

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
TEMPLETON COMMUNITY CENTER

February 19, 2015
Draft Meeting Minutes

An audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted during public comment are available online at www.PasoBasin.org

Approximately 2:00 pm the meeting is called to order

1. Introductions and determination of a Quorum- Quorum established.
2. Approve January meeting minutes- The January 22, 2015, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee was reviewed. One amendment was made to consistently refer to Bill Frost as William Frost. Member Cunha moves to approve the January meeting minutes, as amended, with a second by Member Kalvans. (20-0-2-2)
3. County Efforts (please see staff report)-
 - a. Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update (e.g. offset programs)- Courtney Howard, County Public Works, mentions the County Planning Department will present options associated with developing an Agricultural Water Conservation Offset Program to the Board of Supervisors on February 24. Trevor Keith, County Planning, responds to questions regarding the nature of the options. Discussion ensues regarding basins and their levels of severity.
 - b. Water District Formation Update- John Diodati, County Public Works, reports on the outcome of the January 27, 2015, Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Diodati notes that water district powers, boundaries, Proposition 218, and schedule were the main topics of discussion. Mr. Diodati also notes that staff will return to the Board in April with a comparison of the two funding mechanisms (i.e. a “rate” or a “tax”). At that time a draft LAFCO application will be completed. Mr. Diodati mentions funding the District is a condition of formation, not a part of the LAFCO application, therefore, the Board of Supervisors is not required to make a final decision in April. Discussion ensues regarding Proposition 218 votes and determining the basis for cost distribution.
 - c. Nacimiento-San Antonio Interlake Tunnel Project Discussions- Ms. Howard informs the Committee that the County is in contact with Monterrey County regarding the project. Member Neil expresses concern about what effects the Nacimiento- San Antonio Interlake Tunnel Project may have on Nacimiento water reliability. Alternate Member Franklin explains the project’s initial engineering study included retaining all requirements of reservoir operation associated with

the Master Water Agreement with San Luis Obispo County. Mr. Franklin reports the projects expansion will increase spillway elevation at San Antonio and notes an outreach meeting will be conducted at Heritage Ranch on February 26; the meeting is primarily directed towards addressing lake side homeowner concerns.

- d. Computer Model Efforts Update- Ms. Howard announces she has posted the final report along with a document containing public comments and responses from the consultant. An update on the refined model runs will be provided in late March.
 - e. Consider Advising the Board of Supervisors regarding County efforts- Discussion ensues regarding whether to support the development of an interim or provisional Agricultural Water Conservation Offset Program and the expiration of the urgency ordinance. A motion to support the Program's development is made by Member Tracy with a second by Member Luft, and various members propose refinements to the motion under discussion. With concurrence from Members Tracy and Member Luft, the language of the passing motion is to advise the Board of Supervisors to continue with the process of adopting an interim ordinance that would stand until such time a management body is established to manage the Paso Basin, have the ordinance come back to PBAC for input and approve the ordinance before expiration of the urgency ordinance. (20-2-1-1)
4. Subcommittee Reports/ Recommended PBAC Actions-
- a. Management- Alternate Member Halley reports on the Management Subcommittee's last meeting. Upon a motion by Alternate Member Halley and a second by Member Sinton the Committee votes unanimously to send letters to the Board of Supervisors recommending the release of surplus Nacimiento Water to the Salinas River, and to revise the approach to the supplemental water supply options study. (23-0-0-1) Alternate Member Halley relays the concern expressed by the subcommittee regarding the San Antonio-Nacimiento Intertie Project's potential impact on lake levels and reliability. Discussion ensues regarding San Antonio and Nacimiento water benefits to the basin. A suggestion is made for the Committee consider advising the Board of Supervisors to facilitate an agency wide discussion of SGMA at a future meeting.
 - b. Supply Options-. Ms. Halley summarizes topics discussed at the last Subcommittee meeting including an update on Paso's recycled water potential and the progress of unincorporated community water systems. The Committee discusses use of recycled water for irrigation and blending of recycled water with groundwater or Nacimiento water.
 - c. Computer Model Update- Ms. Howard notes that the benefit of recharging additional Nacimiento water into the Salinas River will be evaluated with the model.

