LOS OSOS GROUNDWATER BASIN, BASIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Osos Groundwater Basin, Basin Management Committee Board of Directors will hold a **Regular Board Meeting** at **1:30 P.M.** on **Wednesday**, **February 16**, **2022**. Due to the continuing increase of Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and in accordance with AB 361, which amends Government Code §54953 to allow local legislative bodies to hold virtual meetings after September 30, 2021, if certain criteria is met, the Basin Management Committee meeting for February 16, 2022 will be a virtual meeting held via Zoom webinar. There will be no physical meeting location for this BMC Meeting. Members of the public can participate via phone or by logging into the web-based meeting.

For quick access, go to https://us04web.zoom.us/j/778762508
(This link will help connect both your browser and telephone to the call)

If not using a computer, dial 1 (669) 900-6833 or 1 (346) 248-779 and enter 778 762 508

All persons desiring to speak during any Public Comment can submit a comment by:

- Email at danheimel@ConfluenceES.com by 5:00 PM on the day prior to the Committee meeting.
- Teleconference by phone at 1 (669) 900-6833 and enter 778 762 508
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- Teleconference meeting at https://us04web.zoom.us/j/778762508
- Mail by 5:00 PM on the day prior to the Committee meeting to:

Attn: Dan Heimel (Basin Management Committee) 2122 9th St.

Suite 110

Los Osos, CA 93402

Additional information on how to submit Public Comment is provided on page 3 of this Agenda.

<u>Directors</u>: Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and may not necessarily be considered in numerical order.

NOTE: The Basin Management Committee reserves the right to limit each speaker to three (3) minutes per subject or topic. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, all possible accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities, so they may participate in the meeting. Persons who require accommodation for any audio, visual or other disability in order to participate in the meeting of the BMC are encouraged to request such accommodation 48 hours in advance of the meeting from Dan Heimel at danheimel@ConfluenceES.com.

BASIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED REMOTE TELECONFERENCING BMC MEETINGS
- 4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board members may make brief comments, provide project status updates, or communicate with other directors, staff, or the public regarding non-agenda topics.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The following routine items listed below are scheduled for consideration as a group. Each item is recommended for approval unless noted and may be approved in their entirety by one motion. Any member of the public who wishes to comment on any Consent Agenda item may do so at this time. Consent items generally require no discussion. However, any Director may request that any item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and moved to the "Action Items" portion of the Agenda to permit discussion or to change the recommended course of action. The Board may approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda on one motion.

- a. 2021 Budget Update and Invoice Register
- b. 2022 Budget Update and Invoice Register
- c. Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2021 BMC Meeting

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

The Basin Management Committee will consider public comments on items not appearing on the agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Basin Management Committee. The Basin Management Committee cannot enter into a detailed discussion or take any action on any items presented during public comments at this time. Such items may only be referred to the Executive Director or other staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion. Persons wishing to speak on specific agenda items should do so at the time specified for those items. The presiding Chair shall limit public comments to three minutes.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

9. ACTION ITEMS

a. Appointment of BMC Officers for Calendar Year 2022

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the BMC review the existing officer positions and appoint officers for CY 2022 or provide alternative direction to staff.

b. Update on Status of Basin Plan Infrastructure Projects

Recommendation: Receive report and provide input to staff on future direction.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Notice of Meeting LOS OSOS GROUNDWATER BASIN, BASIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE CALL/WEBINAR ONLY

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 1:30 PM

Important Notice Regarding COVID-19

- 1. The meeting will only be held telephonically and via internet via the number and website link information provided on the agenda. After each item is presented, Committee Members will have the opportunity to ask questions. Participants on the phone or on the computer will then be provided an opportunity to speak for 3 minutes as public comment prior to Committee deliberations and/or actions or moving on to the next item. If a participant wants to provide public comment on an item they should select the "Raise Hand" icon on the Zoom Online Meeting platform or press *9 if on the phone. The meeting host will then unmute the participant when it is their turn to speak and allow them to provide public comment.
- 2. The Committee's agenda and staff reports are available at the following website: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Los-Osos-Basin-Management-Committee-(BMC).aspx
- 3. If you choose not to participate in the meeting and wish to make a written comment on any matter within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for the Committee's consideration or action, please submit your comment via email or U.S. Mail by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the Committee meeting. Please submit your comment to Dan Heimel at danheimel@ConfluenceES.com. Your comment will be placed into the administrative record of the meeting.
- 4. If you choose not to participate in the meeting and wish to submit verbal comment, please call (805) 459-8498 and ask for Dan Heimel. If leaving a message, state and spell your name, mention the agenda item number you are calling about and leave your comment. The verbal comments must be received by no later than 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting and will be limited to 3 minutes. Every effort will be made to include your comment into the record, but some comments may not be included due to time limitations.

Mailing Address: Attn: Dan Heimel Basin Management Committee 2122 9th St. Suite 110 Los Osos, CA 93402

All Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations shall be promptly reviewed and resolved. Persons who require accommodations for any audio, visual or other disability in order to review an agenda, or to participate in the meeting of the Basin Management Committee per the ADA, are encouraged to request such accommodation 48 hours in advance of the meeting from Dan Heimel at (805) 459-8498.

TO: Los Osos Basin Management Committee

FROM: Dan Heimel, Executive Director

DATE: February 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Item 3 – Authorizing continuation of remote teleconferencing of public meetings based on findings that COVID-19 remains a serious risk to public health and safety

Recommendations

Staff recommends that the BMC: 1) adopt a resolution authorizing the BMC to continue remote teleconferencing of public meetings based on findings that COVID-19 remains a serious risk to public health and safety; or 2) provide alternate direction to staff.

Discussion

The Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54950 et seq.) guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in the meetings of local legislative bodies. As such, the Brown Act requires that meetings of legislative bodies and local public agencies be noticed, open, and public. The Brown Act requirements for teleconferencing public meetings include:

- Each teleconference location must be open to the public;
- Members of the public must be able to address the body at each teleconference location;
- At least a quorum of the body must be within the body's territorial jurisdiction at the time of the meeting;
- All votes must be counted via rollcall

E.O. N-29-20, which was issued on March 17, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, allowed local agencies to hold public meetings remotely by suspending many of the Brown Act limitations on teleconferencing. E.O. N-08-21, issued June 11, 2021, stated that these loosened teleconference rules were going to expire on September 30. However, due to the recent passing of AB 361 and AB 339, many remote teleconferencing options are still be available during state-proclaimed emergencies. Both of these bills modify the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements (Gov. Code § 54953(b)).

