

**Paso Basin Cooperative Committee  
Minutes (Approved) -- January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The following members or alternates were present:

**John Peschong**, Chair, County of San Luis Obispo  
**Kelly Dodds**, Member, San Miguel CSD  
**Matt Turrentine**, Secretary, Shandon-San Juan WD  
**John Hamon**, Treasurer, City of Paso Robles

<p><b>1. Call to Order</b></p> <p><b>2. Pledge of Allegiance</b></p> <p><b>3. Roll call</b></p>	<p>Chair Peschong: calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Chair Peschong: leads the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ford: calls roll.</p>																									
<p><b>4. Public Comment – items not on Agenda</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:02:33</i></p> <p>Chair Peschong: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: comments on California Water Code § 34153 and the requirements for becoming a water district; asks about Committee’s approach to dealing with Water Code violations.</p> <p>Chair Peschong: asks for additional public comments, hearing none, closes the public comment period and moves on to Item #5.</p>																									
<p><b>5. Approval of November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:04:58</i></p> <p>Audio from the November 18, 2020, Paso Basin Cooperative Committee meeting is available at: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</a></p> <p>Chair Peschong: opens discussion for Agenda Item 5 – Approval of November 18, 2020 Cooperative Committee Meeting Minutes; asks for comments from the Committee, and then from the public; there are none.</p> <p><b>Motion by:</b> John Hamon  <b>Second by:</b> Matt Turrentine  <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to approve the November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 1419 1430 1608"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Peschong (Chair)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kelly Dodds (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Peschong (Chair)	X				Kelly Dodds (Member)	X				Matt Turrentine (Secretary)	X				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
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<p><b>6. Appointment of Officers</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:07:10</i></p> <p>Meeting materials for Agenda Item #6 are available at: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</a></p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ford: provides an overview of past Committee appointments, the roles and responsibilities of each officer position, the process of agenda and meeting minutes development, and a recommendation to have the Committee appoint officers to each position.</p>																									

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Committee Members consider nominations for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Member Dodds recommends that the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair be rotated through the GSA Members on the Committee.

Chair Peschong: replies that a rule to rotate the Chair position does not currently exist but could be discussed at a later date and then opens the floor for public comment.

Greg Grewal: speaks.

John Peschong: nominates Debbie Arnold to the office of Chair, Matt Turrentine to the office of Vice Chair, John Hamon to the office of Treasurer, and Kelly Dodds to the office of Secretary.

John Hamon and Kelly Dodds accept their nominations to the offices of Treasurer and Secretary.

Matt Turrentine: comments that both the County of San Luis Obispo Member and City of Paso Robles Member have each held the position of Chair and suggests rotating the position to either the San Miguel CSD Member or the Shandon-San Juan WD Member.

John Peschong: recommends nominating the County Member, Debbie Arnold, to the position of Chair for the upcoming term.

The following Cooperative Committee Members are elected to the following offices:

- Debbie Arnold – Chair
- Matt Turrentine – Vice Chair
- Kelly Dodds – Secretary
- John Hamon – Treasurer

**Motion by:** John Peschong

**Second by:** John Hamon

**Motion:** The Committee moves to elect Debbie Arnold to the office of Chair, Matt Turrentine to the office of Vice Chair, John Hamon to the office of Treasurer, and Kelly Dodds to the office of Secretary.

Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse
Debbie Arnold (Chair)	X			
Matt Turrentine (Vice Chair)		X		
Kelly Dodds (Secretary)	X			
John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			

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**7. Receive project status update(s)**

*Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:07:30*

Meeting materials for Agenda Item #7 are available at:  
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*7.a Grant pursuit and future opportunities*

San Miguel CSD Staff, Blaine Reely: provides an update on the Prop 68 GSP Implementation Round 1 grant application which was submitted in December 2020 by San Miguel CSD for the amount of five million dollars; the draft list of funded projects is scheduled to be released in March 2021 with final awards to occur in May 2021; comments on the availability of stormwater capture grants, stating that Prop 1 and Prop 84 grant opportunities are currently closed, adding that a Prop 68 flood plain management protection and risk awareness grant, which provides funding for projects that achieve flood risk reduction related to stormwater flooding, may be of interest to the GSAs.

*7.b Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)*

City Staff, Kirk Gonzales: provides an update on the goal of the SEP project, including the completion of one monitoring well at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge site, the addition of a potential monitoring well site on Airport Road at the Estrella River, and stream gauge procurement and installation which is estimated to be completed by March 2021.

Chair Arnold: asks if the additional monitoring well will be installed on private property and who the City needs to get permission from to complete the work.

City Staff, Kirk Gonzales: responds that permission will need to come from a private landowner.

*7.c Paso Basin Aerial Groundwater Mapping Pilot Study*

County Staff, Angela Ford: provides an update on the pilot study which used the Aerial Electromagnetic Method (AEM) to collect data over part of the Paso Basin; the mapping survey was completed in November 2019 and the County anticipates presenting results in Spring 2021.

*7.d DWR's GSP Review and public comments*

County Staff, Angela Ford: provides an overview of the Paso Robles Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development process and adoption timeline, including public comment submission and response guidelines and DWR's review and evaluation of the GSP.

Treasurer Hamon: asks if comments submitted through DWR's portal are available for public review.

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County Staff, Angela Ford: responds that all comments submitted to DWR are available on their website.

Vice Chair Turrentine: asks if Tom Berg from the Department of Water Resources (DWR), present in the meeting, could provide an update on DWR’s review process.