- d. Conservation- Member Best reports on the Subcommittees February 5 meeting. The Subcommittee created a draft outreach letter intended for irrigators in order to solicit input on best practices for water use efficiency. Discussion ensues on the purpose of the letter and whether a letter is the best approach to request input. Upon a motion by Member Merrill and a second by Member Harvey the Committee votes unanimously for the Subcommittee to update the letter to address concerns expressed by the members and proceed with sending the letter to relevant organizations. (23-0-0-1)
 - e. In-Basin Projects- Member Werner spoke on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) offered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The program's target is to increase water infiltration within the basin. Mr. Werner mentions it is worth investigating funding available through EQIP to help recharge the basin. The Subcommittee's future topics of discussion include: potential for additional water via the Salinas Dam, residential rural projects and best management practices, and NRCS practices and projects suitable for the area.
 - f. Outreach and Education- Alternate Member Hendrickson summarizes the Subcommittee's February 2 meeting including the update from County Staff on Water District application development outreach efforts. The Subcommittee suggested County Staff create a GIS parcel map with the Paso Basin boundary available for landowners. Ms. Hendrickson announces the Subcommittee is working on compiling a list of CSD and Mutual Water Companies within the Basin. After a brief discussion of the document, Member Luft motions to approve the PBAC Vision for At-Large Members, as amended by Ms. Howard, with a second by Member Wilmore, and the motion passes unanimously. (23-0-0-1)
5. Public Comment Public- Member Harvey notes that a well is being investigated that may have been improperly constructed and County Environmental Health is working with the driller assess the situation. Discussion ensues on improperly screened wells and cross contamination of water sources. Member Sinton speaks to a recent presentation by lawyer Wayne Lemieux, who specializes in water issues.
 6. Future meeting topics/committee comments Committee- No future topics suggested.
 7. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned approximately 4:00 pm.

Paso Robles Groundwater Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form

Meeting Date: 2/19/2015

Organization	Representative	MOTION 1				MOTION 2				MOTION 3				MOTION 4				MOTION 5				MOTION 6				
		AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS																										
Atascadero Mutual Water Company	John Neil Jaime Hendrickson	M A	X					X				X					X				X					
Central Coast Vineyard Team	Kris Beal Willy Cunha	M A										X					X				X					
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel Christine Halley	M A						X				X					X				X					
City of San Luis Obispo	Vacant John Ashbaugh	M A																								
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Robert Johnson Howard Franklin	M A															X				X				X	
Paso Robles Imperiled Overlying Rights (PRIOR)	Steve Sinton Kent Gilmore	M A	X					X				X				X				X					X	
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	Patricia Wilmore Jerry Reaugh	M A	X					X				X				X				X					X	
San Miguel Community Services District	Anthony Kalvans Dan Gilmore	M A	X					X				X				X				X					X	
Shandon (County Service Area 16)	Susan Howard Vacant	M A						X	X			X				X				X					X	
SLO County Cattlemen's Association	Kurt Bollinger Dale Evanson	M A	X							X						X				X					X	
SLO County Farm Bureau	Paul Clark Megan Silcott	M A	X							X						X				X					X	
Templeton Community Services District	Jeff Brillz Tina Mayer	M A															X			X					X	
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD	Devin Best Amy Smart	M A	X					X				X				X				X					X	
AT-LARGE																										
Viticulture Agriculturalist At-Large	Dana Merrill Robert Brown	M A						X	X			X				X				X					X	
Non-Viticulture Irrigated Crop Agriculturalist At-Large	Bill Spencer John DeRosier	M A	X					X				X				X				X					X	
Environmental At-Large	Sue Harvey Daniel Meade	M A	X					X				X				X				X					X	
Rural Residential At-Large	Sue Luft Michael Baugh	M A	X					X				X				X				X					X	
	Claudia Engel Maria Lorca	M A	X					X				X				X				X					X	
	Edward C. Redig Jim DeRose	M A	X					X				X				X				X					X	
	Vacant William Frost	M A															X				X				X	
	George Tracy Don Wilson	M A	X					X				X				X				X					X	
(District 1)	Randy Dffenbaugh Randy Heinzen	M A	X					X				X				X				X					X	
(District 5)	Greg Grewal Dr. Serena Friedman	M A	X							X			X			X				X					X	
Undesignated At-Large	Larry Werner Miller Newlon	M A	X					X				X				X				X					X	
Total:			20	0	2	2		20	2	1	1		23	0	0	1		23	0	0	1		23	0	0	1

MOTION 1

Item #: 2 Pass/Fail?: Pass

Motion Maker: Cunha Seconder: Kalvans

AYE: 20 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 2 ABSENT: 2

Motion: Approve January meeting minutes.

