

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

San Luis Obispo Library Community Room  
995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA

Wednesday, April 3, 2019  
1:30 pm

**AGENDA**

1.	Determination of a Quorum and Introductions	1:30pm
2.	Approval of March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes	1:35pm
3.	Ongoing Updates: a. Rain & Reservoir Report b. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts c. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) d. Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP) e. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances f. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information	1:45pm
4.	Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District budget for FY 2019/2020 and Consider Actions	1:55pm
5.	Presentation of Stormwater Resource Plan by Public Works Staff	2:15pm
6.	Updates from Board of Supervisor Districts on Water Issues Relevant to Their Group or Agency	2:40pm
7.	Discuss WRAC By-Laws and Consider Actions	2:50pm
8.	Discuss Future Agenda Items	3:00pm
9.	Public Comment	3:10pm

--- Adjourn by 3:30 pm ---

Next Regular Meeting:        May 1, 2019, 1:30 pm  
   City of SLO Council Chambers,  
   990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA

<http://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/Advisory%20Committee>

**Purpose of the Committee:**

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors specific water resource and water conservation programs with recognition of the economic and environmental values of the programs. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

*Excerpts from WRAC By-Laws dated August 15, 2017*

## MINUTES (DRAFT)

Chairperson: Andy Pease  
Vice Chairperson: Linda Seifert  
Secretary: Ray Dienzo

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) and as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

The audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted to the WRAC are available online: <http://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/Advisory%20Committee>

Call to order at 1:30 PM

1. Determination of Quorum and Introductions

A quorum of 15 is established (12 is required).

Members of certain organizations will be allowed to voice their concerns of water issues relevant to their organization (referenced in agenda item 8).

2. Approval of February 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Alternate Member C. Mulholland requests to no longer be referred to as “Member” due to her current Alternate Member status.

A motion by Member B. Garfinkel and a second by Member T. Mora moves to approve the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes with changes. Meeting Minutes Approved- with changes (15-0-0).

3. Consider Submitting the WRAC 2-18 Annual Report to the County Board of Supervisors

Alternate Member C. Mulholland states that the WRAC report is a good document to submit to the County Board. However, she mentions a grammar error on the last large paragraph of the letter which reads “The committee is now composed of 37 members representing a broad spectrum of agencies or groups, after committee meets, members...” It is suggested that the comma after meets and before members be removed and that “agencies or groups” be changed to “agencies and groups.”

Member S. Sinton motions to follow through with the suggested changes and C. Mulholland seconds the motion.

Member E. Greening asks if the annual report will be conveyed as a consent item for the public to see. County Staff R. Dienzo states that the report is not typically conveyed that

way, however he says that he could request that the annual report be given the same treatment as the Water Conservation Measures. Member E. Greening says that it would be good for the public to see the report since the county operates in the public's interest. Alternate Member C. Mulholland agreed with Member E. Greening. Chairperson A. Pease remarks that a public report would make a good public record for meeting attendance.

Motion for approval- unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.

4. WRAC Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Member E. Greening nominates the incumbent Chairperson A. Pease. Chairperson A. Pease accepts the nomination. Nominations are then closed for Chair.

Chairperson A. Pease is reelected with a roll call vote (17-0-0).

Alternate Member C. Mulholland nominates the incumbent L. Seifert for Vice-Chairperson. Member E. Greening seconds the motion.

Vice- Chairperson L. Seifert is re-elected with a roll call vote (17-0-0).

Both the Chair and Vice-Chair thank everyone for their hard work and dedication.

5. Ongoing Updates

a. Rain and Reservoir Report

Member E. Greening asks about including the San Antonio Reservoir levels in the WRAC reports, despite it not being a county reservoir. County Staff R. Dienzo states that it can be done.

A question is to why Whale Rock Reservoir and Reservoir Canyon is so much lower than other reservoirs, they suggest it to be the fault of a sensor error.

Alternate Member C. Mulholland suggests that it is due to the slow reporting of the reservoir data, since the data only includes January and not February that is the cause for the low stage.

Member E. Greening states that many places are already ahead of their average rainfall.

b. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

There are no comments

c. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

County Staff Brendan Clark states that the website that shows all projects for the upcoming grant was not open until March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He says that the RWMG will be reviewing all the projects submitted in April. He hopes that by the time the May meeting comes around that allows the members to see the application and how funding works. Total funding for this area is around \$ 3 million.

d. Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP)

County Staff S. Crable states that the final Storm Water Resource Plan has been submitted to the State Board and that it is currently under review. The information was submitted on February 28th, 2019. Concurrence is expected in May if all goes well, Proposition 1 funding is expected to be implemented in the late summer. All projects submitted are potentially eligible if a grant application was submitted.

Alternate Member C. Mulholland asks what the acronyms on page 19 in the second paragraph mean, (more specifically what PMT and TAC means,) County S. Crable responds by saying PMT means Project Management Team and that TAC means Technical Advisory Committee. County Staff S. Crable explains that the PMT was comprised of both County, City and consulting teams and that the TAC had a representative for each of the 9 different watersheds. Each representative gave information for what the project would need for their area.

County Staff S. Crable states that public review for the draft has been closed on October 10th, and that the State Water Resources Control Board had reviewed the draft, and once the corrections were made, the final draft was submitted.

Member B. Garfinkel asks why the Los Osos Basin was dropped on the final draft while the fringe area was kept.

e. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

Member E. Greening states that the Board of Supervisors discussed Fractured Rock, which produced a policy direction based upon the ordinances of other counties. He also says that the Tehama County ordinance would be brought back but he hopes that the Napa County ordinance is brought back. Member E. Greening says that he hopes the staff comes to the WRAC members for their input.

Chairperson A. Pease mentions the Cal Poly SLO Master Plan and their plan for obtaining a water source.

f. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

There are no comments.

6. Consider Approving Christine Mulholland as Environmental At-Large Member; Consider Other Applications as they are Submitted

A motion by Vice-Chair L. Seifert for recommendation of Active Member C. Mulholland, second by Member E. Greening. Motion carries by unanimous voice vote in the affirmative

7. Consider Forming a Sub-committee to Review the WRAC By-laws

Due to the formation of certain groups, WRAC has evolved in the decisions of groundwater in the basin. Member E. Greening asks if the WRAC can submit comments to other counties. County Staff R. Dienzo replies by saying that comments can be made individually but not as the entirety of WRAC. The by-laws are to be reviewed prior to the next meeting and if there are any questions or changes that need to be made it can be brought up in the next meeting.

8. Updates from At-Large Members on Water Issues Relevant to Their Group or Agency

Member T. Walters states that there is a housing summit on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Grace Church by Mitchell Park. Active Member C. Mulholland states that people are forgetting about the drought due to the heavy rain we have been receiving. She states that due to the rains people are building and she is unsure that there will be enough water for everyone when the next drought comes. Member E. Greening states that the regional transportation plan done by the state department needs comments from the standpoint of resource sustainability. Member D. Chipping states that we need to prepare for another drought and climate warming. Droughts could be as long as 20 years with some rain in between some years. He states that there is not enough water to sustain us and wildlife during the droughts. Active Member C. Mulholland speaks about Central Coast Salmons' project of measuring countywide baseflows, to fill data gaps on environmental water demand and enhance streamflow data.

9. Discuss Future Agenda Items

Supervisor districts will be discussed next month. Member T. Walters inquired about the storm water resources presentation, it was decided to be carried out next meeting.