DWR, Tom Berg: responds that DWR is not making specific comments on the status of GSP reviews, adding that efforts are being made to review the first-round GSP submittals by 2022; DWR received approximately 30 GSPs to review by the first deadline and expects another 40 GSPs to be submitted during the next round.

Chair Arnold: opens the floor for public comment.

Greg Grewal: speaks.

Chair Arnold: Closes public comment and brings item back to Committee for a motion.

**Motion by:** John Hamon  
**Second by:** Kelly Dodds  
**Motion:** The Committee moves to receive and file the project status update.

Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse
Debbie Arnold (Chair)	X			
Matt Turrentine (Vice Chair)	X			
Kelly Dodds (Secretary)	X			
John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			

**8. Receive update on Water Year 2020 Annual Report**

*Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:35:56*  
 Meeting materials for Agenda Item #8 is available at:  
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County Staff, Angela Ford: provides an update on development of the Water Year 2020 Annual Report, including an overview of SGMA’s requirements to submit an Annual Report to DWR by April 1 following adoption of a GSP and annually thereafter; reviews the Committee’s recommendation to the City of Paso Robles to enter into a contract with GSI Water Solution, Inc. to develop the Annual Report on behalf of the GSAs, and the anticipated Draft Report that will be posted for public review in mid-February and then be brought to the Committee for final approval on March 17, 2021 and submitted to DWR by the April 1, 2021 deadline.

Chair Arnold: asks for questions from the Committee and then from the public; there are none.

The Committee receives and files the update with no abstentions or objections.

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**9. Discuss 1/26/2021  
San Luis Obispo  
County Board of  
Supervisors staff  
direction on land  
use policy  
development for  
the Paso Basin and  
its implications to  
continued GSP  
implementation**

*Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:38:22*

Shandon-San Juan WD Staff, Ray Shady: introduces the discussion item related to the County Board of Supervisors direction to staff on land use policy for the Paso Basin.

Vice Chair Turrentine: comments on the importance of maintaining water neutrality for the basin and speaks to previous Committee discussions regarding the development of a parallel program through the GSA partners.

Chair Arnold: provides an overview of the land use policy discussion from the January 26, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting, including the origin and intention of the temporary urgency ordinance, the need to adjust the terms of the ordinance, comments received on the proposed tiers, environmental review, exemptions, and fallowing program, the County's land use authority and expansion of projects, and the GSAs' authority to regulate groundwater extractions.

Treasurer Hamon: asks when County staff plans on bringing the ordinance item back to Board of Supervisors.

Chair Arnold: references a timeline that was included in the staff report (item #28) from the January 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting and anticipates the item coming back by the end of the year.

Vice Chair Turrentine: agrees with distinction between the powers of the GSAs and the powers of the County; comments on the job of the GSAs getting the basin to sustainability by 2040, the best available data showing that the basin is in overdraft, the tiered approach and how it may contribute to increased levels of overdraft going forward, and the importance of focusing on actions that will lead to basin sustainability.

Chair Arnold: comments on the expiration date of the existing ordinance, how the ordinance affected some property owners, and the capacity for resuming historical irrigation practices.

Secretary Dodds: asks if the County ordinance could potentially last through 2045.

Chair Arnold: responds that County staff will return with the Board of Supervisors with the proposed period of time, which may extend through the GSP implementation period.

Secretary Dodds: asks if the County has the ability to revisit or amend the ordinance before the final end date if conditions drastically improve or decline in the basin.

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	<p>Chair Arnold: comments on the GSAs authority to regulate water extractions and their involvement in future environmental reviews for projects and expanded irrigation.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: comments on GSA involvement in potential decision making and discussions regarding water use and property rights, and basin sustainability.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: comments on the ordinance’s effect on current and historic irrigators, irrigation practices during draught, rotational fallowing, the five-year lookback period, and efforts to include amendments to the ordinance.</p> <p>Vice Chair Turrentine: comments on the ordinance’s ability to limit further expansion, supporting private party efforts to utilize wastewater and implement best management practices to save and quantify water, voluntary fallowing per the ordinance’s proposed tier system, and the potential for increased water use from the ordinance’s per parcel exemption of 25 AFY.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal and Laurie Gauge: speak.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: responds to public comment and references the land use policy staff report from the January 26, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting that estimates 93% of the water used in the basin is extracted for agricultural use; comments on the issue of fairness that some users have unlimited use while others have no use.</p>																									
<b>10. Committee Member Comments</b>	None																									
<b>11. Upcoming meeting(s)</b>	<p>Committee Meeting Schedule for 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, March 17, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Wednesday, July 21, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Wednesday, October 27, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m</li> </ul>																									
<b>12. Future Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss rotation and terms for the Committee’s elected officer positions</li> <li>• Water Year 2020 Annual Report</li> </ul>																									
<b>13. Adjourn</b>	<p><b>Motion by:</b> John Hamon  <b>Second by:</b> Kelly Dodds  <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="467 1709 1430 1896"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Debbie Arnold (Chair)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Vice Chair)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kelly Dodds (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Debbie Arnold (Chair)	X				Matt Turrentine (Vice Chair)	X				Kelly Dodds (Secretary)	X				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
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I, Kelly Dodds, Secretary to the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held on January 27, 2021, by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

Kelly Dodds, Secretary of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.  
Drafted by: Joey Steil and Angela Ford, County of San Luis Obispo