

Notice of Special Meeting

Executive Committee
Special Meeting Agenda

ATASCADERO BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ESTABLISHED 2017

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017
Meeting Time: 4:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Templeton CSD Board Meeting Room, 206 5th St.
Templeton, California 93465

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Order of Business
Executive Committee members may request to change the order of business.
4. Introductions
5. General Public Comments
The Executive Committee invites members of the public to address the committee on any subject that is within the purview of the committee and that is not on today's agenda. Comments shall be limited to three minutes.
6. Consent Agenda
The following items are considered routine and non-controversial by staff and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Executive Committee wishes an item removed. If discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by an Executive Committee member and will be considered separately. Questions or clarification may be made by the Executive Committee members without removal from the Consent Agenda. Individual items on the Consent Agenda are approved by the same vote that approves the Consent Agenda, unless an item is pulled for separate consideration. Members of the public may comment on the Consent Agenda items.
 - a. Minutes - October 4, 2017
7. New Business:
 - a. Proposition 1 Grant Application - AMWC, John Neil
 - b. Request for Future Items
8. Adjournment

**ATASCADERO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) met on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the District's Board Meeting Room of the Templeton Community Services District located at 206 5th Street, Templeton, CA.

Present were Committee Members John Hamon, Navid Fardanesh, Debbie Arnold, Roberta Fonzi, Rob Rossi, and Robert Jones.

The Committee and Staff discussed the following items:

Appointment of Officers: Debbie Arnold motioned to elect Roberta Fonzi as the Committee Chair and Rob Rossi seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes – Hamon, Fardanesh, Arnold, Fonzi, Rossi and Jones. Noes – none. Motion carried.

John Hamon motioned to elect Debbie Arnold as the Committee Vice-Chair and Roberta Fonzi seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes – Hamon, Fardanesh, Arnold, Fonzi, Rossi and Jones. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Rob Rossi motioned to elect John Hamon as the Secretary and Debbie Arnold seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes – Hamon, Fardanesh, Arnold, Fonzi, Rossi and Jones. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Roberta Fonzi motioned to elect Robert Jones as the Treasurer and Debbie Arnold seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes – Hamon, Fardanesh, Arnold, Fonzi, Rossi and Jones. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Each EC member has an alternate from their own agency.

Staff Presentations: John Neil of Atascadero Mutual Water Company (AMWC) gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the status of the Atascadero Basin GSA to this point, and answering clarifying questions on some points in the presentation.

Establishing Principal Office: Jeff Briltz stated that the Staff recommendation is to designate AMWC as the Principal Office of the Atascadero Basin GSA. John Hamon motioned to accept the recommendation and Rob Rossi seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes – Hamon, Fardanesh, Arnold, Fonzi, Rossi and Jones. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Draft Bylaws: John Neil presented the draft bylaws explaining that they are largely laid out as recommended by the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Robert Jones motioned to bring back the bylaws for future consideration at the next meeting and John

Hamon seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes – Hamon, Fardanesh, Arnold, Fonzi, Rossi and Jones. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Application Process for Non-Voting Committee Members: Angela Ruberto of the County of San Luis Obispo presented a draft application packet for people wishing to apply for one of the non-voting committee positions. With a minor change to remove the groups listed in the staff report that have no involvement or connection to the Atascadero Basin, a motion was made by Navid Fardanesh to amend and accept the application. The motion was seconded by Robert Jones. Roll Call: Ayes – Hamon, Fardanesh, Arnold, Fonzi, Rossi and Jones. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Form 700/Fair Political Practices Commission Requirements: Lara Christensen of the City of Atascadero reviewed the requirements of the EC to file Form 700. It was requested that the County of San Luis Obispo be designated as the agency to take on management of the filing, and Lara agreed to work with the County to set that up. Alternates will also be required to complete this filing.

Establishment of EC meeting location and schedule: Jeff Britz reviewed the Staff recommendations. John Hamon motioned to accept the Board Room of TCSD as the meeting place for all future meetings of the EC, and designating the first Wednesday of each quarter (January, April, July, and October) at 4:30 pm as the meeting time. In the event that the July meeting falls on Independence Day, the meeting will be rescheduled or cancelled. The motion was seconded by Rob Rossi. Roll Call: Ayes – Hamon, Fardanesh, Arnold, Fonzi, Rossi and Jones. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Selection of GSA logo: Fourteen logo examples were presented to the EC and changes recommended. John Hamon motioned to accept #5 in black and white, with the addition of the word “Basin” as the GSA logo. The motion was seconded by Rob Rossi. Roll Call: Ayes – Hamon, Fardanesh, Arnold, Fonzi, Rossi and Jones. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Request for future agenda items: Jeff Britz inquired of the EC whether any of them was interested in a presentation/refresher course on the Brown Act to which they all answered in the negative. Roberta Fonzi requested that John Neil inform the EC as soon as he knows about the basin type determination and the grant application status, to which he stated that a resolution will be required for the grant application so a special meeting may need to be called since the deadline is before the next scheduled meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea D. Ingwerson, TCSD Assistant Board Secretary

*ATASCADERO BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
October 25, 2017*

Agenda Item 7.a – Proposition 1 Grant Application
(Action Item)

SUBJECT:

Proposition 1 Grant Application for Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Groundwater Sustainability Plan Preparation

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter indicating the Executive Committee's endorsement of the Atascadero Mutual Water Company as the designated entity from the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to apply for a Proposition 1 grant for development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Atascadero Basin.

