

**Groundwater Sustainability Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

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The following members or alternates were present:

**Bob Schiebelhut**, Chair, EVGMWC  
**Mark Zimmer**, Vice Chair, GSWC  
**Dawn Ortiz-Legg** Member, County of San Luis Obispo  
**Dennis Fernandez**, Member, ERMWC/VRMWC  
**Andy Pease**, Member, City of San Luis Obispo

<p><b>1. Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Chair Schiebelhut: calls the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.</p>
<p><b>2. Roll Call</b></p>	<p>City Staff, Mychal Boerman: calls roll.</p>
<p><b>3. Pledge of Allegiance</b></p>	<p>Chair Schiebelhut: leads the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
<p><b>4. Public Comment – Items not on Agenda</b></p>	<p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment; there is none.</p>
<p><b>5. Continued Item from (February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021) on Projects and Management Actions</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting materials and audio for this item can be accessed by visiting:</i>  <a href="https://www.slowaterbasin.com/resources">https://www.slowaterbasin.com/resources</a></p> <p>Project Consultants, Michael Cruikshank and Dan Heimel: present on the continued item from the February 17<sup>th</sup> GSC meeting on concept level projects and management actions and draft project evaluation criteria to achieve sustainability.</p> <p><u>Discussion Summary:</u>  Commission Members and staff discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The process of ranking, categorizing, evaluating, and reevaluating project scores.</li> <li>• Grant funding opportunities and other mechanisms besides the GSP to pursue projects such as stormwater capture and recharge.</li> <li>• Quantity of State Water Project water available for potential recharge.</li> <li>• Considerations for capturing stormwater at peak volume, the physical recharge locations, the City of San Luis Obispo’s allocation of water from Nacimiento and the potential uses for any excess amounts, and the treatment and cost barriers related to using City or State potable water for recharge.</li> <li>• The intent and permissions needed for the proposed offsetting of Varian Ranch groundwater pumping through the direct delivery of groundwater from the Arroyo Grande Subbasin.</li> </ul> <p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment; there is none.</p> <p>Project Consultants, Michael Cruikshank and Dan Heimel: continue the presentation on concept level projects and management actions.</p>

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Discussion Summary:

Commission Members and staff discuss:

- Where State Water Project would be delivered to agricultural users, projects that would result in recharge of the basin, existing storage capacity for State Water Project, basin infiltration, and infrastructure to move water across the basin.
- State Water Project supply variability, treatment, costs, delivery, capacity, timing, use, and the water management tools amendment going to the County board of Supervisors on March 2<sup>nd</sup>; County Staff will come back to the GSC to present on State Water on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment.

Peter Orradre: speaks.

Project Consultants, Michael Cruikshank and Dan Heimel respond to public comments and continue the presentation on concept level projects and management actions.

Discussion Summary:

Commission Members and staff discuss:

- The available storage capacity of the basin, the amount of water that could be taken from the State Water Turnout, how the model can help evaluate capacity, and estimating State Water Project costs per acre foot.
- Future supply availability of produced water associated with operations from the Price Canyon oil field, costs associated with delivery of the discharged water, and the origin of water being used for steam injection during oil production activities.
- The authority to regulate or meter de minimis users, SGMA's definition of 2 AFY for domestic use, evaluating which users are considered to fall under the definition of de minimis use, and the metering of non de minimis production wells.
- The Ventura County Fox Canyon Water Market and if there are considerations for a similar program in the SLO Basin.

Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment.

Peter Orradre: speaks.

Project Consultant, Dave O'Rourke: responds to public comments on storage capacity, references the water budget in Draft Chapter 6 and the expansion of the monitoring well network.

**Motion By: Member Ortiz-Legg**  
**Second By: Chair Schiebelhut**

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	<p><b>Motion:</b> The Commission moves to receive and file the presentation on projects and management actions.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="537 289 1495 520"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andy Pease (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennis Fernandez (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)	X				Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)	X				Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)	X				Andy Pease (Member)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			
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<p><b>6. Future Items</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSC Meeting – March 31, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Draft Chapter 8 – Sustainable Management Criteria</li> <li>• Draft Chapter 9 – Projects and Management Actions</li> <li>• Draft Surface Water/Groundwater Modeling Calibration Technical Memorandum</li> </ul>																														
<p><b>7. Next Regular Meeting</b></p>	<p>March 31, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom</p>																														
<p><b>8. Adjourn</b></p>	<p><b>Motion By: Member Fernandez</b>  <b>Second By: Vice Chair Zimmer</b>  <b>Motion:</b> The Commission moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 PM</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="537 1010 1495 1245"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andy Pease (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennis Fernandez (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)	X				Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)	X				Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)	X				Andy Pease (Member)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			
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