

Paso Basin Cooperative Committee

Minutes

January 26, 2022

The following members or alternates were present:

Debbie Arnold, Chair, County of San Luis Obispo

Matt Turrentine, Vice Chair, Shandon-San Juan Water District

John Hamon, Treasurer, City of Paso Robles

Rob Roberson, Member, San Miguel Community Services District

1. Call to Order	Chair Arnold: calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.															
2. Pledge of Allegiance	Chair Arnold: leads the Pledge of Allegiance.															
3. Roll call	County Staff, Angela Ford: calls roll.															
4. Public Comment – items not on Agenda	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:02:00</i></p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: comments regarding applications to appropriate water in violation of Brown Act of the Shandon-San Juan Water District on several meetings by entering closed session to circumvent public feedback. Requested letter be sent to State declaring opposition to these water appropriation applications. Noted several violations have occurred in the Shandon-San Juan Water District and this needs to be rectified.</p> <p>Eric Greening: comments regarding the how the study in the Adelia area have advanced and asked if it would be beneficial to invite those working on the study to present their findings to the PBCC since there may be a hydraulic connection with that area.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: asks for additional public comments, seeing none, closes the public comment period.</p>															
5. Consider Adopting Resolution to Continue Meeting Virtually	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:07:42</i></p> <p>Chair Arnold: noted that, per AB 361, the PBCC must adopt a resolution to continue meeting virtually every thirty days and find that meeting in person would pose a risk to public health and safety.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: speaks.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: closes the public comment period.</p> <p>Motion by: Vice Chair Turrentine Second by: Treasurer Hamon Motion: Committee moves to adopt resolution to continue meeting virtually.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Members</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Ayes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Noes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Abstain</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Debbie Arnold (Chair)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Vice Chair)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">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			
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<p>6. Approval of October 27, 2021, Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>Audio from the October 27, 2021, Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Meeting is available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens discussion for Agenda Item 6 – Approval of October 27, 2021, Cooperative Committee Meeting Minutes; asks for comments from the Committee.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: asks if there is additional information on the comments Mr. Grewal made regarding the Shandon-San Juan Water District application for the Salinas Dam.</p> <p>Angela Ford: responds that all PBCC meetings are recorded, and the video is provided on the County’s website.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: asks for comments from the public; there are none.</p> <p>Motion by: Vice Chair Turrentine Second by: Treasurer Hamon Motion: Committee moves to approve October 27, 2021, Meeting Minutes.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="423 1003 1393 1192"> <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>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rob Roberson (Member)</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				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X				Rob Roberson (Member)	X			
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<p>7. Receive update on GSP Implementation round 1 Grant Application and Proposed Work Plan / Budget</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:13:09</i></p> <p>County Groundwater Sustainability Director (GSD), Blaine Reely: provides an update on a grant application opportunity through the California Department of Water Resources for critically overdraft basins. He explains it is a non-competitive grant providing up to \$7.6 million in funding over three years beginning on December 17, 2021. He notes that proposals are due February 18, 2022, and the proposed spending plan will include funding for GSP grant administration, GSP administration and SGMA compliance activities, filling data gaps, management actions and projects.</p> <p>Vice Chair Turrentine: thanks Mr. Reely for his work on this.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: thanks Mr. Reely for his efforts and they way the information was laid out.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: speaks.</p>																														