Assembly Bill 361 was passed on September 10 and signed on September 16. The bill is an urgency statute and was operative immediately upon signing and is set to expire on December 31, 2023. AB 361 amends Government Code section 54593 and allows agencies to hold virtual meetings and allow remote participation by the public with requirements similar to those that have been in place under E.O. N-29-20, with some new requirements.

The modified teleconferencing requirements established in AB 361 (now Gov. Code § 54953(e)) may be utilized by an agency to hold public meetings, so long as:

• There is a gubernatorially declared state of emergency as defined under Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Gov. Code § 52953(e)(1), (e)(4));

- One of the following circumstances is present: (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, (2) the legislative body is holding a meeting for the purpose of determining whether the emergency at hand presents imminent risks of health and safety to attendees if meetings were held in person, or (3) the legislative body has already held a meeting and determined (by majority vote) that such health and safety risks are present (Gov. Code § 54953(e)(1)); and
- A decision to meet telephonically must be renewed at least every 30 days with the legislative body finding (by majority vote) that either the emergency situation continues to impact the ability of members and the public to meet in person or state *or* local officials continue to impose social distancing measures (Gov. Code § 54953(e)(3)).

BMC Staff recommends that the BMC adopt a resolution authorizing the BMC to continue remote teleconferencing of public meetings based on findings that COVID-19 remains a serious risk to public health and safety.

RESOLUTION NO.	
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A RESOLUTION OF THE LOS OSOS BASIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RE-RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON MARCH 4, 2020 AND RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the Los Osos Basin Management Committee ("Committee") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in the Stipulated Judgment in *Los Osos Community Services District v. Golden State Water Company, et al.*, Civil Case No. GIN 040126 (San Luis Obispo County Superior Court), all meetings of the Committee are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate and watch the Committee conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the Committee's boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Committee previously adopted Resolution No. 2021-01 on 12/15/2021 finding that the requisite conditions exist for the District's Board of Directors to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions found in section 54953(e), the Committee must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists in the District at least every thirty (30) days, and the Committee has done so; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a primary concern to public safety as the United States' Center for Disease Control ("CDC") announced in August that the Delta variant is more than twice as contagious as previous variants, it has a greater risk of infection even among vaccinated individuals, and that it may cause more serious illness than previous variants;¹ and

WHEREAS, San Luis Obispo County ("County") has seen an increase of cases and deaths related to COVID-19 since June with the emergence of the Delta variant² and the County's Public Health Department recently released an order requiring all vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals to wear masks in indoor public settings, citing a recent increase in hospitalizations and the high transmissibility of the Delta variant³;

WHEREAS, the County has also seen an increase of cases and deaths related to COVID-19, including a significant spike in reported cases within the County beginning in early December, with the emergence of the Omicron variant, which, according to the California Department of Public Health, is at least 2 to 4 times more transmissible than the Delta variant and shows reduced effectiveness of certain antibody treatments;⁵

WHEREAS, the Committee's Board of Directors does hereby find that the higher transmission rate and significant health risks posed by the Delta and Omicron variants has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the Committee that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the Committee, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Committee does hereby find that it shall conduct its meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that the Committee shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Brown Act as amended after September 30, 2021,⁶ the Committee is including instructions for the public to virtually attend and comment on the meeting by telephone or through Zoom on each meeting agenda, which is posted on the Committee's website prior to the meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LOS OSOS BASIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

(https://www.emergencyslo.org/en/resourcesGeneral/9.1.2021-Health-Order-6---Mask-Mandate.pdf)

⁶ Gov. Code § 54953(e)

¹ CDC COVID-19 August 26 update on the Delta Variant (<u>CDC website</u>).

² According to the state's most recent COVID-19 data tracking statistics by county, (COVID19.CA.GOV).

³ September 1, 2021 San Luis Obispo County Health Officer Order

According to San Luis Obispo's COVID-19 data as of 2/11/2022 (https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/COVID-19/Data.aspx#CF) and the state's most recent COVID-19 data tracking statistics by county (https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/#location-san_luis_obispo)

⁵ California Department of Public Health variant tracking site, updated 2/10/2022 (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-Variants.aspx)

- **Section 1**. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
- Section 2. Affirmation that Local Emergency Persists. The Committee hereby considers the conditions of the state of emergency in throughout the Committee's jurisdiction and proclaims that a local emergency persists, and due to the high transmission rate of the Delta and Omnicron variants, risk to unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals, greater risk of transmission at indoor gatherings, and significant increase in the County's number of COVID-19 cases since June, meeting in person would present imminent risk to the health and safety of board members and the public.
- Section 3. Re-Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Committee hereby re-ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.
- **Section 4**. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Executive Director and Committee are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.
- Section 5. <u>Effective Date of Resolution</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) thirty (30) days or (ii) such time as the Committee considers and re-ratifies this resolution to extend the time during which the Committee may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED A	ND ADOPTED by the Los Osos Basin Management Committee, t	his 16 th day of
February, 20	022, by the following vote:	·

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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TO: Los Osos Basin Management Committee

FROM: Dan Heimel, Executive Director

DATE: January 20, 2021

SUBJECT: Item 6a & b – Approval of Budget Update and Invoice Register for 2021 and 2022

Recommendations

Staff recommends that the BMC review and consider approval of Budget and Invoice Registers.

Discussion

BMC Staff has prepared a summary of costs incurred as compared to the adopted budget and a running invoice register for Calendar Year 2021 and 2022 (see Attachments).

