

Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board of Directors Meeting, May 6, 2011
Fresno County Farm Bureau
1274 W. Hedges Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728

Minutes of the Continuation of the April 20, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held May 6, 2011.

1. Call to order

Chairman Armstrong reconvened the April 20, 2011 Board meeting agenda item # 8 at 9:31 am. Chairman Armstrong noted that a quorum was present.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Harry Armstrong, City of Clovis
 Gary Serrato, Fresno Irrigation District (alternate)
 Robert Nielsen, Jr., Consolidated Irrigation District
 David Orth, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
 Dean Uota, City of Dinuba (alternate)
 Bruce Blayney, City of Kingsburg
 Denise Akins, County of Tulare (alternate)
 Jerry Boren, Raisin City Water District
 Joe Prado, County of Fresno (alternate)
 Don Mills, Kings County Water District (alternate)
 Patrick Wiemiller, City of Fresno (alternate)
 Norman Waldner, Alta Irrigation District
 Roseann Galvan, City of Selma (alternate)
 Steven Rapada, City of Reedley

Members Absent:

City of Kerman
 City of Parlier
 City of Sanger

Interested Parties Present:

Bob Van Wyk, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District

Interested Parties Absent:

Bakman Water Company
 Biola Community Services District
 California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
 City of San Joaquin
 Community Water Center
 County of Kings
 Crescent Canal Company
 Cutler Public Utilities District
 East Orosi Community Services District
 El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust
 Hardwick Water Company

James Irrigation District
 Kings River Conservancy
 Kings River Water Association
 Laguna Irrigation District
 Laton Community Service District
 Liberty Canal Company
 Liberty Water District
 London Community Services District
 Mid-Valley Water District
 Orange Cove Irrigation District
 Orosi Public Utilities District
 Reed Ditch Company
 Riverdale Irrigation District
 Riverdale Public Utility District
 Self-Help Enterprises
 Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
 Sierra Resource Conservation District
 Sultana Community Services District
 Terranova Ranch, Inc.
 Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners

Others Present:

Rick Hoelzel, KRCD
 Eric Osterling, KRCD
 Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
 Lisa Koehn, City of Clovis
 Martin Querin, City of Fresno
 Ron Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
 Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District
 TJ Cox, CMS Management
 Brock Buche, City of Fresno
 Scott Anderson, The Penstar Group
 Sal Gonzales, Lance-Kashian

8. Request by the City of Fresno to modify the IRWMP Project List

Chairman Armstrong called on the Project Work Group Chair Phil Desatoff to provide a report. Desatoff reported the Project Work Group was asked to review the Fancher Creek Flood Control Improvement Project and provide a recommendation to the Board regarding modifying the IRWMP project list to include the Fancher Creek Flood Control Improvement Project.

Desatoff reported that there is a 2-level process for including projects on the Project List is defined in Section 8.1 of the IRWMP. The first level is a broad review making sure there are no fatal flaws and that there is sufficient information about the project. The second level is a full ranking and prioritization of the project. Desatoff stated that the Fancher Creek Project detail was not provided in ample enough time to complete the second level of review; however, the Authority has not excluded any projects in the past. Therefore, the Project Work Group members recommend that the Fancher Creek Project be added to the Project List and that a letter be sent to the Department of Water Resources to inform them of the addition of the project to the IRWMP Project List.

The Board had extensive discussion about the Fancher Creek Project. Board members had several discussion points about the Fancher Creek Project including whether the project was about economic development or water management; whether it met the Authority's primary goal of stabilizing groundwater overdraft, and how the timing of the submittal impacted the project review process. Desatoff confirmed that the project did have attributes that fit with the IRWMP objectives. Discussion continued about whether adding the Project to the list was an endorsement of the project by the Authority. It was also noted that this Project was not competing with any other local projects in the Proposition 1E Stormwater-Flood Management grant process.

Alternate Director Patrick Wiemiller stated that the benefits to the City of Fresno are in the areas of water conservation, reuse and recharge and that this Project would build new infrastructure for existing homeowners.

Interested Party representative Bob Van Wyk stated that the Metropolitan Flood Control District has about 158 basin sites located around the community. Eighty of those sites are used for groundwater recharge with about 30,000 acre feet of water is annually recharged. This project will add incrementally to the recharge process within their basins. He also noted that the grant funding includes reimbursement to Flood Control's General Fund, and that this grant would not lower the development fees for the developer.

TJ Cox from CMS Management stated that Proposition 1E Stormwater-Flood Management has a direct focus on stormwater flood management projects. Recharge is ancillary to the Prop. 1E grant. He stated that Fancher Creek project is an integral part of Flood Control's service plan, which is a foundational action of the IRWMP. He also noted that Fancher Creek Project was listed as one of the potential funding projects for Proposition 1E when proposed in 2006.

It was moved by Director Orth, and seconded by Director Serrato to include the Fancher Creek Project on the IRWMP Project List and authorize the submission of a letter to DWR stating that the Board had taken such action. Director Jerry Boren requested that a statement be added to the letter informing DWR that the Water Authority does not endorse the Project. Discussion followed regarding the fact that other projects on the list are not endorsed or ranked. Orth stated that he would not support the modification to the motion. The original motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Armstrong, Serrato, Nielsen, Jr., Orth, Uota, Blayney, Akins, Prado, Mills, Wiemiller, Waldner, Galvan, and Rapada

NOES: Director Boren

ABSENT: Directors Lopez, Yep, and Mulligan

Chair Armstrong stated that going forward any project submitted for review and approval needs to be submitted in a timely manner. It was noted that the policy for submitting projects will be reviewed and updated by the Project Work Group, which will come back to the Board at a future date with recommendation for the Board to consider.

It was moved by Director Galvan, and seconded by Director Wiemiller, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, Chairman Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 10:24 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Orth
Secretary/Treasurer

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