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<p>8. Consider Approving Letter of Support for County to submit GSP Implementation Grant Application</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:29:22</i> Meeting materials for Agenda Item are available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>County GSD, Blaine Reely: requests approval of letter to each GSA in the basin requesting Board resolutions in support of the grant application.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor for public comment; there are none.</p> <p>Motion by: Vice Chair Turrentine Second by: Treasurer Hamon Motion: Committee moves to approve letter of support for County to submit GSP implementation grant application.</p> <table border="1"> <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 align="center">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Vice Chair)</td> <td align="center">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td align="center">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rob Roberson (Member)</td> <td align="center">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				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X				Rob Roberson (Member)	X			
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<p>9. Receive presentation by Todd Groundwater on effort to address GSP deficiencies and consider approving contract amendment and related budget increase</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:31:20</i> The presentation for Agenda Item #9 is available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>County GSD, Blaine Reely: introduces Todd Groundwater’s Iris</p> <p>Todd Groundwater, Iris Priestaf: provides update on the work Todd Groundwater performed to address the DWR-identified GSP deficiencies, specifically for (1) groundwater level sustainability criteria and interconnected surface water (ISW) analysis, and (2) turned the presentation over to Todd Groundwater’s Chad Taylor.</p> <p>Todd Groundwater, Chad Taylor: provides update on groundwater level sustainability criteria analysis. He reports that DWR asks what the average depth of domestic wells is, what is the financial burden on those users and what interference exists with other sustainability indicators. He reports that water levels at the Measurable Objective would result in 225 wells going dry (14.1 percent), and at the Minimum Threshold, an additional 62 wells would go dry (and additional 3.9 percent).</p> <p>Todd Groundwater, Gus Yates: provides update on ISW analysis and reports there is a variability in connection between surface water and groundwater. He reports that there are three reaches of connectivity with surface water (Salinas River, upper section of San Juan Creek and upper stretch of Estrella River). He concludes that water rights, isolated wetlands and steelhead trout are not affected by ISW, but there are areas that are recommended for additional study. He recommends sustainable management criteria (SMC) is only applied to the Salinas River for the first five years while data gaps are being addressed and to evaluate SMCs for the Estrella River and San Juan Creek at that time.</p> <p>Treasurer Harmon: asks if this analysis incorporate precipitation.</p>																									

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Todd Groundwater, Gus Yates: replies that precipitation is a variable in the analysis, but it focuses on water levels and connection with ISWs.

Todd Groundwater, Iris Priestaf: provides update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan resubmittal process and notes revised GSP sections are being prepared.

Chair Arnold: opens the floor for public comment.

Greg Grewal: speaks.

Eric Greening: speaks.

Tom Berg: speaks.

Kay Mercer: speaks.

Chair Arnold: closes the public comment period.

Motion by: Treasurer Hamon

Second by: Vice Chair Turrentine

Motion: Committee moves to approve contract amendment and related budget increase and forward recommendation to the City of Paso Robles.

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Debbie Arnold (Chair)	X			
Matt Turrentine (Vice Chair)	X			
John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
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**10. 2021 GSP
Annual Report
Status Update**

Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 01:42:15

Meeting materials for Agenda Item #10 are available at:

www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin

GSI Water Solutions, Nate Page: provides status update on Water Year (WY) 2021 Annual Report for the Paso Robles subbasin and notes that the public draft will be available on February 4, 2022. He reports that total groundwater extractions in WY 2021 totals 82,100 acre-feet presents groundwater level contours.

Chair Arnold: opens the floor to public comment.

Greg Grewal: speaks.

Suzanne Harvey: speaks.

Chair Arnold: closes the public comment period.

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<p>11. Update regarding GSP Plan Manager designation for DWR purposes</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 01:55:13</i></p> <p>County GSD, Blaine Reely: reports that the GSP Plan Manager designation needs to be updated with DWR.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor to public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: speaks.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: closes the public comment period.</p> <p>County staff, Angela Ford: reports this item is informational and no action is required from the Committee since the GSAs have the ability to transfer the designation to the County or its designee.</p>																									
<p>12. Update Conflict of Interest Code</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 01:58:50</i></p> <p>County staff, Angela Ford: reports that the FPPC conflict of interest code needs to be amended to include the position of County Groundwater Sustainability Director.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor to public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: speaks.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: closes the public comment period.</p> <p>Motion by: Vice Chair Turrentine Second by: Treasurer Hamon Motion: Committee moves to approve an update to the Conflict of Interest Code.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="427 1682 1393 1864"> <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>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rob Roberson (Member)</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				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X				Rob Roberson (Member)	X			
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13. Committee Member Comments	There are no additional comments.
14. Upcoming meeting(s)	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 02:04:49</i></p> <p>County GSD, Blaine Reely: notes a special meeting will be scheduled to adopt the Annual Report.</p> <p>Vice Chair Turrentine: comments that it may be appropriate to provide a short report on the work occurring in the Adelaida area.</p> <p>Treasurer Harmon: comments that the Committee and staff should begin strategizing how to address issues like the well in Creston that are below their threshold.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor to public comment, seeing none, closes the public comment period.</p>
15. Future Items	There are no additional comments.
16. Adjourn	Chair Arnold moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

I, Rob Roberson, 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 26, 2022 by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

Rob Roberson, Secretary of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee
Drafted by: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group