10. Public Comment

There are no comments.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:49 PM

**Water Resources Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form**  
**Meeting Date: 3/6/2019**

Organization	Representative	MOTION 1				MOTION 3				MOTION 4							
		AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>DISTRICT</b>																	
District 1	Dennis Loucks	M															
	(Vacant)	A															
District 2	Bill Garfinkle	M	X			X				X							
	Neal MacDougall	A															
District 3	Linda Seifert	M															
	Natalie Risner	A															
District 4	Jim Garing	M															
	(Vacant)	A															
District 5	Greg Grewal	M															
	Erin Faulkner	A															
<b>AT-LARGE</b>																	
Agriculture At-Large	Kurt Bollinger	M															
	vacant	A															
Agriculture At-Large	Jason Yeager	M	X			X				X							
	vacant	A															
Development At-Large	Greg Nester	M															
	Tim Walters	A	X			X				X							
Environmental At-Large	vacant	M															
	Christine Mulholland	A	X			X				X							
Environmental At-Large	Eric Greening	M	X			X				X							
	(Vacant)	A															
Environmental At-Large	David Chipping	M	X			X				X							
	Stephnie Wald	A															
<b>RCDs</b>																	
Coastal San Luis RCD	Linda Chipping	M	X			X				X							
	Rob Rutherford	A															
Upper Salinas RCD	Michael Broadhurst	M															
	Tom Mora	A	X			X				X							
<b>OTHERS</b>																	
Atascadero Mutual	John Neil	M															
	Jaime Hendrickson	A															
California Men's Colony	Scott Buffaloe	M															
	Mike Schwartz	A															
Camp SLO	John Reid	M	X			X				X							
	Jubilee Satale	A															
County Farm Bureau	George Kendall	M															
	James Green	A		X		X				X							
Cuesta College	(Vacant)	M															
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Golden State Water	Anthony Lindstrom	M															
	Matthew Hubbard	A															
Shandon-San Juan Water District	Stephen Sinton	M															
	Kevin Peck	A															
Estrella El Pomar Creston Water District	Lee Nesbit	M															
	Hilary Graves	A															
<b>CITIES</b>																	
City of Arroyo Grande	Lan George	M															
	Kristen Barneich	A															
City of Atascadero	Charles Bourbeau	M		X		X				X							
	Nick DeBar	A															
City of Grover Beach	Desi Lance*	M															
	Jeff Lee	A															
City of Morro Bay	Matt Makowetski	M															
	Rob Livick	A															
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M															
	Kirk Gonzales	A															
City of Pismo Beach	Marcia Guthrie	M															
	Sheila Blake	A															
City of San Luis Obispo	Andy Pease	M	X			X				X							
	Carlyn Christianson	A															
<b>CSDs</b>																	
Avila Beach CSD	Brad Hagemann	M															
	(Vacant)	A															
Cambria CSD	Melissa Bland	M															
	John Allichin	A															
Heritage Ranch CSD	Scott Duffield	M															
	Jason Molinari	A															
Los Osos CSD	Chuck Cesena	M	X			X				X							
	Renee Osborne	A															
Nipomo CSD	Craig Armstrong	M	X			X				X							
	Ed Eby	A															
Oceano CSD	Cynthia Replegle	M															
	Shirley Gibson	A	X			X				X							
San Miguel CSD	(Vacant)	M															
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San Simeon CSD	Charles Grace	M															
	Renee Osborne	A															
Templeton CSD	Tina Mayer	M															
	Geoff English *	A															
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QUORUM (MIN. 12) : 15

**MOTION 1**

Item #: 2 Pass/Fail?: P

Motion Maker: Bill Garfinkle Second: Tom Mora

AYE: 14 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 2 ABSENT: 0

Minutes approved as amended

**MOTION 2 - VOICE VOTE**

Item #: 3 Pass/Fail?: P

Motion Maker: S. Sinton Second: C. Mulholland

AYE: Unanimous NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Consider submitting the WRAC 2018 Annual Report to the County Board of Supervisors; Voice vote unanimous

**MOTION 3**

Item #: 4 Pass/Fail?: P

Motion Maker: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

AYE: 17 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Election- Chair: Andy Pease

**MOTION 4**

Item #: 4 Pass/Fail?: P

Motion Maker: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

AYE: 17 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Election Vice-Chair: Linda Seifert

**MOTION 5 VOICE VOTE**

Item #: 6 Pass/Fail?: P

Motion Maker: L.Seifert Second: E.Greening

AYE: Unanimous NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Approval of Christine Mulholland as Environmental At Large Member: Voice Vote unanimous

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2019

Organization	Representative	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>SUPERVISOR DISTRICT</b>														
District 1	Dennis Loucks	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
District 2	Bill Garfinkel	M		X	X									
	Neal MacDougall	A												
District 3	Linda Seifert	M		X	X									
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	Hilary Graves	A												
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	Nick DeBar	A			X									
City of Grover Beach	Desi Lance *	M		X	X									
	Jeff Lee	A												
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	Rob Livick	A												
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M												
	Kirk Gonzalez	A												
	Keith Larson	O												
City of Pismo Beach	Marcia Guthrie	M												
	Sheila Blake	A												
	Chad Stoehr	O												
City of San Luis Obispo	Andy Pease	M		X	X									
	Carlyn Christianson	A												
	Aaron Floyd	O												
	Mychal Boerman	O		X	X									
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	Mario Iglesias	O												
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	Shirley Gibson	A			X									
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Templeton CSD	Tina Mayer	M												
	Geoff English*	A												
<b>STAFF</b>														
Board of Supervisors	Jen Caffee	Staff												
Agricultural Commissioner	Lynda Auchinachie	Staff		X	X									
Planning and Building	Megan Martin	Staff												
	Brian Pedrotti	Staff												
Public Health Services	Leslie Terry	Staff												
	Megan Lillich	Staff												
Public Works	Courtney Howard	Staff												
	Ray Dienzo	Staff		X										
	Mladen Bandov	Staff		X										
	Angela Ruberto	Staff												
	Brendan Clark	Staff		X	X									
	Sarah Crable	Staff		X	X									

Notes: M = Member; A = Alternate Member; O = Other Representative (Staff, Council, Board, etc.)

**WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)  
GUEST LIST 2019**

Signing-in is voluntary. You may attend the meeting regardless of whether you sign-in.

NAME	AFFILITATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Patricia Wilmore	Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	/	X	X				/	/				
Jean-Pierre Wolff	RWQCB	/						/	/				
Willy Cunha	Shandon-San Juan Water District	/	X					/	/				
Don Chartram	Central Coast Salmon Enhancement	/						/	/				
Mary Margaret McGuine	SSCSD	/	X	X				/	/				
Cortney Murguia	San Simeon CSD	/						/	/				
Devin Best	USLTRCD	/						/	/				
Kendall Stahl	Water Systems Consulting	/						/	/				
Maria Kelly	Justin	/						/	/				
Charlie Cote	S+T Mutual Water Co Los Osos	/						/	/				
Brent Burchett	SLOCounty Farm Bureau	/		X				/	/				
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**TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Ray Dienzo, Supervising Water Resources Engineer**

**DATE: April 3, 2019**

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 3: Ongoing Updates**

**Recommendation**

Receive updates on various ongoing efforts.