Attachment 1: Cost Summary (January 2021 to Current Date) for Calendar Year 2021 Budget

	Actual ment 1. cost sur		Approved				
			Contingency	Updated Allocated			
Item	Description	Budget Amount	Allocation	Budget Amount	Costs Incurred	Percent Incurred	Remaining Budget
	BMC Executive Director Facilitation- meeting facilitation,						
1	including preparation, staff coordination, and attendance	\$70,000		\$70,000	\$69,967.50	100.0%	\$33
2	Meeting Expenses - facility rent	\$1,500		\$1,500	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,500
3	Meeting expenses - audio and video services	\$6,000		\$6,000	\$350.00	5.8%	\$5,650
4	Technical Support/Adaptive Management Services	\$15,000	\$7,000	\$22,000	\$18,315.10	83.3%	\$3,685
5	Semi Annual Seawater Intrusion Monitoring	\$52,000		\$52,000	\$51,997.70	100.0%	\$2
6	2020 Annual Report	\$56,000	\$13,240	\$69,240	\$69,228.92	100.0%	\$11
7	Grant Pursuit Contingency	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$5,000.00	100.0%	\$0
8	Funding and Organization Studies	\$40,000		\$40,000	\$9,125.00	22.8%	\$30,875
9	Recycled Water Beneficial Use Evaluation	\$15,000		\$15,000	\$0.00	0.0%	\$15,000
10	Implementation Initiative Evaluation	\$25,000		\$25,000	\$0.00	0.0%	\$25,000
	Subtotal	\$285,500		\$305,740	\$223,984		\$81,756
	10% Contingency (rounded to nearest \$100)	\$28,600					
	Total	\$314,100			\$223,984	71.3%	\$90,116
	LOCSD (38%)	\$119,358					
	GSWC (38%)	\$119,358					
	County of SLO/SLOCFC&WCD (20%)	\$62,820					
	S&T Mutual (4%)	\$12,564					

Attachment 2: Invoice Register for Los Osos BMC for Calendar Year 2021

Vendor	Invoice No.	Amount	Month of Service	Description		Date Executive Director Approved	Date BMC Chairperson Approved	Date BMC Approved
WSC	5337	\$11,520.00	Dec-20	Monthly Meeting Administration			Mar-21	
CHG	20210102	\$13,728.92	Jan-21	Annual Report Preparation	6	Mar-21		
AGP	8386	\$150.00	Jan-21	Video Production	3	Mar-21		
CHG	20210202	\$5,342.50	Feb-21	Annual Report Preparation	6	Mar-21		
WSC	5558	\$9,167.50	Jan-Mar-21	BMC Executive Director Facilitation	1		May-21	
CHG	20210303	\$17,047.50	Mar-21	Annual Report Preparation	6	Apr-21		
CHG	20210304	\$6,839.18	Mar-21	Semi Annual Seawater Intrusion Monitoring	5	Apr-21		
CHG	20210404	\$7,110.00	Apr-21	Annual Report Preparation	6	May-21		
CHG	20210405	\$11,079.62	Apr-21	Semi Annual Seawater Intrusion Monitoring	5	May-21		
CHG	20210406	\$930.00	Apr-21	LOSG Meeting and Response to Comments	4			May-21
CHG	20210506	\$870.00	May-21	Annual Report Preparation	6	Jun-21		
CHG	20210507	\$3,170.00	May-21	Semi Annual Seawater Intrusion Monitoring	5	Jun-21		
WSC	5671	\$12,027.50	Apr/May-21	BMC Executive Director Facilitation	1		Jun-21	
CHG	20210605	\$3,845.00	Jun-21	Annual Report Preparation	6	Jul-21		
CHG	20210606	\$1,240.00	Jun-21	Annual Report Preparation	6			Jul-21
WSC	5849	\$10,216.25	Jun-21	BMC Executive Director Facilitation	1		Aug-21	
AGP	8526	\$200.00	Jun-21	Video Production	3	Aug-21		
CHG	20210704	\$1,550.00	Jul-21	Sustainable yield and metrics review	6	Sep-21		
CHG	20210705	\$1,680.00	Jul-21	Semi Annual Seawater Intrusion Monitoring	5	Sep-21		
CHG	20210803	\$4,510.00	Aug.21	Sustainable Yield Modeling	6	Sep-21		
WSC	6049	\$21,802.50	Sep-21	BMC Executive Director Facilitation	1		Oct-21	
CHG	20210906	\$465.00	Sep-21	Adaptive Management	4	Oct-21		
CHG	20210905	\$2,784.40	Sep-21	Semi Annual Seawater Intrusion Monitoring	5	Oct-21		
CHG	20210904	\$4,185.00	Sep-21	Sustainable Yield Modeling	6	Oct-21		
CHG	20211003	\$3,100.00	Oct-21	Sustainable Yield Modeling Basin Metric Review	6	Dec-21		
CHG	20211004	\$24,298.20	Oct-21	Semi Annual Seawater Intrusion Monitoring	5	Dec-21		
CHG	20211005	\$1,550.00	Oct-21	LOSG Data Request, Phase II Wellhead Survey	4			Dec-21
WSC	6200	\$14,553.75	Oct/Nov-21	BMC Executive Director Facilitation	1		Dec-21	
CHG	20211106	\$6,700.00	Nov-21	Sustainable Yield and Metrics Review	6	Dec-21		
CHG	20211107	\$2,146.30	Nov-21	Semi Annual Seawater Intrusion Monitoring	5	Dec-21		
CHG	20211108	\$7,317.60	Nov-21	Phase II Wellhead Survey, Well Modification		Dec-21		
SCI	SBS10063	\$9,125.00	Nov/Dec-21	Funding Study	8	Dec-21		
Twin Cities	2021-298	\$5,100.00	Nov-21	Wellhead Survey	4	Dec-21		
ConfluenceES	102	\$7,200.00	Nov/Dec-21	BMC Executive Director Facilitation	1		Jan-22	
CHG	20211202	\$2,952.50	Dec-21	Well Modification TM/SCI Data Request	4			
	2021 Total	\$223,984.22						To be approved

Attachment 1: Cost Summary (January 2022 to Current Date) for Calendar Year 2022 Budget

