

# Tulare Lake Basin Portion of Kern County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

March 11, 2020 - 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
Kern County Water Agency  
Stuart T. Pyle Water Resources Center  
3200 Rio Mirada Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308

## PARTICIPANTS' MEETING MINUTES

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### **1:30 I. Welcome and Introductions – Executive Committee (EC) Chair**

- A. Meeting purpose and agenda
- B. Self-Introductions

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### **1:40 II. Agreement Update – P&P**

- A. Management Agreement Budget Status  
*Original budget of \$129,500 has been reduced to \$114,569 based upon final Funding Participant list. Total invoiced (as of 3/11/20) is \$97,122.*
- B. Invoices to Participants  
*The Second Invoice will be distributed via mail by 3/13/20.*

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### **2:00 III. Kern IRWM Plan Update – P&P**

- A. Plan Update Adoption  
*It was reported that the Kern IRWM Plan Update has completed its review process and that DWR has deemed the Plan to be consistent with the 2016 Guidelines. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, the 30-day public comment period was completed, and no comments were received. The Kern IRWM Participants voted unanimously to adopt the Plan Update. Using the template resolution for adoption, Participants will be approving the Plan Update at their upcoming Council/Board meetings.*

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### **2:30 IV. Prop 1 Implementation Grant Funding – P&P**

- A. Projects included in application  
*5 Projects were included in the Kern IRWM Group Grant Application. Exhibits showing the project features are included in the Presentation (Slides 12-16).*
  - B. Funding update  
*The Kern Grant Application was selected for funding by DWR. A total grant award of \$5.1M has been recommended by DWR. The distribution of funds is shown in the Draft Funding Award table (Slide 10) in the Presentation.*
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**2:45 V. DAC Involvement Program Project Development Funding**

**A. DAC Project Update**

*Five DAC projects were selected for Project Development funding under the DAC Involvement Program (see Slide 18). The total funding awarded was \$250,000.*

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**2:50 VI. Other Funding Opportunities**

**A. IRWM Implementation, Round 2**

*The next round of IRWM funding is expected in 2021 with a total available funding amount of \$13.3M.*

**B. Storm Water Grant Program (SWGP)**

*The SWGP is expected to release its Round 2 Implementation Grant Program in March. The total funding available is \$99M. Refer to Slides 20-25 and the Draft Guidelines on the SWRCB Website:*

*[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/swgp/prop1/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/swgp/prop1/)  
Interested agencies should contact P&P to discuss their potential project and the need for an update to the Storm Water Resource Plan.*

**C. Climate Resilience Water Bond**

*Three different versions of a water bond are currently being considered by the State legislature. A letter requesting \$1 billion in IRWM funding was prepared by the Roundtable of Regions (a group of IRWM coordinators), and the Kern IRWM Group was included as a signatory among 22 IRWM Groups.*

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**2:55 VII. Public Comment**

*Mark Mulkay, GM of Kern Delta Water District, requested that DACs selected for IRWM grant funding should contribute funding for the Kern IRWM Plan Update and Management costs. It was noted that DACs cannot be mandated to contribute funds to the IRWM Program and that DAC projects are critical to help a grant application score higher under DWR's scoring criteria. P&P will draft a letter for a voluntary funding request by a DAC with a successful IRWM grant application. The letter will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.*

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