**Discussion**

- a) **Rain & Reservoir Report:** See attached report.
- b) **Groundwater Basin Management Efforts**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS AND BASIN UPDATES:**

<b>Basin</b>	<b>Update:</b>
<b>Los Osos Basin Fringe Area</b>	<p>On February 11, 2019, DWR published the Final Recommendations for the Basin Boundary Modifications (BBM). A summary of DWR's Recommendations for the Los Osos Basin BBM are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWR approved the creation of two jurisdictional subbasins: Los Osos Area Subbasin and Warden Creek Subbasin</li> <li>• DWR approved the removal of the southern fringe area</li> <li>• DWR denied the removal of the minor northern fringe area</li> </ul> <p><u>DWR's Next Steps:</u> April/May 2019 - DWR reprioritizes basins/subbasins (using modified boundaries)</p> <p>More information on DWR's prioritization process, please visit:  <a href="https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization">https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization</a></p>
<b>Atascadero Basin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Atascadero Basin was re-prioritized to a "very low" priority basin by the DWR and is, therefore, not subject to SGMA requirements.</li> <li>• The Executive Committee of the Atascadero Basin GSA has approved continuing with preparation of a GSP by January 31, 2022 in order to remain eligible for the Atascadero Basin's awarded GSP Development Grant Funds.</li> <li>• Updates on the Atascadero Basin GSA can be found by visiting:  <a href="http://www.atascaderobasin.com">www.atascaderobasin.com</a></li> </ul>
<b>Santa Maria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 11, 2019 – DWR released Final 2018 Basin Boundary Modifications (BBM). Below are DWR's final decisions on the BBM for the</li> </ul>

<p><b>Basin Fringe Area</b></p>	<p>Santa Maria Basin (<a href="https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Boundary-Modifications">https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Boundary-Modifications</a>):</p> <p><b>DWR approved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designation of Arroyo Grande Creek Valley Subbasin (Arroyo Grande Subbasin)</li> <li>• Removal of Pismo Creek Valley, Nipomo Valley, and Southern Bluffs Fringe Areas</li> </ul> <p><b>DWR denied:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of Ziegler Canyon Fringe Area</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWR will complete the re-prioritization processes of all basins subject to the 2018 basin boundary modifications in Spring 2019.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Paso Robles Basin</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On February 11, 2019, DWR published Final Recommendations for the Basin Boundary Modifications (BBM); two BBMs impacting the Paso Basin are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jurisdictional boundary adjustment making the northern boundary of the Paso Basin coincident with the Monterey/San Luis Obispo County line, placing the Paso Basin entirely within San Luis Obispo County</li> <li>○ Minor revision to the western boundary of the basin, removing the basin area underlying Heritage Ranch Community Services District and making them no longer subject to SGMA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Paso Basin Cooperative Committee is receiving and recommending that the GSAs in the Paso Basin receive and file Draft GSP Chapters as they are developed for the Paso Basin.</li> <li>• In addition to the County's Paso SGMA page, Draft Chapters and Comment Forms can be found by visiting: <a href="http://www.pasogcp.com">www.pasogcp.com</a></li> <li>• The next regular meeting of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee is April 24, 2019 at Paso Robles City Council Chambers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cuyama Basin</b></p>	<p>The Cuyama Basin GSA Board of Directors meet on the first Wednesday of every month starting at 4 pm in Cuyama, CA. The next scheduled meeting is April 3, 2019. Meeting topics will include sections of the groundwater sustainability plan, basin model, management actions, and water budget, as well as public outreach and budget. For additional basin information, please visit: <a href="http://cuyamabasin.org/cuyama-gsa-board">http://cuyamabasin.org/cuyama-gsa-board</a></p>
<p><b>San Luis Obispo Basin</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 4, 2019 – The SLO Basin was designated as a high priority basin (previously designated as a medium priority basin) as a result of the State Department of Water Resources (DWR)'s published final 2018 basin prioritization based on 2016 Basin Boundary Modifications (<a href="https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization">https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization</a>).</li> </ul>

	<p>This does not change the fact that SLO Basin is still required to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan by 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 10, 2019 – The City of San Luis Obispo submitted a Notification of Intent to DWR to initiate development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin.</li> <li>• Winter 2019 – The County has negotiated a contract with the recommended consultant team. It is anticipated that County staff will take the recommended contract to the County Board of Supervisors for consideration of approval in Spring 2019.</li> <li>• Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the basin specific efforts by attending the meetings of the Groundwater Sustainability Commission of the San Luis Obispo Basin (Commission).</li> </ul>
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**County SGMA website** - An interactive mapping tool is available for each medium and high priority basin in the county. Residents can verify whether a specific parcel is within a priority basin boundary, and, therefore, whether the parcel is subject to SGMA requirements. The website also includes other informative materials, such as SGMA fact sheets and recent presentation materials. Visit the website to sign up for the County's SGMA email list, and to visit basin-specific pages at: [www.slocountywater.org/sgma](http://www.slocountywater.org/sgma)

WRAC members and interested stakeholders are encouraged to join the various mailing lists for groundwater basin management efforts:

**San Luis Obispo County's SGMA Mailing List**  
<http://www.slocountywater.org/sgma>

**California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Mailing List**  
<http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/subscribe.cfm>

**c) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)**

The 2019 IRWM is being finalized and a public draft presentation is expected to be in May. More information regarding this public draft presentation will be available soon.

The SLO County RWMG call for projects closed Wednesday, March 27th. Each submitting agency will present their project to the RWMG at the 4/3 regular meeting. 10am -12pm at the SLO City/County Library Community Room.

After an application is selected by the RWMG, selected project proponents will present their projects to the WRAC at the regular May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

To stay up-to-date on all things IRWM, RWMG, & Prop 1 Grant, sign up for the email list, located at: <https://slocountywater.org/site/Frequent%20Downloads/Integrated%20Regional%20Water%20Management%20Plan/>

#### **d) Stormwater Resource Plan**

California Senate Bill No. 985 requires the development of a stormwater resource plan (SWRP) for public agencies to receive grant funds for stormwater and dry weather runoff capture projects.

The City of Arroyo Grande and the County of San Luis Obispo collaborated on the development of a region-wide SWRP. The SWRP must be compliant with the State Water Board's SWRP Guidelines adopted December 15, 2015 and the California Water Code Section 10561-10573. The work completed by the City of Arroyo Grande with Grant Agreement D1612607 is being combined with Task 12 of the County's Department of Water Resources IRWM Planning Grant (Agreement No. 4600011892).

The goals of the County of San Luis Obispo SWRP are to identify and prioritize stormwater and dry weather runoff capture projects in the county through detailed analyses of watershed conditions and processes, surface and groundwater resources, and the multiple benefits that can be achieved through stormwater-related capital projects and other programmatic actions.

#### **Project Updates**

- The Final SWRP was submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources on February 28, 2019 and is currently being reviewed. Concurrence is expected in May 2019.
- The Final SWRP report and appendices are available for viewing on the County's website: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/swrp](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/swrp)
- Solicitation for Proposition 1- Implementation Round 2 grant funding is expected to open in late summer to early fall 2019. Approximately \$90 million is available.

For more information, visit the County of San Luis Obispo's SWRP website and/or sign up for the mailing list at [www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/swrp](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/swrp).

