

**Paso Basin Cooperative Committee
Minutes (Approved) – July 21st, 2021**

The following members or alternates were present:

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

<p>1. Call to Order</p> <p>2. Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>3. Roll call</p>	<p>Chair Arnold: calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: leads the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ford: calls roll.</p>
<p>4. Public Comment – items not on Agenda</p>	<p><i>Meeting recording posted on www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</i> <i>Meeting recording: Item start ~ 00:02:11</i></p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Dana Merrill: comments on coordination with the State to correct the GSP, efforts to address basin issues and urgency due to drought.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: comments on the first and second annual reports, including mistakes and corrections to Nacimiento water use and metered groundwater use, separation of Paso and Atascadero Basins’ water use, and concerns with water sector designations for Public Water Systems and rural water use.</p>
<p>5. Approval of March April 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes</p>	<p><i>Meeting recording: Item start ~ 00:07:30</i></p> <p>Audio from the April 28, 2021 Paso Basin Cooperative Committee meeting is also available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens discussion for Agenda Item 5 – Approval of April 28, 2021 Cooperative Committee Meeting Minutes; there are no comments.</p> <p>Motion by: John Hamon Second by: Matt Turrentine Motion: The Committee moves to approve the April 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes without opposition or abstentions.</p>
<p>6. Receive update on DWR’s Initial Assessment of Paso Basin GSP and approve approach and budget for addressing deficiencies</p>	<p><i>Meeting recording: Item start ~ 00:08:42</i></p> <p>Meeting materials for Agenda Item #6 are available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ford: presents on DWR’s initial “incomplete” assessment of the Paso Basin GSP which outlines two potential corrective actions: groundwater level and interconnected surface water sustainable management criteria; outlined the regulatory timeline which includes a deadline of January 30, 2022; two options for procuring a consultant to help the GSAs address the deficiencies: sole source with a qualified consultant or solicit proposals, and the budget.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: asks staff what responsibility the previous consultant has to correct deficiencies.</p>

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County Staff, Angela Ford: responds that that should be discussed further when City staff is present.

Treasurer Hamon: responds that previous consultant had some responsibility to prepare the GSP such that it is approved by DWR.

Chair Arnold: asks if Montgomery and Associates would be willing to fix GSP deficiencies.

County Staff, Angela Ford: responds that it is her understanding (per City Staff) that they would be willing to fix deficiencies only under a new contract.

Secretary Dodds: agrees with Treasurer Hamon that staff should ascertain whether the existing contract requires the previous consultant to correct GSP deficiencies, also asks whether a new consultant will be required to fix any deficiencies until GSP is approved by DWR.

County Staff, Angela Ford: responds that the anticipated scope factors in an iterative process likely required for GSP approval.

Vice Chair Turrentine: emphasizes that it would be best to move quickly and efficiently towards choosing a sole source consultant or schedule a special meeting for further discussion.

Chair Arnold: mentions that the Committee received a letter from Craig Altair of DWR in December 2020 listing two of the deficiencies; mentions that there is a significant amount of new information that can be included to address deficiencies.

County Staff, Angela Ford: comments that new information may be better suited for GSP updates, and that the identified deficiencies may need more description or justification about sustainable management criteria.

Treasurer Hamon: asks if consultants have seen the budget that staff has prepared; staff responds that the budget is based on staff's estimates of similar efforts.

Treasurer Hamon: asks if staff can make the requisite changes to the GSP; staff responds that they would not be able to provide the technical analysis likely required to correct GSP deficiencies

Vice Chair Turrentine: agrees with Chair Arnold's points and reiterates that moving quickly is key to success.

Secretary Dodds: proposes a two-pronged approach of working on GSP deficiency improvements and reevaluating contract with previous consultant to verify if they are contractually obligated to fix the deficiencies.

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County Staff, Angela Ford: reiterates her understanding (per City Staff) that the previous consultant stated they would only be willing to fix deficiencies under a new contract.

Chair Arnold: opens the floor to public comment.

Ann Myhre and Greg Grewal: speak

Chair Arnold: closes the public comment period.

Vice Chair Turrentine: comments that he would support sole sourcing the work to GSI Water Solutions or soliciting proposals from qualified consultants and returning to the PBCC with a recommendation.