			Approved				
			Contingency	Updated Allocated			
Item	Description	Budget Amount	Allocation	Budget Amount	Costs Incurred	Percent Incurred	Remaining Budget
	BMC Executive Director Facilitation and Legal Counsel						
1	Contingency	\$90,000		\$90,000	\$5,100.00	5.7%	\$84,900
2	Meeting Expenses - facility rent	\$1,500		\$1,500	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,500
3	Meeting expenses - audio and video services	\$6,000		\$6,000	\$0.00	0.0%	\$6,000
4	Technical Support/Adaptive Management Services	\$15,000		\$15,000	\$0.00	0.0%	\$15,000
5	Groundwater Monitoring	\$42,000		\$42,000	\$2,534.40	6.0%	\$39,466
6	2020 Annual Report	\$56,000		\$56,000	\$6,490.00	11.6%	\$49,510
7	Grant Pursuit Contingency	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$0.00	0.0%	\$5,000
8	WRFP Study Year 1 (Peer Review)	\$15,000		\$15,000	\$0.00	0.0%	\$15,000
9	Lower Aquifer Monitoring Well Improvement	\$25,000		\$25,000	\$0.00	0.0%	\$25,000
10	Los Osos Creek Stream Gage Rating Curve	\$25,000		\$25,000	\$5,076.40	20.3%	\$19,924
	Subtotal	\$280,500		\$280,500	\$19,201		\$261,299
	10% Contingency (rounded to nearest \$100)	\$28,100					
	Total	\$308,600			\$19,201	6.2%	\$289,399
	LOCSD (38%)	\$117,268					
	GSWC (38%)	\$117,268					
	County of SLO/SLOCFC&WCD (20%)	\$61,720					
	S&T Mutual (4%)	\$12,344					

Attachment 2: Invoice Register for Los Osos BMC for Calendar Year 2022

Vendor	Invoice No.	Amount	Month of Service	Description	Budget Item	Date Executive Director Approved	Date BMC Chairperson Approved	Date BMC Approved
CHG	20211203	\$6,490.00	Dec-21	Annual Report Preparations	6	Jan-22		
CHG	20211204	\$2,534.40	Dec-21	Groundwater Monitoring	5	Jan-22		
CHG	20211205	\$5,076.40	Dec-21	Rating Curve Development	11	Jan-22		
ConfluenceES	1011	\$5,100.00	Jan-22	BMC Executive Director Services	1		Feb-22	
	2022 Total	\$19,200.80						To be approved

BASIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Agenda Item 6c: Minutes of the Meeting of December 15, 2021

The following is a summary of the actions taken at the Basin Management Committee Board of Directors Meeting.

The official record for the meeting is the recording that can be found at:

https://slo-span.org/static/meetings-LOBMC.php

Agenda Item	Discussion or Action
1. Call to Order	Chairperson Ochylski called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 pm.
2. Roll Call	Daniel Heimel, Executive Director, called roll to begin the meeting. Chairperson Marshall Ochylski, Director Charlie Cote, Director Kate Ballantyne and Director Mark Zimmer were present.
3. Resolution Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconferencing BMC Meetings	Recommendation: Staff recommends that the BMC: 1) adopt a resolution authorizing the BMC to continue remote teleconferencing of public meetings based on findings that COVID-19 remains a serious risk to public health and safety; or 2) provide alternate direction to staff.
	Public Comment Patrick McGibney Linde Owen Tom
	Board Action Adopt the resolution authorizing the BMC to continue remote teleconferencing of public meetings based on findings that COVID-19 remains a serious risk to public health and safety. Motion: Director Zimmer Second: Director Cote
	Ayes: Director Cote, Director Ballantyne, Director Zimmer, Chairperson Ochylski Nays: None Abstain: None
4. Board Member	Absent: None Director Timmer appared the appaintment of Colden State Water Company's Alternate
Comments	Director Zimmer announced the appointment of Golden State Water Company's Alternate Director Matt Cook. Director Ballantyne introduced Blaine Reely, County of San Luis Obispo's new Director for the Groundwater Sustainability Department and County's Alternate Director for the BMC.
5. Special Presentation	None
6. Consent Agenda	Recommendation: Review and approved items on the Consent Agenda.
6a. 2021 Budget Update and Invoice Register	6a. Public Comment Patrick McGibney Linde Owen
6b. Approval of Minutes	
from November 17, 2021	6a. Board Action
BMC Meeting	Approve 2021 Budget Update and Invoice Register
Co. Ammunual of Ballington	Motion: Director Ballantyne
6c. Approval of Minutes	Second: Director Zimmer Aves: Director Cote Director Ballantyne Director Zimmer, Chairnerson Ochylski
from October 27, 2021 BMC Meeting	Ayes: Director Cote, Director Ballantyne, Director Zimmer, Chairperson Ochylski Nays: None
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	Absent: None

	6b. & c. Public Comment
	Linde Doud
	Linde Owen
	Lynette Tornatzky
	6b. & c. Board Action
	Approve Meeting Minutes as written with understanding that BMC did not provide
	direction to Staff for how to approach the 2021 Sustainable Yield Estimate. Staff to
	provide a recommendation as part of Draft 2021 Annual Report.
	Motion: Director Zimmer
	Second: Director Cote
	Ayes: Director Cote, Director Ballantyne, Director Zimmer, Chairperson Ochylski
	Nays: None
	Abstain: None
	Absent: None
7. Public Comments on	Public Comment
Items Not Appearing on the	Jeff Edwards
Agenda	Linde Owen
8	Patrick McGibney
8. Executive Director's Report	Public Comment
	Deborah Howe
	Jeff Edwards
	Ten Edwards
	Board Direction
	Bring summary of the Wellhead Survey Results to the BMC for review.
9. Action Items	Simponimiary of the remieur oursey neodris to the sine for review
9a. Calendar Year 2022 BMC	Recommendation: 1) receive recommendations and approve the Calendar Year 2022
Budget	BMC Budget; 2) approve Calendar Year 2022 BMC Executive Director and Hydrogeologist
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TO: Los Osos Basin Management Committee

FROM: Dan Heimel, Executive Director

DATE: February 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Item 8 – Executive Director's Report

Recommendations

Staff recommends that the Committee receive and file the report and provide staff with any direction for future discussions. <u>Sections of the Executive Director's Report that have been updated or significantly changed from the previous meeting's version are underlined.</u>

Discussion

This report was prepared to summarize administrative matters not covered in other agenda items and to provide a general update on staff activities.