For questions, contact:

Sarah Crable, SWRP Project Manager

Email: [scrable@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:scrable@co.slo.ca.us)

Phone: (805) 788-2760

#### **e) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances**

##### **Countywide Water Conservation Program**

<http://www.slocountywwcp.org>

**Paso Robles Groundwater Basin** – The County is continuing to process building permits that are subject to the fees of the PRGWB. The Cash for Grass program offers \$1 per square foot up to a maximum rebate amount of \$6,000 per household. The Washer Rebate Program offers \$250 per household when replacing an old washer with a new water efficient washer (replacement must save at least 15 gallons). The Plumbing Retrofit Program offers homeowners the opportunity to replace old fixtures with new water efficient fixtures in their homes (limited to 2 toilets, 2 showerheads, and 2 faucet aerators) at no cost from the homeowner.

**Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area** – The County is continuing to process building permits subject to the fees of the NMWCA. The Cash for Grass program offers \$1 per square foot up to a maximum rebate amount of \$6,000 per household. The Washer Rebate Program offers \$250 per household when replacing an old washer with a new water efficient washer (replacement must save at least 15 gallons). The Plumbing Retrofit Program offers homeowners the opportunity to replace old fixtures with new water efficient fixtures in their homes (limited to 2 toilets, 2 showerheads, and 2 faucet aerators) at no cost from the homeowner.

**Los Osos** – The retrofit to build and retrofit on sale program within the community of Los Osos is allowing property owners to retrofit washers within and outside the prohibition zone to acquire retrofit credits. At this time, to earn enough credits to build one single family residence (300 credits), a property owner would need to replace 6-8 washers; a total cost ranging between \$4,000-\$6,000.

For questions, contact:  
Kylie Hensley, Planner  
Email: [khensley@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:khensley@co.slo.ca.us)  
Phone: (805) 781-4979

**f) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information**

WRAC members or members of the public may openly report on any topic related to water conservation including opportunities to be a part of a water conservation focus group, reporting back on water conservation groups that they are a part of, or providing information on water conservation items.

### Rainfall and Reservoir Update

Sub-Region	Area / Rain Station	Average Annual Rainfall	2017-18 Water Year Total Rainfall	2018-19 Water Year												Cumulative Total	% of Total Average
				July 18	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19		
North Coast	Cambria (ALERT #717)	22.0	14.8 (67%)	0	0	0	0.20	3.11	1.61	7.76	6.57	4.29 <sup>A</sup>				23.54	107%
	Whale Rock Reservoir (County Site #166.1)	16.0	11.6 (72%)	0	0	0	0.43	2.66	1.57	3.79	3.76		<sup>C</sup>			12.21	76%
Inland	Paso Robles (County Site #10.0)	14.1	10.8 (76%)	0	0	0	0.28	3.23	1.12	5.30	6.72	2.60 <sup>A</sup>				19.25	136%
	NE Atascadero (ALERT #711)	17.0	9.1 (54%)	0	0	0	0.16	2.68	0.83	4.69	6.57	2.68 <sup>A</sup>				17.61	104%
	Atascadero MWC (County Site #34.0)	17.5	12.2 (70%)	0	0	0	0.16	3.58	1.24	5.82	9.12	3.29 <sup>A</sup>				23.21	133%
	Santa Margarita (ALERT #723)	24.0	13.8 (57%)	0	0	0	0.31	3.70	0.98	8.23	9.65	4.76 <sup>A</sup>				27.63	115%
	Salinas Dam (County Site #94)	20.9	13.8 (66%)	0	0	0	0.91	4.63	0.98	8.30	12.66	5.27 <sup>A</sup>				32.75	157%
South Coast	SLO Reservoir (ALERT #749)	24.0	13.1 (55%)	0	0	0	0.52	4.41	1.07	5.60	5.63	7.17 <sup>A</sup>				24.40	102%
	Lopez Dam (ALERT #737)	21.0	11.7 (56%)	0	0	0	0.63	2.66	1.14	7.06	7.21	4.29 <sup>A</sup>				22.99	109%
	Nipomo South (ALERT #730)	16.0	8.8 (55%)	0	0	0	0.28	1.65	0.79	4.45	4.45	2.91 <sup>A</sup>				14.53	91%
	Nipomo East (ALERT #728)	18.0	9.6 (53%)	0	0	0	0.31	2.28	1.06	5.12	4.53	3.46 <sup>A</sup>				16.76	93%

A - Report generated at 10:58 A.M. on 02/26/2019  
 B - Due to an equipment malfunction, not all rain was recorded at this site.  
 C - Information not available at time of update

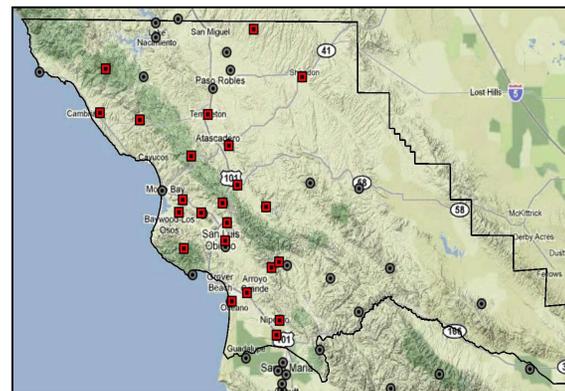
Notes:  
 This table contains provisional data from automated gauges and has not been verified.  
 All units reported in inches.

### Reservoir Update

Reservoir	Date	Water Elevation (ft)	Spillway Elevation (ft)	Storage (acre-feet)	Capacity (%)
Nacimiento Reservoir	February 26, 2019	777.1	787.75 - 800.0 (wigates fully inflated)	259,265	69%
	February 26, 2018	750.3		151,985	40%
San Antonio Reservoir	February 26, 2019	721.7	780.0	108,050	32%
	February 26, 2018				
Lopez Reservoir	February 26, 2019	488.4	522.7	24,056	49%
	February 26, 2018	489.6		24,751	50%
Salinas Reservoir (Santa Margarita Lake)	February 26, 2019	1,301.1	1300.7	24,079	101%
	February 26, 2018	1,293.7		19,047	80%
Whale Rock Reservoir	February 20, 2019	202.6	218.3	31,620	81%
	February 20, 2018	195.9		28,292	73%
Twitchell Reservoir	February 26, 2019	567.9	651.5	20,714	11%
	February 27, 2018	541.5		3,298	2%

**note 1:** Historically, Twitchell Reservoir elevation gauge does not report values below 539 ft. Twitchell Reservoir was designed for protection from flood and drought. Excess rain runoff is stored in the reservoir protecting the valley from flood, then water is released as quickly as possible while still allowing it to recharge the groundwater basin.  
**note 2:** In May 2014, the Whale Rock Commission adopted a new Bathymetric Study and Volumetric Analysis with new lake capacity and spillway elevation values. Those new values are reflected in this report

### Select Real-Time Rain Gauges in SLO County



Notes:  
 Sites maintained by County staff are identified with red squares.  
 Sites maintained by other agencies are identified with black circles.  
 For more information, please contact Joe Betancourt, (805)781-2767.

**TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Division Manager**

**DATE: April 3, 2019**

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item #4: Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District budget for FY 2019/2020 and Consider Actions**

### **Recommendations**

Receive a presentation from Public Works Department Staff on the proposed Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20 budget request and consider taking related actions.

### **Discussion**

The proposed FY 2019/20 budget for “Flood Control General” (Attachment 1) has been prepared in accordance with the District policies adopted by the Board on November 1, 2016 (Attachment 2) and includes an updated 5-year plan. Attachment 3 provides a general description of the work programs included in the budget request. In the past, the WRAC has opined on whether it supports the proposed budget, sometimes through an ad-hoc subcommittee.