MOTION 2

Item #: 3.e. Pass/Fail?: Pass

Motion Maker: Tracy Seconder: Luft

AYE: 20 NO: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 ABSENT: 1

Motion: Advise the Board of Supervisors to continue with the process of adopting an interim ordinance that would stand until such time a management body is established to manage the Paso Basin; have the ordinance come back to PBAC for input and approve the ordinance before expiration of the emergency ordinance.

MOTION 3

Item #: 4.a. Pass/Fail?: Pass

Motion Maker: Halley Seconder: Sinton

AYE: 23 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1

Motion: Send a letter to San Luis Obispo County encouraging the release of surplus Nacimiento Water to the Salinas River, and also to encourage a summary of supplemental water options.

MOTION 4

Item #: 4.d. Pass/Fail?: Pass

Motion Maker: Merrill Seconder: Harvey

AYE: 23 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1

Motion: Charge the Conservation Subcommittee with review of the letter requesting input from stakeholder organizations regarding best conservation practices and programs.

MOTION 5

Item #: 4.f. Pass/Fail?: Pass

Motion Maker: Luft Seconder: Wilmore

AYE: 23 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1

Motion: Approve PBAC Vision for At- Large Members, as amended.

MOTION 6

Item #: 7 Pass/Fail?: Pass

Motion Maker: Cunha Seconder: Neil

AYE: 23 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1

Motion: Adjourn

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee

FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer

DATE: March 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 4: County Efforts

Recommendation

Receive an update on County efforts and consider developing recommendations for the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion

Countywide Water Conservation Development Programs

On February 24, 2015, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to proceed with developing the Water Neutral New Agriculture Program for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin that, if approved, would be in effect until a Groundwater Sustainability Plan is adopted for the Basin. The Committee may wish to task one of its subcommittees to review and provide input during its development.

AB 2453 Paso Basin Water District Formation Process

On October 14, 2014, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to lead the effort to potentially form an AB 2453 Paso Basin Water District. It is important to note three of the major guiding statutes associated with this effort and approval processes:

Statute	Approval Processes
Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formation Application (Local Agency Formation Commission)
AB 2453	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formation Vote (1 Landowner, 1 Vote) Election of Board of Directors (Landowner/Resident Hybrid)
Prop 218	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding of Water District Governance Operations (Appropriate Method TBD)

On January 27, 2015, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to return within approximately 90 days with the draft water district formation application consistent with the following direction:

- Use DWR Bulletin 118 boundaries, but indicate that the Atascadero Subbasin is part of the sphere of influence to allow the Atascadero Subbasin to be added to the water district later if necessary.
- Include full AB 2453 powers in the draft application, with an analysis of AB 2453 in comparison to SGMA powers included in the staff report.

- Report back on possible Prop 218 funding mechanism processes and "clean-up" legislation for SGMA.

Staff is attending area advisory committee and community meetings, and developing the application over the coming months. For more information, please visit:

<http://pasobasin.org/groundwater-management/legislation/outreach-education/>

Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater

The Board of Supervisors will be considering the next steps for the draft ordinance regulating the exportation of groundwater during its March 17, 2015 meeting.

<http://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/agenda/sanluisobispo/Proposal.html?select=4452>

A verbal update on the outcome of the Board's deliberation will be provided during the PBAC meeting. The PBAC's November 20, 2014 letter to the Board regarding the draft ordinance is available at:

<http://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/Water%20Forum/PRGWB%20Advisory%20Committee/Submittals/pdf/2014.11.20%20Ltr%20to%20BOS%20re%20Exp%20Ord.pdf>

Rural at Large Alternate Member Vacancy (alternate to William Frost)

Applications received by April 3rd will be submitted to the Outreach and Education Subcommittee for review and development of a recommendation to the full Committee for consideration during its April 16th meeting.

PBAC CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: March 5, 2015

Time: 1:30-3:30pm

Location: RCD Conference Room, 65 S. Main St., Templeton, CA

1:30 Introductions & Determination of a Quorum

Review meeting minutes from 2/5/15
Member comments/reports

2:00 Directions for next phase of Conservation Subcommittee

Review Conservation Subcommittee Outreach letter and approve final draft. Distribute to targeted stakeholder groups to get response no later than April 30th, 2015.

Consider collaborating with In-Basin for prioritization of water conservation practices in a focal area (e.g. Creston, Huer Huero Creek watershed, etc.)