Funding and Financing Programs to Support Basin Plan Implementation

Prop 1 GWGP: The Prop 1 GWGP Round 3 solicitation was released on July 6th, 2021 with Concept Proposals due September 7th, 2021. However, as indicated in the January 2018 BMC meeting, the State Board confirmed that sea water intrusion mitigation projects under Program C are eligible for low interest loans but are not currently eligible for grants under the Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program (GWGP). New wells in the upper and lower aquifer are viewed as aquifer management, not aquifer clean-up as defined by the State, therefore we will need to look for future funding rounds and other opportunities. Aquifer clean-up projects (e.g. Community Nitrate Facility, Upper Aquifer Capture and Treatment) could be considered for pursuing grant funding through this program. Unfortunately, this is the 3rd and last round for this Program and they are only looking to fund implementation projects (i.e. projects that have design, CEQA and other planning components completed and are ready for construction), not planning projects.

IRWM: The Program A upper aquifer well at 8th Street was submitted by Los Osos CSD to the local IRWM process in 2019 as part of the Round 1, Prop 1 Implementation Grant cycle and was subsequently selected to be a part of the application for the current funding opportunity. The application for this grant was submitted in December 2019 and the Project was included in the Department of Water Resource's July 2020 Final Funding Award List for the full grant request (\$238,000). Prop 1, Round 2 Implementation grant cycle has been initiated and the Call for Projects is scheduled to open on March 2nd, 2022. This grant program offers an opportunity to obtain grant funds for implementation or decision support tool projects. The scoring for this program is currently under evaluation, but historically and as

proposed favors "shovel ready" or projects that are close to being ready for construction (i.e. environmental, permitting and other planning phases complete).

Prop 1 SWGP: The concept of urban storm water recovery at 8th and El Moro was ranked in the County Stormwater Resource Plan. The Project is labeled as "Capture and Reuse of Storm Water" and listed as a Los Osos Community Services District project. The Stormwater Resource Plan can be found here: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Stormwater-Resource-Plan.aspx. The Project is additionally described in the following locations:

- It is described here in our SWRP Appendix 4B under "Capture and Reuse of Storm Water" at 9th and El Morro: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Forms-Documents/Committees-Programs/Stormwater-Resource-Plan/Documents/SWRP-Appendix-4-B-Identified-Project-and-Program-D.pdf
- It is ranked here on our SWRP website on the SWRP Project List link under "Capture and Reuse of Storm Water": https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Forms-Documents/Committees-Programs/Stormwater-Resource-Plan/Documents/SWRP-Program-Master-Project-Info-2020-04-16.pdf
- It is also on the IRWM Project list under "Capture and Reuse of Storm Water":
 https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Forms-Documents/Committees-Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management-(IRWM)/IRWM-Plan/2019-IRWM-Plan/Appendices/App_F_Project-Lists.pdf

Grant funding may be available through the Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGP). However, the application period for Round 2 of SWGP funding has closed. Information about the Storm Water Grant Program can be found here:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/swgp/prop1/

WRFP: The State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) increased the amount for Water Recycled Program Planning (WRFP) grants from \$75k to \$150k. This could provide a grant funding opportunity to advance Basin Plan initiatives, with a reduced cost to the community of Los Osos, through preparation of a Recycled Water Facilities Planning Study (RWFPS). Potential scope items for the RWFPS could include:

- Transient Groundwater Model Development
- Soil Aquifer Treatment (SAT) Assessment
- Broderson/Creek Discharge Scenario Analysis
- Stormwater and Perched Water Recovery Project Feasibility Study
- Adaptive Management Groundwater Modeling
- RWFPS Report Development

Recent communication with the SWRCB Representatives confirmed that this funding program is still fully funded and WRFP grants are available. On 2/11/2022 the CSD submitted an application for a WRFP

grant to develop a transient model and analysis of recycled water and supplemental water projects to improve the sustainability of the Los Osos Basin (WRFP Study).

Status of BMC Initiatives

Sustainable Yield: At its October 27th, 2021 Meeting, the BMC unanimously approved a Sustainable Yield estimate of 2,380 AFY for Calendar Year 2022 and these actions will be documented in the 2021 Annual Report.

Lower Aquifer Transducer Installation: In March, Cleath-Harris Geologists (CHG) initiated requests for permission to access and install transducers in several County monitoring wells, a private well, and a purveyor well. The purveyor well (LA 9) was equipped with a transducer. Due to the uncertainty in accessing County wells, two additional purveyor monitoring wells (LA 40 and LA41) were equipped with transducers. Permission was subsequently received to access County wells, and four County monitoring wells have been equipped with transducers (LA11, LA14, LA16, and LA19). This completes the planned transducer expansion program, with 7 added units.

<u>Basin Metric Evaluation</u>: Analysis of alternative metric approaches are in progress. Proposed modifications to the metrics have been provide to BMC Party Staff and are currently under review.

Recommendations regarding potential modifications to the Basin Metrics and procedures to do so will be brought to the BMC at a future meeting.

Recycled Water Beneficial Use Evaluation: This effort is currently on hold and is anticipated to be included in the Water Recycling Funding Program Planning Grant initiative.

Transient Groundwater Model: At its October 27th, 2021 Meeting, the BMC authorized the preparation of a Water Recycling Funding Program Grant Application and to request access to the \$150,000 of funding that the County budgeted for a transient groundwater model for Los Osos. <u>The Los Osos CSD</u> will be the lead agency for the grant on behalf of the BMC. The grant application was submitted to the SWRCB by Los Osos CSD on 2/11/2022 for \$150k in grant funds and a letter requesting access to the \$150k that the County budgeted for a Transient Model for the Los Osos Basin was submitted to the County on 1/27/2022. After receiving approval from the SWRCB and the County, the Los Osos CSD will solicit proposals from consulting firms through an RFP process to procure the necessary services to develop the model and complete the WRFP Study.