PREPARED BY:

John Neil, Atascadero Mutual Water Company (AMWC)

DISCUSSION:

In 2014, the California Legislature adopted, and the Governor signed into law, three bills (SB 1168, AB 1739, and SB 1319) collectively referred to as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (Water Code §§ 10720 et seq.), that became effective on January 1, 2015, and that have been and may continue to be amended from time to time.

SGMA requires the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for all medium- and high-priority basins as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Both SGMA (Chapter 6, Water Code §§ 10727 et seq.) and the regulations adopted by DWR pursuant thereto (California Code of Regulations, Title 23 §§ 350 et seq.) set forth detailed requirements related to the necessary elements of a GSP.

Also in 2014, California voters approved Proposition 1 (AB 1471) which enacted the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Water Code §§ 79700 et seq.) (Act) that authorizes the issuance of bonds to finance, among other things, a Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program.

DWR opened the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program's expedited "Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Projects" solicitation, available to GSAs for medium- and high-priority basins to support activities associated with the planning, development, or preparation of GSPs in compliance with the applicable regulatory requirements. DWR will only accept one grant proposal per basin.

AMWC has agreed to be the lead entity in hiring a consultant to prepare an application for Prop 1 grant funding to offset 50% of the costs of developing the GSP and will be the designated party to submit the grant application.

Having the State of California pay 50% of the costs of developing the State-mandated GSP is a great opportunity for the Forming Parties and Participating Parties of the Atascadero Basin GSA. There is a high likelihood of success in this grant. The grant, if awarded, will significantly reduce the cost to the Forming Parties and Participating Parties of the Atascadero Basin GSP. There is really no down-side in this grant application, since the worst case would be to be denied the grant and have to pay for the GSP as we had already planned.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This grant opportunity can significantly decrease the costs that the Forming Parties and Participating Parties in the Atascadero Basin GSA must pay to develop and submit a GSP to the DWR by either January 2020 or January 2022, depending on how the DWR prioritizes the Atascadero Basin. The grant provides a 50% grant with a 50% local match, but part of the local match can be met with in-kind services, including staff time spent in meetings and in preparing documents. The Forming Parties and Participating Parties will still have their proportionate share of overall costs per the MOA, but these costs can be much lower if the grant is awarded. There is a high probability of getting the grant, but grants are never a 100% proposition.

If the GSP preparation cost were to be \$500,000 (for example, since the costs are not yet known), and the grant covered 50% of that cost, then the local match would be \$250,000. If the local in-kind costs were \$100,000 then the total local match, out-of-pocket costs by the Forming Parties and Participating Parties would total \$150,000, proportioned among the GSA parties per the MOA.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Draft Letter of Endorsement

*ATASCADERO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
c/o Atascadero Mutual Water Company
5005 El Camino Real
Atascadero, CA 93422*

Department of Water Resources
Sacramento, CA

Subject: Proposition 1 Grant Application for Groundwater Sustainability Plan Preparation
Atascadero Area Groundwater Sub-basin of the Salinas Valley Basin,
Basin No. 3-004.11

To whom this concerns:

At its meeting on October 25, 2017, the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Executive Committee authorized me to sign this letter endorsing the Atascadero Mutual Water Company as the designated entity from the GSA to apply for a Proposition 1 grant for development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Atascadero Area Groundwater Sub-basin of the Salinas Valley Basin, Basin No. 3-004.11 (the "Atascadero Basin").

The County of San Luis Obispo, City of Paso Robles, City of Atascadero, Templeton Community Services District, Atascadero Mutual Water Company, Garden Farms Community Water District, Walnut Hills Mutual Water Company, Santa Ysabel Ranch Mutual Water Company, SMR Mutual Water Company, and the Atascadero State Hospital have formed or participated in a GSA for the Atascadero Basin via a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

The parties to the MOA have been and will continue coordinating their efforts to achieve Sustainable Groundwater Management Act compliance in the Atascadero Basin. Atascadero Mutual Water Company has played a lead role in these efforts and has agreed to be the lead entity in preparing and submitting an application for a Proposition 1 grant to help fund the cost of preparing a GSP.

We appreciate your serious consideration and approval of the grant application for development of a GSP for the Atascadero Basin that will benefit all stakeholders in the basin.

Respectfully yours,

Roberta Fonzi
Chairperson, Atascadero Basin Executive Committee
Council Member, City of Atascadero