Conservation Innovation Grant submission by RCD. Report to group on the direction of the grant pre-application and potential outcomes if approved.

3:15 Items for Next Meeting

3:30 Adjourn

Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Conservation Subcommittee minutes

Date: March 5th, 2015 1-3pm RCD Office

1. Introduction and determination of a quorum:
 1. Members present:
 - A. Claudia Engel: Rural at large
 - B. Devin Best: US-LT RCD
 - C. Anthony Kalvans: San Miguel CSD
 - D. Mike Baugh: Rural at large
 - E. Robert Brown: viticulture
 - F. Randy Heinzen: District 5
 2. Members Absent:
 - A. Bill Spencer: non-irrigated
 - B. Kris Beal: viticulture
 3. Member Reports:
 - A. The committee the outcome of adopting a County urgency ordinance. SLO County Public Works representatives will be hosting a series of town-hall style meetings. The next one is scheduled March 18, from 5:30-6:45pm.
 - B. Member Baugh brought up the issue of the Export Ordinance. An example from Tehama County Groundwater Management Plan (http://www.tehamacountypublicworks.ca.gov/Flood/documents/2013_GWMP/2_GWMP_Main.pdf).
2. Populate Conservation strategies list statement:
 1. List of potential and possible conservation strategies for each category.
 - A. The group continued populating the recommendation list for each category (*i.e.* Municipal, Rural/Residential, Ag, Open Space) and for each subcategory (policy vs. practice). Member Baugh provided a list of recommendations to add to the current list.
 - B. Subcommittee determined to outreach to list of vested stakeholder groups provided by Member Baugh.
 - C. The subcommittee briefly discussed technical needs to disseminate and organize documents. The subcommittee agreed a cloud-based format such as Google drive could be shared among committee members and other stakeholders where files could be uploaded, modified, and saved. Member Best was tasked with looking at potential options.
 - D. Each member of the committee will continue on a section based on their expertise.
 - a. Municipalities: Anthony Kalvans
 - b. Rural Residential: Mike/Bob
 - c. Agriculture: Mike/Bob
 - d. Open Space: Claudia Engle/Devin Best
 2. Attendance
 - a. The group discussed attendance and requirements of being a member of the subcommittee. Since this discussion is going on in other subcommittees, the group decided to see what the outcome and direction was from PBAC

3. County-wide Water ordinance

- a. The group briefly discussed the importance of attending the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 17, 2015.

Next meeting April 2nd.

Minutes: March 5, 2015

In-Basin Projects Subcommittee of the Paso Robles Basin Advisory Committee:

In attendance: Larry Werner, Willy Cunha, Sue Luft, Greg Grewal, Patricia Wilmore, Ed Redig, Sue Harvey, Claudia Engel and representing the City of SLO John Ashbaugh and Noah Evans. From the Public: Laurie Gage, Gwen Pelfrey and Serena Friedman.

Greg Grewal reported on some of the history of the Salinas Reservoir and how in the permitting process it has been and still is an unfinished permit. We also discussed capacities, live stream agreement and which Cities may still maintain rights to water from the impoundment. We considered the potential increase in Safe Annual Yield from raising the Dam to its original design weighed against the cost (1,650 acre feet – see page 4-199 of the Master Water Report). Greg researched and found some of the original agreements. We are hoping to use this as a basis for further exploration of the possibilities tied up in the headwaters of the Salinas and the Salinas Reservoir. The effect of releases from the Reservoir on the Paso Robles Ground Water Basin may be shown by upcoming modeling efforts.

Larry Werner led a discussion of pursuing funding sources for Rural Residential Projects. He would like to identify the most promising opportunities. While the possibilities are tantalizing clear, many questions came to the fore. How funding would be found for engineering, to bring in water and to construct the distribution system? Could initial phases of study begin now? Would it happen under the auspices of a future Water District? How do you get buy in from a diverse community who already own their own water system? Echoes of the Los Osos sewer project come to mind. Is there a possibility for a Prop 1 or even Prop 84 Grant to get a project started? While there are many areas in need, the Hwy 41 corridor east of Paso Robles might be a more practical area for a project due to its proximity to existing infrastructure. A key component for a successful project will be strong support from the people living there. There has been some previous work done on this idea and Larry volunteered to find and bring it back to our next meeting. We need to define what are the zones of benefit and what are the existing property values and how they would be affected by a project. A simple cost benefit analysis could be constructed. Larry also volunteered to map these areas.

We discussed reviewing and ranking the Blue Ribbon Committees final findings and to analyze the data behind them.