Secretary Hamon and Chair Arnold: agree on calling a special meeting as soon as possible after staff get clarity from DWR so the consultant can be selected.

County Staff, Angela Ford: staff has spoken to DWR and has a potential approach to remedying deficiencies; emphasizes that time is of the essence and it may be appropriate to schedule a meeting with City Staff to answer procurement questions.

Motion by: Debbie Arnold

Second by: John Hamon

Motion: The Committee moves to schedule special meeting for the week of July 26, 2021.

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

7. Approve Water Year 2021 Annual Report Consultant procurement process

Meeting recording: Item start ~ 00:53:24

Meeting materials for Agenda Item #7 are available at:
www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin

County Staff, Angela Ford: recommends that the committee approves an approach to procure a consultant for the 2021 Annual Report.

Chair Arnold: opens the floor to public comment

Greg Grewal: speaks

Chair Arnold: closes the public comment period.

Chair Arnold: recommends having a Committee Member as participate in the consultant procurement process.

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Treasurer Hamon: asks staff about the timing of the consultant procurement process.

County Staff, Angela Ford: responds that there is sufficient time to solicit RFPs and bring multiple recommendations forward if the Committee rejects staff’s recommendation; asks for clarification regarding the City’s procurement policy and whether consultant proposals can be published.

Chair Arnold: comments on reviewing potential consultant’s resumes and their history of working the Paso Basin or other groundwater basins.

Treasurer Hamon: comments that the City does this frequently; reiterates that having multiple proposals discussed at the Committee helps ensure transparency throughout the selection process.

Motion by: John Hamon
Second by: Debbie Arnold
Motion: The Committee moves to appoint Matt Turrentine to coordinate with staff and select three consultant proposals to be discussed and one recommended at a future PBCC meeting.

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

8. Receive informational update on Prop 68 Round 2 Implementation Grant Pursuit

Meeting recording: Item start ~ 01:07:30
 Meeting materials for Agenda Item #8 are available at:
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San Miguel CSD Staff, Blaine Reely: presents on DWR’s solicitation of proposals for GSP implementation; only one application will be accepted per basin, and the Round 2 Grants Solicitation is scheduled to open in spring 2022 with the awards being announced in fall of 2022.

Chair Arnold: asks how the PBCC plays a role in selection of projects and whether the PBCC collaborates to submit a project; San Miguel CSD Staff, Blaine Reely, confirms the Committee will need to collaborate and come to consensus on a project.

Chair Arnold: asks about approach to selecting a project; San Miguel CSD Staff, Blaine Reely, responds that one approach could be having GSAs present on a project and having the Committee select a project to provide basis of a grant application; suggests setting a date for future Committee meeting to submit proposed projects.

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	<p>Treasurer Hamon: comments that the City of Paso Robles has a Recycled Water project that is shovel ready which would help provide relief to the basin.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor to public comment; there are no requests to speak.</p>
9. Receive update on status of SSJWD’s SWRCB applications to appropriate water	<p><i>Meeting recording: Item start ~ 01:16:30</i></p> <p>Vice Chair Turrentine: provides an update on applications submitted to SWRCB; SSJWD has received and responded to some questions from the SWRCB.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: asks about any indication as to whether applications will be approved or denied.</p> <p>Vice Chair Turrentine: responds that there has been no indication as to whether they will be approved or denied; SSJWD will provide updates as the process continues.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor to public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: speaks.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: closes floor to public comment.</p>
10. Committee Member Comments	<p>Chair Arnold asks for comments from the Committee, and then from the public; there are no comments.</p>
11. Upcoming meeting(s)	<p>Wednesday, October 27, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.</p>
12. Future Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee agrees to continue discussion on Item 6 at a Special Meeting to be organized by Staff. The Committee discusses format for future meetings and agrees to have hybrid meetings with in-person and virtual options for the public. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair Arnold: opens the floor to public comment; Serena Friedman speaks. • Adopt 2022 Regular Meeting Schedule
13. Adjourn	<p>Chair Arnold moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.</p>

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 July 21, 2021, by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

*Kelly Dodds, Secretary of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.
Drafted by: County of San Luis Obispo Water Resources Staff*