The budgeting practices implemented last year have been continued, including:

- Requesting funding consistent with the 5-year plan rather than on a case by case basis
- Providing information on labor, operations and special projects
- Designation of two reserves – one to isolate \$3.1M for emergencies and one to isolate the balance of reserves that are available for special projects and/or additional priorities

After accounting for regional services, commitments and organizational needs, funding is included to support Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) efforts in each basin should additional technical work be

necessary for completing Groundwater Sustainability Plans on time or to support start-up efforts. Unused funds return to reserves for future allocation to support District needs.

While not likely, please note that the proposed budget may be subject to modification to address any unanticipated needs prior to Board budget hearings that are scheduled for June 10 – 12, 2019.

Attachment:

1. FCD FY 2019/20 proposed budget request and 5-year plan
2. FCD Policy
3. FCD Work Programs



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<b>Labor Extract</b>	<b>Approved Budget 2018-2019</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2019-2020</b>	<b>Increase / (Decrease)</b>
Water Resources	17,963	15,578	(2,385)
Admin: GIS & Software Engineer	1,600	2,341	741
Environmental	60	88	28
Utilities	148	146	(2)
Finance	865	960	95
<b>LABOR HRS 4</b>	<b>20,636</b>	<b>19,113</b>	<b>(1,523)</b>
<b>LABOR DOLLARS (including OH)</b>	<b>\$2,279,916</b>	<b>\$2,216,029</b>	<b>(\$63,887)</b>

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<b>Reserves 5,6</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>BALANCE AS OF 6/30/2018</b>			<b>5,890,360</b>
PROJECTED INCREASE / (DECREASE) TO RESERVES	2,511,804	(591,519)	1,920,285
<b>ANTICIPATED BALANCE 6/30/19</b>			<b>7,810,645</b>
LESS \$3.1 MINIMUM THRESHOLD (BOS 11/1/16)			(3,100,000)
<b>ANTICIPATED BALANCE AVAILABLE 6/30/19 7</b>			<b>4,710,645</b>

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**Footnotes**

- 1 Operations budget excludes Non Operations budgets involving timing differences between years: grants (net zero over length of grant), loans (net zero over length of loan), and budget carryforwards from prior year. Non Operations budget available upon request
- 2 Annual repayment of Loans: Los Osos Fund FY1516 \$1,567,000 (Debt Reserve requirement) and FY1617 \$1,185,000 (cash flow) and to CSA16 FY1516 \$89,662 (cash flow).
- 3 Auditors Office charge to pay for their costs associated with the collection of property taxes.
- 4 Labor decrease due to a portion of labor on SGMA efforts allocated to General Fund.
- 5 Influences on Reserves include Operations (above), and Non Operations (primarily grants and loans timing differences between fiscal years.)
- 6 Reserve accounts 3250115 "Facilities" and 3250264 "Monitoring Equipment" were replaced with 3250315 "Emergencies" (to isolate the \$3.1M emergency threshold) and 3250540 "Projects and Seeds" (balance of reserves). This change does not change the cumulative dollar amounts in Reserves
- 7 Anticipated Reserve Balance Available as of 6/30/19 ties to Water Resources 5 Year Plan.

Flood Control General

District General Fund 5-Year Projection

5-Year Special Priority Project Plan

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		2018/19 Budgeted	2019/20 Projected	2020/21 Projected	2021/22 Projected	2022/23 Projected	
<b>REVENUES</b>							
<b>Operations</b>	Beginning Balance	\$ 9,952,652					
	Property Taxes	\$ 2,848,431	\$ 3,006,567	\$ 3,096,764	\$ 3,189,667	\$ 3,285,357	
	Other Revenue	35,000	100,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 2,883,431	\$ 3,106,567	\$ 3,121,764	\$ 3,214,667	\$ 3,310,357	
	<b>Other</b>						
From Other Funds	[D] pg 2: expense offset	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Loan Reimbursements	[E] pg 2: expense offset	2,277,198	1,877,198	1,877,198	1,877,198	1,877,198	
Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted)	[F] pg 2: expense offset	2,200,000	-	-	-	-	
Grants Pass-Through (Anticipated)	[G] pg 2: expense offset	3,432,363	3,735,570	3,410,580	3,410,580		
<i>Subtotal</i>		\$ 7,909,561	\$ 5,672,768	\$ 5,287,778	\$ 5,287,778	\$ 1,877,198	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		\$ 10,792,992	\$ 8,779,335	\$ 8,409,543	\$ 8,502,445	\$ 5,187,555	
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Operations</b>	Payroll	\$ 2,279,916	\$ 2,216,029	\$ 2,326,830	\$ 2,443,172	\$ 2,565,330	
	Ongoing Operations and Overhead	446,336	430,756	452,294	474,909	498,654	
	Limited Term Contracts from Prior Year	84,234					
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 2,810,486	\$ 2,646,785	\$ 2,779,124	\$ 2,918,080	\$ 3,063,984	
<b>Money Available for Special Projects Categories A, B, and C</b>		\$ 7,982,506	\$ 11,434,715	\$ 10,341,063	\$ 10,089,348	\$ 6,026,839	
<b>Assuming allocation to Special Projects Categories A and B, Remainder Available for Category C</b>		\$ (150,488)	\$ 5,385,645	\$ 4,879,983	\$ 4,303,268	\$ 4,126,339	
<b>Special Projects</b>	A) Regional Services and Commitments	[A] pg 2	\$ 595,000	\$ 585,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 775,000	\$ 300,000
	B) Organizational Needs	[B] pg 2	7,537,994	5,464,070	5,061,080	5,011,080	1,600,500
	C) Other Projects and Programs	[C] pg 2	1,400,000	675,000	375,000	400,000	4,126,339
	<i>Subtotal</i>		\$ 9,532,994	\$ 6,724,070	\$ 5,836,080	\$ 6,186,080	\$ 6,026,839
<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$ 12,343,480	\$ 9,370,855	\$ 8,615,204	\$ 9,104,160	\$ 9,090,823	
<b>RESERVES SUBTOTAL</b>							
Maintain \$3.1M Minimum Threshold (BOS 11/1/16)		(3,100,000)	(3,100,000)	(3,100,000)	(3,100,000)	(3,100,000)	
<b>PROJECTED AVAILABLE RESERVES PER PROPOSED POLICY</b>		\$ 5,302,164	\$ 4,710,645	\$ 4,504,983	\$ 3,903,268	\$ (0)	

