## Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee Meeting Guidelines

To keep the meetings focused and productive, they will be conducted in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 1. There is a common understanding that
  - The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (Basin) is an essential agricultural, environmental, and human resource.<sup>1</sup>
  - Studies have shown there are declines in groundwater levels in some areas of the Basin.
  - Committee members are committed to effectively managing this resource and implementing solutions to stabilize or improve groundwater levels.
  - The strategies needed to protect this resource are diverse and will likely entail costs and/or sacrifices by the stakeholders.
  - These costs and/or sacrifices should be equitably borne by the stakeholders.
- 2. Conversation will be focused on solutions, with the prioritized list of solutions approved by the Blue Ribbon Committee as the basic foundation and starting point, and will therefore not include:
  - A review or rehash of past failures
  - Discussion about the past actions or character of any individual community member in relation to the water issue

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Listed in alphabetical order.