Wellhead Survey: At its October 27th, 2021 Meeting, the BMC authorized Twin Cities Surveying to survey additional wells in Los Osos Basin and for BMC Staff to request that the County survey the wells in their monitoring program. Both Twin Cities Surveying and the County completed their wellhead surveys in November and December. BMC monitoring network wellhead elevations are now up to date.

Lower Aquifer Monitoring Evaluation: At its October 27th, 2021 Meeting, the BMC authorized CHG to evaluate the feasibility and cost of modifying existing wells or construction a new monitoring well(s) to improve monitoring of Zone E water quality.

Status of Basin Plan Implementation and Funding Plans

The BMC has requested an integrated funding plan for project implementation and BMC monitoring and administration. BMC Staff and BMC Party Staff have formed a Funding and Organizational Working Group to identify and evaluate potential future funding and organization structures for the BMC and implementation of the Basin Plan. Consistent with the Basin Plan, the Working Group is identifying and evaluating funding and organizational structures that will provide a long-term mechanism for funding BMC Administration and Basin Plan Implementation costs and that allocate costs equitably amongst all who benefit from the Basin's water resources.

The Working Group reviewed previously completed analysis on BMC funding and organization structures, documenting the different alternatives and identifying data/information gaps that may require outside technical support. At its October 27th, 2021 Meeting, the BMC approved a proposal from SCI Consulting Group to provide an updated funding options analysis and assessment evaluation. SCI is making good progress on their evaluation of funding alternatives and development of a funding model for water resource management and Basin Plan implementation in the Los Osos Basin. SCI will be presenting their findings to BMC Party Staff soon and then to the BMC at a future meeting.

JPA Formation: Staff level discussions continue to focus on the need for, and benefits of, forming a JPA, see table below, to assist with implementation of the Basin Plan.

Table 1. JPA Formation Considerations

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•	Common ownership of basin assets	•	Complexity and community perception			
•	Ability to contract for services as an entity	•	Potential for difficulty in formal proceedings - less nimble			
•	GSWC can participate as a director	•	More difficult to exit/change if needed			
•	Could cover entire limits of basin for funding					
•	If carefully done, incremental costs could be limited to insurance and up-front legal expenses					
•	Ability to carry-over funds from one budget year to another					

As indicated in previous meetings, it was determined that GSWC could serve as an appointed JPA director without forming a separate Mutual Water Company entity, which would simplify the process.

Discussions with BMC Party Staff indicate that the BMC Parties would like to execute the Implementation Plan initiative to first develop a roadmap for the BMC and then evaluate the potential formation of a JPA or other governance structure once there is a more defined plan for future BMC initiatives.

BMC Legal Counsel – At the December 15, 2021 BMC Meeting, the BMC included in the authorization of the Calendar Year 2022 Budget \$20,000 for Legal Counsel Contingency to be included in Executive Director Budget. The BMC additionally authorized the Executive Director to utilize up to \$5,000 before requiring BMC approval and for the Executive Director to provide updates on legal counsel spending in the Executive Director's Report.

Program B Implementation Process and Funding: The existing nitrate removal facility owned by GSWC is intended to serve existing development, so it is likely that a Program B facility intended for future development would be jointly owned by either a JPA or by one of the public agencies.

- Likely next steps for the implementation of Program B projects include:
 - Technical Studies to validate and update cost estimates
 - Siting Studies to identify project locations
 - AB 1600 analysis to evaluate funding options relative to future development in coordination with the Los Osos Community Plan
 - Environmental Review (CEQA)
 - o Land Use Permitting (e.g. Coastal Development Permits, etc.)

Land Use Planning Process Update

Updated Guide to Planning Information for Development in Los Osos:

This website is intended to provide planning information outlining what type of development is currently allowed within Los Osos: Los Osos - County of San Luis Obispo (ca.gov).

Topics covered include but are not limited to:

- Which types of permit applications are currently being accepted for processing
- Status of the building moratorium and waitlist for undeveloped parcels in the sewer service area (still in place)
- Status of the Communitywide Habitat Conservation Plan

Los Osos Retrofit-to-Build Program (Title 19 Water Offset Requirement) Update:

The County has signed a contract with Maddaus Water Management Inc. to prepare a study to update water usage estimates for urban and rural residences sourcing water from the Los Osos Groundwater Basin, propose new water conservation measures for the retrofit-to-build program, and estimate remaining water savings potential for the community. The project schedule has been delayed due to difficulties obtaining historic consumption data. Once this data is available, the estimated project

timeline is 3 months. Updates will be posted at: Los Osos Water Offset Study - County of San Luis Obispo (ca.gov).

Los Osos Community Plan:

The Los Osos Community Plan is being reviewed by the California Coastal Commission and a hearing date has not yet been scheduled. In the meantime, the County is meeting with BMC staff to discuss potential policy changes considering ongoing basin monitoring and Basin Plan program implementation efforts. On December 15, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors adopted the Los Osos Community Plan ("LOCP") update and Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR"). The LOCP policies are still subject to change based on California Coastal Commission review. The LOCP and FEIR considered by the Board on December 15 are available at: Los Osos Community Plan Update - County of San Luis Obispo (ca.gov).

Background

The Board authorized preparation of this update on December 11, 2012. A series of community outreach meetings to unveil the Community Plan were conducted in the Spring of 2015. The plan was prepared to be consistent and coordinated with the draft groundwater basin management plan and the draft Habitat Conservation Plan ("HCP"). The draft Environmental Impact Report was released on September 12, 2019; comments were due December 11, 2019. A Community Meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the LOCP, HCP, and associated Environmental Documents was held on October 28, 2019. The Final Environmental Impact Report and Public Hearing Draft were released on June 8, 2020. The Planning Commission held hearings on July 9, 2020, August 13, 2020, and October 8, 2020. At the October 8, 2020 hearing, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Plan to the Board of Supervisors.

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance:

On February 11, 2022, the California Coastal Commission will consider the County's Coastal Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance (Agenda Item # 16a). The agenda and staff report are available at:

https://www.coastal.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/#/2022/2. The Coastal staff recommendation includes suggested modifications to not allow ADUs within the Los Osos Groundwater Basin boundary and/or within the Los Osos Groundwater Basin Plan Area. If the Commission approves the ADU Ordinance with suggested modifications, the County Board of Supervisors will have 6 months to accept the suggested modifications.