Flood Control General

5-Year Special Priority Project Plan

District General Fund 5-Year Projection

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PRIORITY	PROJECT		2018/19 Budgeted	2019/20 Projected	2020/21 Projected	2021/22 Projected	2022/23 Projected
<b>[A] Regional Services and Commitments</b>	Emergency Interties Feasibility	Regional Resiliency PIng	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000			
	Cloudseeding Feasibility	Regional Resiliency PIng					
	Desalination Feasibility	Regional Resiliency PIng	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
	Salinas Dam Expansion/Retrofit Feasibility	Regional Resiliency PIng	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
	Technical USBR Salinas River Basin Study	Agreement with USBR	50,000	50,000			
	IRWM Planning Grant Applications	IRWM Lead Agency					
<b>[G] Grants Pass-Through (Anticipated)</b>	IRWM Prop 1 Planning Grant 2016 Plan Update Consultants	IRWM Lead Agency					
	IRWM Plan Update (Grant Match or Future Efforts)	IRWM Lead Agency				400,000	
	Countywide Stormwater Resources Plan	IRWM Lead Agency					
	IRWM Implementation Grant Applications	IRWM Lead Agency	120,000	85,000			
	SGPGP Prop 1 Cnty w/Stressed Basins 2016 Grnt Match Efforts	Grant Agreement					
	Key Well Index	CASGEM Monitoring Entity					
	Telemetry Modernization	CASGEM Monitoring Entity	50,000	75,000	75,000	50,000	
	CASGEM Data Gaps	CASGEM Monitoring Entity	150,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
	Hydrologic Database and Reporting Development	CASGEM Monitoring Entity	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
	Countywide Flood Management Planning	Regional Flood PIng	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$ 595,000</b>	<b>\$ 585,000</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>	<b>\$ 775,000</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>
<b>[B] Organizational Needs</b>							
<b>[D] To Other Funds</b>	To FCZ4 for Basin Maintenance		\$ -	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>[D] To Other Funds</b>	To FCZ16 for Basin Maintenance		20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500
<b>[D] To Other Funds</b>	To FC201 for SGMA		610,342				
<b>[D] To Other Funds</b>	To FCZ9 pass-thru from FCZ1			60,000			
<b>[E] Loans issued</b>	Los Osos WWP Conservation Program Loan		50,000	50,000	50,000		
<b>[E] Loans issued</b>	1617 Los Osos cash flow loan (pending)		1,580,000	1,580,000	1,580,000	1,580,000	1,580,000
<b>[F] Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted)</b>	Grant Pass Through						
<b>[F] Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted)</b>	IRWM Prop 84 Implementation Grant 2011: To FCZ1/1A		2,200,000				
<b>[F] Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted)</b>	IRWM Prop 84 Implementation Grant 2011: To Los Osos						
<b>[F] Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted)</b>	SGPGP Prop 1 Cnty w/Stressed Basins 2016						
<b>[F] Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted)</b>	IRWM Prop 1 Planning Grant 2016		69,132				
<b>[G] Grants Pass-Through (Anticipated)</b>	IRWM Prop 84 Implementation Grant 2015		3,008,020				
<b>[G] Grants Pass-Through (Anticipated)</b>	DP&FPP Prop 1E Implementation Grant 2011: FCZ1/1A			2,797,000			
<b>[G] Grants Pass-Through (Anticipated)</b>	IRWM Prop 1 Disadvantaged Communities Involvement 2017			938,570			
<b>[G] Grants Pass-Through (Anticipated)</b>	IRWM Prop 1 Implementation Grant 2018 & 2020			-	3,410,580	3,410,580	
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$ 7,537,994</b>	<b>\$ 5,464,070</b>	<b>\$ 5,061,080</b>	<b>\$ 5,011,080</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,500</b>
<b>[C] Other Projects and Programs</b>		Grant Opp					
Regional Resiliency	Initial Implementation/Partner Share	Potential					
Cuyama Basin	Governance Cost Share Contribution	Beneficiaries	-	50,000	-	-	4,126,339
	Technical Model update to 118 boundary	Potential	225,000				
Los Osos Basin	Governance Cost Share Contribution	Beneficiaries	225,000	50,000	50,000		
	Technical Characterization/Water Balance/Model	Potential					
Paso & Atascadero Basin	Governance Cost Share Contribution	Beneficiaries	500,000	350,000	200,000	100,000	
	Technical Huer Huero Recharge Study	Received					
	Technical Model update to 118 boundary	Potential					
SLO Basin	Governance Cost Share Contribution	Beneficiaries	225,000	125,000	75,000	175,000	
	<b>[G] Grants Pass-Through (Anticipated)</b> San Luis Basin Characterization (Stressed Basins Grant)	Received					
	Technical San Luis Basin Characterization (Grant Match)	Received					
Santa Maria Basin	Governance Cost Share Contribution	Beneficiaries	225,000	100,000	50,000	125,000	
	Technical Update Characterization/Model to 118 boundary	Potential					
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$ 1,400,000</b>	<b>\$ 675,000</b>	<b>\$ 375,000</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,126,339</b>
	<b>ANTICIPATED PROJECT COSTS</b>		<b>\$ 9,532,994</b>	<b>\$ 6,724,070</b>	<b>\$ 5,836,080</b>	<b>\$ 6,186,080</b>	<b>\$ 6,026,839</b>

NOTES:  
 1. This Plan identifies non-labor funding needs (e.g. consultants, equipment, etc.) that are timed in accordance with prioritization of needs and available staff time. Advancing efforts may require additional staff.  
 2. Projection includes a 3% annual increase in tax revenue and a 5% payroll inflation factor per year for step increases, compensation increases, and equity adjustments after original estimate.  
 3. Difference between Grant Pass-Through in the Revenue section and the Grant Pass-Through in the Expense section is the amount anticipated to be retained by Public Works to fund internal administration costs (labor).

Courtesy H.

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*of the*

## SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

**PRESENT:** Supervisors Frank R. Mecham, Bruce S. Gibson, Adam Hill, Debbie Arnold,  
and Chairperson Lynn Compton

**ABSENT:** None

### RESOLUTION NO. 2016-281

#### RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND RESERVES

The following resolution is now offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 68-223 which established a policy regarding surveillance of potential drainage problems within the District and the manner in which any necessary remedial measures (planning, design, construction, financing and maintenance of drainage facilities) would be funded (1968 Policy); and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the objects and purposes of the District set forth in the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act, the District provides services that extend beyond drainage and flood control services, including, without limitation, services related to the prevention of waste or diminution of the water supply in the District; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to being narrowly focused, the 1968 Policy contains provisions, particularly provisions related to financing, that have not been updated to reflect changes in law, including, without limitation, Proposition 218; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, the District has determined that the 1968 Policy should be replaced with an updated policy that reflects the broad range of services provided or anticipated to be provided by the District to help achieve sustainable water resources in all areas of the District and that is consistent with public financing laws.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDERED AND DETERMINED** by the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, State of California, that the District General Fund budget and reserves shall be managed in accordance with the following principles:

1. The District shall use available funds for services intended to result in the following:
  - a. Development of a common understanding of conditions (e.g. regional data collection, technical studies);
  - b. Definition of sustainability goals (e.g. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program implementation);
  - c. Identification of feasible solutions to meet goals (e.g. feasibility studies); and
  - d. Facilitation of the initial implementation of identified solutions (e.g. District zones of benefit)
2. In its determination of the manner in which various services falling within Section 1 will be funded through the development of the annual District General Fund budget, the District shall allocate funding in accordance with the following priority order:
  - a. Existing regional programmatic services and commitments;
  - b. District financing needs and other County-provided services related to water resources; and
  - c. Other projects and programs that come forward through the IRWM project solicitation and grant application process or are otherwise identified by regional and/or sub-regional stakeholder groups and are financially supported by entities other than the District (e.g. cost-shared, grant-funded or otherwise cost-recoverable area-specific services such as basin characterizations/models and drainage studies).
3. When a long-term solution(s) is identified for implementation, such as an infrastructure project, management of a shared source of supply or management of flood and/or storm waters, use of the annual District General Fund budget shall be limited to facilitating services related to its initial implementation, including institutional structure formation (e.g. creation of a zone of benefit of the District) and funding processes (e.g. establishment of a fee, assessment or tax), preliminary project

development and cash flow/start-up costs. If such services become funded, the District shall seek reimbursement (e.g. from a successfully formed and funded zone of benefit of the District) to the extent possible.

