. Legislation* – Vang referred to a handout and provided an overview of the Proposition 4 funding. Specifically, Proposition 4 includes \$100M for integrated regional water management projects; however, DWR does not anticipate the funding to be available until 2027 and plans to develop grant program guidelines in 2026.

*E. Administrative Items* – Vang reported that staff is working on updating the IRWM Plan Project List. Vang also reminded the Committee that the deadline for all Board members to file Form 700s with the Water Authority is April 1.

*G. Other* – None to report.

## 6. Request to Modify the Kings Basin IRWM Plan Project List and Kings Basin Storm Water Resources Plan Project List

Vang reported that the Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) received a request from Laguna Irrigation District to add three new projects to the IRWM Plan Project List and Storm Water Resources Plan Project List. The projects comprised of construction of a new conveyance canal, expansion of a groundwater recharge project and improvements to an existing regulating reservoir. The Project Information Forms for the new projects were provided to the Project Review Workgroup but no comments or concerns were received from the Workgroup. The Advisory Committee did not have a quorum, so no vote was taken on this item, but the Committee provided consensus to bring the projects before the Board of Directors for consideration.

7. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee is June 1, 2025, 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

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Approved