On January 28, 2020, the Board of Supervisors considered and adopted a resolution to amend Title 22 and 23 for the replacement of the Secondary Dwelling Ordinance with a new ordinance for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). The Board of Supervisors adopted amendments to Table "O" of the Coastal Framework on June 16, 2020. These amendments would allow ADUs to be established in the Community of Los Osos. The amendments to Title 23 and Table "O" of the Coastal Framework for Planning are currently under review by the California Coastal Commission. Until such amendments are approved by the California Coastal Commission, the County will review ADU applications for consistency with State ADU law, which would allow for the construction of ADUs in the Coastal Zone. On March 12, 2021, Coastal Commission found that Los Osos ADU projects approved by the County thus far raise a

substantial issue and did not hold a hearing on the question. The Commission took jurisdiction over the projects and voided the County's prior approval. The next step in the process is the de novo hearing, which is scheduled for February 11, 2022 (see above). The Commission would prefer to take an action on the County's proposed ADU Ordinance before taking an action on individual projects.

Los Osos Vacation Rental Ordinance:

On February 11, 2022, the California Coastal Commission will consider the County's Los Osos Vacation Rental Ordinance (Agenda Item # 16b). The agenda and staff report are available at: https://www.coastal.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/#/2022/2. The Coastal staff recommendation includes suggested modifications to require hosts post signage encouraging water conservation.

Los Osos Wastewater Project Flow and Connection Update

The following table summarizes flows from the LOWRF based on the available data. Cells highlighted in yellow indicate data that was not available at the time the Executive Director's Report was developed.

LOWRF Wastewater and Recycled Water Flows

									Discharge/ Recycled Water
					Sea	Giaco-	Construction	Ag	Delivery
Year	Month	Influent	Broderson	Bayridge	Pines	mazzi	Water	Users	Total (AF)
2021	Jan	48.7	38.0	1.1	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	43
2021	Feb	43.0	47.3	1.7	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50
2021	Mar	47.5	47.2	1.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50
2021	Apr	45.4	33.6	1.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	36
2021	May	46.7	40.9	1.9	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	42
2021	Jun	41.0	38.0	1.8	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.3	41
2021	Jul	46.1	34.7	1.8	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	39
2021	Aug	45.7	34.1	1.8	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	40
2021	Sept	43.6	34.8	1.7	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	39
2021	Oct	45.8	42.7	1.7	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	46
2021	Nov	43.7	37.6	1.7	0.18	0.0	0.0	0.3	40
2021	Dec	46.9	45.7	1.5	0.65	0.0	0.0	0.1	47
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2022 LOWRF Wastewater and Recycled Water Flows

Not yet available

Enforcement: A list of properties that were not connected were transferred to County Code Enforcement and Notice of Violations were issued last year in Feb. 2019. That list was about 70 properties. As of 5/12/2021, the sewer service area has a 99.4% connection status with a total of 36 properties not yet connected. Of those, one is not required to connect because there is no structure (demolished), 18 have expired building permits, and the rest have an open Code Enforcement case.

The County has assigned staff in code enforcement to Los Osos. Expired permits did not receive a Code Enforcement case because those properties have their own noticing process through the Building Department which, if not corrected, could result in a Notice of Violation.

Recycled Water Connections: The County approved \$350,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for connecting new users to the LOWRF Recycled Water System. Additional funding was approved for improvements at the LOWRF and the Broderson Leach field.

Water Conservation Update

Rebate Update: Average indoor water usage for 2019 was estimated to be 40 gpd per person and remains at that number currently.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

SGMA Overview: SGMA took effect on January 1, 2015.¹ SGMA provides new authorities to local agencies with water supply, water management or land use responsibilities and requires various actions be taken in order to achieve sustainable groundwater management in high and medium priority groundwater basins. Los Osos Valley Groundwater Basin (Los Osos Basin) was subject to SGMA based on the 2014 Basin Prioritization by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) that listed the Los Osos Basin as high priority and in critical conditions of overdraft.²

Basin Prioritization: On December 18, 2019, DWR released the SGMA 2019 Basin Prioritizations. Basins or subbasins reassess to low or very low priority basins or subbasins are not subject to SGMA regulations. A summary of DWR's Final SGMA Prioritizations for the Los Osos Area Subbasin and Warden Creek Subbasin are listed below:

- Los Osos Area Subbasin is listed as very low priority for SGMA³ and in critical conditions of overdraft⁴
- SGMA does not apply to the portions of Los Osos Basin that are adjudicated provided that certain requirements are met (Water Code §10720.8).
- Warden Creek Subbasin is listed as very low priority for SGMA³

For more information on DWR's basin boundary modification and prioritization process, please visit: https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization

¹ On September 16, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law a three-bill legislative package, composed of <u>AB 1739 (Dickinson)</u>, <u>SB 1168 (Pavley)</u>, and <u>SB 1319 (Pavley)</u>, collectively known as SGMA

² SGMA mandates that all groundwater basins identified by DWR as high- or medium-priority by January 31, 2015, must have groundwater sustainability agencies established by June 30, 2017. The act also requires that all high- and medium-priority basins classified as being subject to critical conditions of overdraft in Bulletin 118, as of January 1, 2017, be covered by groundwater sustainability plans, or their equivalent, by January 31, 2020. Groundwater sustainability plans, or their equivalent, must be established for all other high- and medium-priority basins by January 31, 2022.

³ As noted by DWR, the priority for the subbasin has been set to very low (0 total priority points) as a result of conditions being met under sub-component C of the Draft SGMA 2019 Basin Prioritizations.

⁴ Critical conditions of overdraft have been identified in 21 groundwater basins as described in Bulletin 118 (Water Code Section 12924). Bulletin 118 (updates 2003) defines a groundwater basin subject to condition of critical overdraft as: "A basin is subject to critical conditions of overdraft when continuation of present water management practices would probably result in significant adverse overdraft-related environmental, social, or economic impacts."