4. The annual District General Fund budget shall be developed and managed in a manner that builds reserves in times while needs beyond existing regional programmatic services are still being identified so that funding is available when services to address such needs are ready for implementation.
5. For annual budgeting and emergency preparedness purposes, the minimum threshold for District reserves shall be \$3,100,000.
6. This policy shall supersede the 1968 Policy.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gibson, seconded by Supervisor Mecham, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Gibson, Mecham, Hill, Arnold and Chairperson Compton

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted on the 1st day of November, 2016.

Lynn Compton  
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Tommy Gong

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Jandy Currens  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL  
County Counsel

By: /s/Erica Stuckey  
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: October 14, 2016

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,        }  
County of San Luis Obispo,    }    ss.

I, Tommy Gong, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this 15th day of November, 2016.

Tommy Gong  
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By Sandy Currens  
Deputy Clerk



San Luis Obispo County  
Flood Control and Water Conservation District  
District General Fund  
Work Programs

A. Management

Efforts in this category include supporting the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC), District strategic planning and budgeting efforts, public information requests and inter/intra-department coordination. Staff has created a multi-department water “superteam” that meets monthly to discuss key interrelated water management efforts such as the Resource Management System, data collection and organization efforts and other projects and programs with water resources implications. Its mission is to influence and create consistency amongst water-related policies and programs for the purpose of achieving sustainable communities in alignment with the County’s values.

B. Regional Program

a. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program

IRWM Program efforts include implementing and updating the Plan, coordinating with the Regional Water Management Group, monitoring State and funding area activities relevant to IRWM, administration of the implementation and planning grant agreements with the State and project proponents, and the development of future implementation grant applications.

b. Water Conservation Management

A condition of obtaining an IRWM grant includes compliance with AB 1420, which requires implementation of certain conservation best management practices (BMPs) by wholesalers. Certain BMPs are best implemented by the District on a regional basis, while others should be addressed in the Lopez Zone 3 Funds. For example, BMPs 1.11, 2.1, 2.2 – Conservation Coordinator, Public Information and School Education should be implemented regionally, while BMP 1.13– Wholesale Agency Assistance Programs and BMP 1.2 – System Water Audits, Leak Detection/Repair are specific to the wholesale operations. In addition to labor, funding is included to cover the cost of outreach materials and programs, and supporting the Resource Conservation Districts’ mobile irrigation audit lab programs.

c. Regional Resiliency Planning

Due to concerns associated with extended drought, and stressed groundwater basins and watersheds, efforts under the regional program include preliminary, updated investigations into the feasibility of additional regional infrastructure, installing the gates on Salinas Dam, recharge with stormwater and desalination as options to address drought resiliency, existing deficiencies and future needs.

### C. Technical Program

Overall, the Program, as described below, includes ongoing Hydrologic Data collection and management efforts, California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program compliance efforts and a contract with the US Geological Survey to share the cost of 3 stream gauges.

#### a. Hydrologic Data

This budget allocation covers the following efforts:

Data Management System. This includes processing and entering all historical hydrologic data into the data management software and web interface, developing standardized reports for the data, and utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to report and organize the information. Other efforts include trouble shooting data errors as well producing guidance manuals for the overall program.

Groundwater Data. This includes groundwater data collection efforts including groundwater monitoring, measuring, management, and analysis, and both field and office work related to groundwater sites and the associated data.

Stream Data. This includes stream data collection efforts including stream calibrating, management, and analysis, and both field and office work related to stream gauging sites and the associated data.

Precipitation Data. This includes rain data collection efforts including rain gauge maintenance, management, and rainfall/intensity analysis, and both field and office work related to rain sites and the associated data.

Hydrologic Reporting. Once the Data Management System is implemented, it is anticipated that the District will generate an annual Hydrologic Report, using the Data Management System report formatting and a GIS interface.

Office Technical Support. This includes technical support of computer software and equipment related to the automated collection and reporting of Groundwater Data, Stream Data, or Precipitation, and other office-related efforts such as maintenance and enhancement of the slocountywater.org website.

CIMIS (California Irrigation Management Information System) Stations. This includes working on existing CIMIS station maintenance efforts.

#### b. CASGEM

The budget allocation is for CASGEM program compliance tasks such as efforts to add new volunteer wells to the program, developing and implementing monitoring plans, and

coordinating with State and local agencies.

c. Joint Monitoring with USGS

This budget allocation is for sharing the cost of the operation and maintenance of three stream gauges: one on the Salinas River (in Paso Robles), a second station is upstream of the Lopez Reservoir and the third is in Santa Barbara Canyon Creek near Ventucopa.

D. Groundwater Management Program

Work efforts under this program include coordination with stakeholders in groundwater basins that are subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), and with stakeholders in other groundwater basins or areas as resources allow, in accordance with the County's SGMA Implementation Strategy. Tasks include participating on or coordinating with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, monitoring State activities, helping to establish formal groundwater basin boundaries with the State, providing data and other requested technical support as resources allow in the development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs).

E. Watershed Management Program

This allocation supports general drainage and flood control efforts in 25 watersheds including responding to constituents, investigating drainage issues, programs, and flooding problems for all County areas, consistent with the Board of Supervisors adopted policy on surveillance of drainage and flood control problems. Efforts to update drainage studies are anticipated to involve consideration of integrated water management objectives of supply enhancement and water quality improvement. The intent of the program is to provide the technical support needed should communities wish to pursue grants and/or establish Zones of Benefit that would fund maintenance, design, and implementation of watershed/drainage/flood management projects.

Zones of Benefit

The following is a brief description of the various funding efforts for the established Zones of Benefit.

- a) *Zone 1/1A* - This zone's budget includes annual vegetation and maintenance for the 3.5 miles of the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee system.
- b) *Zone 3* - This budget includes all tasks related to Lopez dam maintenance, the Lopez water treatment plant, water deliveries, and associated water distribution system.
- c) *Zone 4* - Funding transferred to Santa Barbara County for the maintenance of the Santa Maria levee system.
- d) *Zone 9* - Funding for the San Luis Obispo Creek Watershed. The City of San Luis Obispo and County coordinate on vegetation and sediment management of San Luis Obispo Creek and its tributaries as well as project development of

- flood control improvement projects such as the Mid-Higuera By-Pass project.
- e) *Zone 16* – Provides for maintenance of thirty-five (35) drainage basins throughout the District.
  - f) *Zone 18* – Funding for maintenance of the Cambria detention basin. The basin was constructed with FEMA grant funding and is required to have separate funding for its maintenance and environmental compliance measures.

**TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Ray Dienzo, Supervising Water Resources Engineer**

**DATE: April 3, 2019**

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 7: Discuss WRAC By-laws and Consider Actions**

**Recommendation**

Discuss WRAC By-laws and Consider Actions if needed.

**Discussion**

As stated in the WRAC By-laws, Article V.3, the WRAC shall review the by-laws “biannually for recommended updates or more often if requested by the Board of Supervisors”

The last update to the By-laws were adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 15, 2017.

