

MINUTES (Approved)

Chairperson: Andy Pease
Vice Chairperson: Ray Dienzo
Secretary: Brendan Clark

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) and Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **May 4, 2022** 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: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-\(WRAC\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-(WRAC).aspx)

Call to order at 1:30 PM

1) Determination of a Quorum and Introductions (WRAC)

WRAC Members present: 11. Quorum not met.

2) Determination of a Quorum – Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)

RWMG Members present: 5. Quorum met.

3) Approval of March 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Unable to approve until quorum is met. Rescheduled for June meeting.

4) WRAC Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (WRAC)

Unable to hold elections until quorum is met. Rescheduled for June meeting.

5) Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget for FY 2022-23 and Consider Actions (WRAC)

A. Pease introduces the item and C. Howard presents on the Proposed Flood Control District FY 2022/23 Budget.

David Chipping asks for clarification on which agencies or groups are involved in decision making for the managed and unmanaged basins/areas within the County. C. Howard responds.

B. Clark discusses the Regional Program Priorities.

A. Ford discusses the Subregional Program Priorities.

T. Burhenn asks for clarification on which specific agency is interested of taking over ownership of Salinas Dam. A. Ford responds.

C. Mulholland asks if the County is considering the history of Salinas Dam and the interests of the people regarding the fundamental opposition of expanding the dam due to the upstream issues and drought during the planning process. A. Ford responds.

E. Greening (30:15) asks if part of the Salinas Dam planning effort involves renegotiating the live stream agreement. A. Ford responds.

C. Howard discusses the Technical Program Priorities.

D. Chipping comments on the implementation of SGMA and the differences between monitoring groundwater levels and monitoring/limiting groundwater extractions.

C. Mulholland comments on the importance of monitoring groundwater extractions. C. Howard responds.

T. Burhenn asks if the County/District has the authority to monitor groundwater extractions in non SGMA basins, if it is possible to attain that authority, and whether it is a state law or County decision to do so. C. Howard responds.

E. Greening asks about the funding amounts in categories related to grant administration, grant implementation, and WRAC coordination. C. Howard responds.

P. Wilmore asks for clarification on the District's funding for Sustainability Goals in non SGMA basins, whether the District is funding any portion of the Groundwater Sustainability Department, and if the Desal Plan is considering specific sites for the project. C. Howard responds. P. Wilmore also comments that the Groundwater Sustainability Department has done an admiral job in handling the Paso Basin SGMA Plan.

C. Mulholland asks for clarification on the numbers reported on Attachment 2 for Lines 14, 18, 19, and 24. C. Howard responds.

S. Sinton comments on gaps in the rain gauge readings for various locations and asks if information from Mark Battony's recording stations may help fill in those gaps. C. Howard responds.

S. Sinton asks if the option of remote reporting will be available for all the wells the County currently sends staff out to monitor. C. Howard responds.

D. Chipping comments on the costs related to the Poseidon Desalination Plant and asks if economic and market factors are being considered in the County's Desal Plan. C. Howard responds.

C. Mulholland comments on historical environmental data gaps, previous environmental studies, and the justification of pursuing largescale projects while these gaps exist. C. Howard responds.

6) Receive Presentations for the Prop 1, Round 2 IRWM Grant (RWMG & WRAC)

A. Pease introduces the item and B. Clark presents on the Prop 1, Round 2 IRWM Grant selection process.

E. Greening asks about the status of future ballot measures and funding rounds for the IRWM Grant Program. B. Clark responds.

R. Morrow presents on the Central Coast Blue project on behalf of the cities of Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, and Arroyo Grande.

W. Clemens presents on the Water Resource Reliability Program Waterline Replacement project on behalf of the Oceano Community Services District.

D. Heimel presents on the Indirect Potable Reuse project on behalf of the City of Morro Bay.

J. Olivera presents on the expansion of the community reservoir and new water tanks construction projects on behalf of San Simeon Community Services District.

B. Clark presents on the Master Water Report and Data Information System project on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

H. Freed presents on the Water Resources Reliability projects on behalf of the San Miguel Community Services District.

H. Krzuick comments on San Simeon CSD's grant application, the removal of the project from the previous Prop 1 funding round, and the management and readiness of the project.

7) Consider Selection of Members for the RWMG Working Group (RWMG)

A. Pease introduces the item and B. Clark presents on the Working Group Selection for the RWMG.

J. English of the San Miguelito Mutual Water Company volunteered for the working group selection.

E. Greening asks whether engineers will be needed for the working group. B. Clark responds.

A. Pease responds to a public comment about concerns related to the San Simeon CSD project and asks how the County would respond to interfacing the concerns with the applicant. B. Clark responds.

C. Mulholland asks if public comments could be provided to the working group during their evaluation process. B. Clark responds.

W. Clemens comments that there will be multiple opportunities to provide public comment during the project selection process, as the selected projects will be presented to the RWMG, WRAC, and County Board of Supervisors.

D. Logan endorses J. English to be a Member of the RWMG working group.

E. Eby asks how members are selected for the working group. B. Clark responds.

W. Cunha comments on the future of IRWM funding and asks if the previous list of projects that have not been implemented still exists. B. Clark responds.

W. Cunha volunteers to be a Member of the RWMG working group.

N. Teague and R. Munds also volunteer to be Members of the RWMG working group.

B. Clark asks for a motion to form the RWMG Working Group for IRWM Prop 1 Round 2 project selection. R. Munds moves to approve Members R. Munds, M. Iglesias, G. English, N. Teague, and W. Cunha to the RWMG Working Group. M. Iglesias seconds the motion. Motion carries (5-0-0).

8) Consider Submitting 2021 Annual Report to the County Board of Supervisors (WRAC)

A. Pease introduces the item and asks for comments from the Committee.

C. Mulholland (1:45:06) comments on reevaluating the language used in the 3rd paragraph of the letter pertaining to ongoing drought conditions. E. Greening concurs.

9) Ongoing Updates:

- a) Rain & Reservoir Report
No comment
- b) California Drought Monitor Summary
No comment
- c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts
No comment
- d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
No comment
- e) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances
No comment
- f) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information
No comment

10) Future Agenda Items (WRAC)

A. Pease announces the upcoming June WRAC meeting which will include drought related topics, and then a break for July and August.

E. Greening asks if an update on the Nacimiento and San Antonio Lake tunnel project can be agendized at a future meeting. C. Howard responds.

C. Howard comments that a State Water update on the Delta Conveyance Planning Phase will be agendized for the June WRAC meeting.

D. Chipping requests an update from the Groundwater Sustainability Department regarding future plans to monitor groundwater extractions.

11) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda (WRAC & RWMG)

E. Eby comments on the Dana Reserve project in Nipomo, adding that additional information can be obtained on NCSWCD website and that there will be several opportunities for the public to engage as the project moves forward.