Additional Attachments:

1. None

TO: Los Osos Basin Management Committee

FROM: Dan Heimel, Executive Director

DATE: February 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Item 9a: Appointment of BMC Officers for Calendar Year 2022

Recommendations

Staff recommends that the BMC review the existing officer positions and appoint officers for CY 2022 or provide alternative direction to staff.

Discussion

The adopted Rules and Regulations (January 2016) for the BMC require appointment of the Committee's officers as noted in the excerpt below from Section 4.2:

Appointment of Officers. The officers shall be appointed annually by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Basin Management Committee. Officers shall be elected at the first Basin Management Committee meeting, and thereafter at the first Basin Management Committee meeting following December 1 of each year. An Officer may serve for multiple consecutive terms. Any Officer may resign at any time upon written notice to the Basin Management Committee. The Secretary or Treasurer may be removed and replaced by an affirmative decision of the Basin Management Committee.

The current BMC officers are as follows:

Director Ochylski: Chairperson
Director Zimmer: Vice Chairperson

Director Cote: Secretary
Director Gibson: Treasurer

TO: Los Osos Basin Management Committee

FROM: Dan Heimel, Executive Director

DATE: February 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Item 9b – Update on Status of Basin Plan Infrastructure Projects

Recommendations

Receive report and provide input to staff on future direction.

Discussion

The Basin Management Plan for the Los Osos Groundwater Basin (Plan) was approved by the Court in October 2015. The Plan provided a list of projects that comprise the Basin Infrastructure Program (Program) that were put forth to address the following immediate and continuing goals:

Immediate Goals

- 1. Halt or, to the extent possible, reverse seawater intrusion into the Basin.
- 2. Provide sustainable water supplies for existing residential, commercial, community and agricultural development overlying the Basin.

Continuing Goals

- 1. Establish a strategy for maximizing the reasonable and beneficial use of Basin water resources.
- 2. Provide sustainable water supplies for future development within Los Osos, consistent with local land use planning policies.
- 3. Allocate costs equitably among all parties who benefit from the Basin's water resources, assessing special and general benefits.

The Program is divided into five parts, designated Programs A through D and Program M. Programs A and B shift groundwater production from the Lower Aquifer to the Upper Aquifer, and Programs C and D shift production within the Lower Aquifer from the Western Area to the Central and Eastern Areas, respectively. Program M was established in the Basin Management Plan for the development of a Groundwater Monitoring Program (See Chapter 7 of the BMP), and a new lower aquifer monitoring well in the Cuesta by the Sea area was recommended in the 2015 Annual Report and completed in December 2019. Program U is the Urban Water Reinvestment Program that addresses the use of recycled water within the Basin. The attached table provides a comprehensive project status and summary.

Update on Status of Basin Plan Infrastructure Projects

Program Name	Project Name	Parties Involved	BMC Budgeted Amount	Funding Status	Anticipated Planning/Pre- Construction Cost	Anticipated Capital Cost	Status/Notes
Program A – Shift groundwater	Water Systems Interconnection	LOCSD/ GSWC	NA	NA	NA	NA	Completed
production from Lower Aquifer to	Upper Aquifer Well (8 th Street)	LOCSD	NA	Fully Funded	NA	\$250,000	Electrical component supply chain issues delayed the start of the project but construction is now underway. Completion date is yet to be determined
Upper Aquifer	South Bay Well Nitrate Removal	LOCSD	NA	NA	NA	NA	Completed
	Palisades Well Modifications	LOCSD	NA	NA	NA	NA	Completed
	Blending Project (Skyline Well)	GSWC	NA	NA	NA	NA	Completed
	Water Meters	S&T	NA	NA	NA	NA	Completed
Program B - Shift groundwater	LOCSD Wells (Upper Aquifer)	LOCSD		Not Funded	TBD	BMP: \$2.7 mil	Project not initiated
production from Lower Aquifer to	GSWC Wells (Upper Aquifer)	GSWC		Not Funded	TBD	BMP: \$3.2 mil	Project not initiated
Upper Aquifer	Community Nitrate Removal Facility	LOCSD/GSWC/S&T	TBD	Partial, GSWC portion funded	TBD	GSWC: \$1.23 mil	GSWC's Program A Blending Project might be capable of expanding to be the first phase of the Program B Community Nitrate Removal Facility.
Program C - Shift production within	Expansion Well No. 1 (Los Olivos)	GSWC	NA	NA NA	NA	NA	Completed
the Lower Aquifer from the Western	Expansion Well No. 2 (Lower Aquifer)	LOCSD		LOCSD	TBD	BMP: \$2.1 mil	The Minor Use Permit application was submitted to the County in October 2021. Construction is anticipated to begin Q1 2022.
Area to the Central Area of the Basin	Expansion Well 3 (Lower Aquifer) and LOVR Water Main Upgrade	GSWC/LOCSD		Cooperative Funding	TBD	BMP: \$1.6 mil	This project has been deferred under Adaptive Management.
	LOVR Water Main Upgrade	GSWC		May be deferred	TBD	BMP: \$1.53 mil	Project may not be required, depending on the pumping capacity of the drilled Program C wells. It may be deferred to Program D.
	S&T/GSWC Interconnection	S&T/ GSWC		Pending	TBD	BMP: \$30,000	Currently on hold, pending the completion of S&T's water meter cellular updates.
Program D - Shift production within the Lower Aquifer from the Western Area to the Eastern Area of the Basin							Currently being considered for deferment through Adaptative Management. BMC to review on an annual or semi-annual basis.
Program M – Groundwater Monitoring Plan	New Zone D/E lower aquifer monitoring well in Cuesta by the Sea	All Parties	NA	NA	NA	NA	Completed
Program U - Urban Water	Creek Discharge Program	All Parties				TBD	These activities are currently on hold.

Program Name	Project Name	Parties Involved	BMC Budgeted	Funding Status	Anticipated	Anticipated Capital	Status/Notes
			Amount		Planning/Pre-	Cost	
					Construction Cost		
Reinvestment	8 th and El Moro	All Parties				TBD	These activities are currently on hold.
Program	Urban Storm Water						
	Recovery Project						