As discussed in the March 6, 2019 WRAC meeting, the WRAC will review the By-laws prior to the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Any suggested changes will be discussed, and actions considered.

Attachments:

Current WRAC By-Laws adopted on 8/15/2017

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I Purposes of the Committee**

1. To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The Committee shall determine the needs and financial capabilities of the District with respect to water resources and upon deliberation shall convey their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.
2. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors specific water resource and water conservation programs with recognition of the economic and environmental values of the programs. Further, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors other programs concerning the objectives and purposes of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act.
3. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

**ARTICLE II Members**

1. Membership on the Committee shall be available to the following agencies or groups (agencies):
  - a. Each Incorporated City
  - b. Each Supervisorial District
  - c. Each Water Serving Independent Special District
  - d. Each California Water District
  - e. Each Groundwater Sustainability Agency not otherwise represented on this Committee
  - f. Each Resource Conservation District
  - g. Atascadero Mutual Water Company
  - h. California Men's Colony
  - i. Camp San Luis Obispo
  - j. Cuesta Community College
  - k. Golden State Water Company
  - l. County Farm Bureau
  - m. Environmental At-Large (3 members)
  - n. Agriculture At-Large (2 members)
  - o. Development At-Large (1 member)
2. Each agency or group may have a member and an alternate. No member or alternate shall represent more than one agency or group.
3. Members (and alternates) for agencies shall be nominated by their agency and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

4. Members (and alternates) for the Supervisorial Districts shall be nominated by the Supervisor of that district and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors. Such representatives shall reside in, and represent their District at the pleasure of the District's supervisor.
5. The two Agricultural At-Large members (and their alternates) shall be selected by the Board of Supervisors from applicants engaged in production agriculture. Their terms shall be for two years, to be replaced or reaffirmed in February of odd numbered years.
6. The three Environmental At-Large members (and their alternates) shall be selected by the Board of Supervisors from applicants with a record of membership in one or more environmental groups and/or independent environmental activism. Their terms shall be for two years, to be replaced or reaffirmed in February of odd numbered years.
7. The Development At-Large member (and alternate) shall be selected by the Board of Supervisors from applicants engaged in the building and construction industry. Preference shall be given to applicants that have written support from an organization that represents the home or commercial building industry. Their terms shall be for two years, to be replaced or reaffirmed in February of odd numbered years.
8. Members are encouraged to provide an update on water resource issues relevant to their group or agency at least once per year.
9. Three successive unexcused absences of a member without notifying the Committee, if no alternate is representing the member, shall be cause for the member to be dropped from the Committee and the member and the member's agency shall be notified and nomination of a new representative requested. If the agency is non-responsive, the membership position for that member will be terminated two months after notification. The agency may reapply for a representative at a later date. For At-Large positions the seat on the committee may be opened for nomination of a replacement member after the second month has passed since notification.
10. This Committee shall comply with all applicable laws, including the Ralph M. Brown Act.
11. Members and alternates serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors.

### **ARTICLE III Meetings**

1. Meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month except for July and August. If a majority vote of members present in a regular meeting approve, the July and/or August meeting may be held, and any regular meeting may be postponed if it would fall on a holiday.
2. Meetings shall begin at 1:30 p.m. and shall continue for no more than two hours unless extended time is approved by a majority vote.
3. The Chairperson, or the Vice Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence, may call a Special Meeting after proper notification of the Committee members. Proper notification shall be deemed to have been met if such notification is written and is delivered

personally, by mail, by email with a confirmation receipt, or by direct contact by telephone at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

4. Meetings may be canceled by vote of the committee in a meeting. If there are insufficient items to justify a meeting it may be canceled by agreement between the Chairperson and Secretary. Notice of canceled meetings shall be the same as for special meetings.
5. Twelve members, or their alternates in their absence, shall constitute a quorum.
6. Any decision or recommendation to the Board of Supervisors shall require a majority vote by Committee members present, or their alternates, for passage.
7. Every member agency shall have one vote. This vote may be cast by the member or the alternate.
8. Meetings shall be open to the public and members of other governmental agencies. Visitors may express opinions or make requests during public comment. The Chairperson may open and close the meeting to public comment.
9. The Committee may create an ad hoc subcommittee for a specific period of time to review specific matters before the Committee. The subcommittee shall be appointed by the Chair and consist of members and alternates of the Committee. The Chair may also appoint members of the public to a subcommittee, subject to majority approval by the WRAC and the Brown Act and provided that such members of the public do not constitute a majority of the subcommittee. The Chair will ensure that the subcommittee does not contain a quorum of the Committee. The subcommittee shall report its findings and conclusions to the Committee for further consideration by the Committee.

#### **ARTICLE IV Officers**

1. Officers of the Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.
2. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee shall be selected from the members of the Committee and elected by a majority vote of the members present. The Secretary shall be County Public Works staff assigned annually by the County Public Works Department Director.
3. Election of Officers shall be done annually at the March meeting of the Committee.
4. Vacated elected offices shall be filled by election/appointment by the Committee. The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the Chairpersonship in the event of absence of the Chairperson.

#### **ARTICLE V Administration**

## WRAC BYLAWS

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1. The Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, shall prepare the agenda for each regular and special meeting of the WRAC. Any WRAC member may contact the Secretary and Chairperson and request that an item be placed on the regular meeting agenda no later than 4:30 p.m. twelve calendar days prior to the applicable meeting date. Such a request must be also submitted in writing either at the time of communication with the Secretary or delivered to the County Public Works Department within the next working day. Consideration of the request by the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, for inclusion on the agenda will be limited to include review for consistency with District and Board of Supervisors priorities, the mandate of the WRAC, and available time.
2. The Chairperson, in cooperation with the Secretary, shall prepare an Annual Report for review by the WRAC no later than the March meeting date. The Annual Report shall include a summary of WRAC activities, actions and outcomes for the previous year, and current status of continuing efforts. The Annual Report shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors after review by the WRAC.
3. Bylaws shall be reviewed biannually for recommended updates or more often if requested by the Board of Supervisors.

**TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Ray Dienzo, Supervising Water Resources Engineer**

**DATE: April 3, 2019**

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 8: Discuss Future Agenda Items**

The WRAC Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, prepares the agenda for each WRAC meeting. Inclusion of suggested future agenda items on the agenda will be limited to include review for consistency with District and Board of Supervisors priorities, the mandate of the WRAC, and available time.

**Areas of Interest**

- In-stream requirements for ecosystem species
- Projects/Programs that integrate flood management, water quality and groundwater recharge
- On-site water/energy efficiency practices (e.g. energy generating greywater systems, septic system conversions)
- Well permitting regulation as a tool for groundwater management
- Desalination opportunities
- Consider recommending to the Board that groundwater pumpers within groundwater basins that have Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) have direct representation within their GSA's.
- Impact of climate change on water resources – speaker from Central Coast Water Board
- Mark Battany – soil moisture, evapotranspiration
- Urban water loss audits, how to recover water loss, costs
- Partners in Water Conservation update
- Urban Water and Carbon Sequestration
- Healthy Soils Initiative
- Pajaro recharge basins speaker
- County legislative platform for water resources issues
- Lake Nacimiento-Lake San Antonio Tunnel
- Consider Recreational Resources to be under purview of WRAC
- Update in policy related to groundwater in fractured rock

**Ongoing Updates/Regular Items** – can be seen in the previous month's agenda

**Excerpt from WRAC By-laws dated August 15, 2017**

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