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**March 2, 2015
MEETING NOTES**

1. Introductions and Members Present:

Subcommittee members present –Sue Luft, Sue Harvey, Willy Cunha, Bob Brown, Rob Johnson, William Frost, Christine Halley, Paul Clark (late)

County/LAFCO staff present – Mark Hutchinson, John Diodati, Carolyn Berg, Trevor Keith, David Church

Others present –John Neil, Claudia Engel, Gwen Pelfrey, David Church, John Hollenbeck, Michael Baugh, Jerry Reaugh, Laurie Gage, Randy Diffenbaugh, Dee Lacey, Bill Pelfrey, George Tracy, Alan Duckworth, Hilary Graves, Cindy Steinbeck, Greg Grewal, and other members of the public.

2. Approve February Management Subcommittee Notes: Subcommittee Member Cunha moved to approve February 2, 2015, meeting notes; seconded by Member Luft; passed unanimously.

3. Water District Formation:

- a. Application Update – John Diodati reported that the application materials are coming together and remain on schedule for Board consideration as early as April 2015. Staff has met with all Community Advisory Councils and is now setting up meetings with Mutual Water Companies and smaller CSDs. An interactive GIS map is under development, to be released soon.

David Church, LAFCO Executive Officer, confirmed that once the application for the proposed Water District is submitted, LAFCO will host a series of public meetings regarding its formation and powers.

- b. Defining Basin Boundary and GSAs – County staff is coordinating with proponents of the Atascadero sub-basin area on the Water District boundary along that interface. Basinwide coordination to define GSAs, including the acreage that extends into Monterey County and Camp Roberts, has yet to take place.

4. Basin Management Activities:

- a. Interim Ag Offsets – On February 24, 2015, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to prepare an ordinance for consideration that would leave basin management provisions including agricultural offsets in place through adoption of the required GSP. Trevor Keith, Planning Department Division Manager, stated that the Draft EIR for the ag and residential offset programs will be released at the end of March for a 45 day review period. The Management Subcommittee remains available to participate in and comment on the proposed ordinance language as it develops.

- b. Groundwater Exportation – Deputy County Public Works Director Mark Hutchinson reviewed the proposed ordinance language pertaining to regulation of groundwater

exportation. The proposed regulation essentially identifies conditions under which exportation would be permitted. Groundwater has not historically been exported from the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin; nor are any active proposals for exportation under consideration. The County's water planning documents identified measures to meet water demand and to supplement supplies, but none identify groundwater exportation as a planned water management measure.

Regardless, heightened interest in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin status and land holdings by larger corporations suggest to some that exporting water for profit may be considered in the future.

Established water law as well as local water policies (eg. State Water Project Excess Entitlement Policies and Nacimiento Project Water Delivery Entitlement Contracts) frame the conditions under which waters may be exported from the County. The proposed County ordinance would build from that framework, further limiting exportation.

On March 17th (tentative), the Board of Supervisors will consider giving direction to staff whether to proceed with development of the non-exportation ordinance.

Subcommittee Member Luft stated that the Subcommittee has heard the concerns of the public and moved that "the Management Subcommittee of the BAC requests that the County adopt a strong no export ordinance within the legal framework of the County"; seconded by Member Harvey; passed unanimously. If the BoS hearing takes place on March 17th (prior to the BAC meeting), the Subcommittee requests that this action be presented to the BoS on the 17th.

Member Brown asked that the County consider adding no export language to the Water District application. Since this item was not on the agenda, this request will be considered at the April Management Subcommittee meeting. Member Brown distributed a draft document entitled "Exporting Groundwater from the Paso Robles Basin - A Discussion & Analysis of Frequently Asked Questions" which was used by the Subcommittee as a guide to address public concern about water exports. Member Brown agreed to draft answers to these questions for future discussion, review and possible agreement by the Subcommittee.

5. Actions to Sustain Supplies:

- a. **Monterey County Update** – Rob Johnson reported that the Interlake Tunnel project remains in consideration, and that Monterey County addresses sustainability through supplemental water/infrastructure solutions as opposed to extraction limits. Raising San Antonio Dam may be included as a component of the Interlake Tunnel project.

The Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee (NRWMAC) hosted an informational meeting in February, focusing on lake level impacts. Monterey County Water Resources Agency staff will attend a series of public meetings in SLO and Monterey Counties to answer questions.

- b. **City of Paso Robles Update** – Christine Halley shared that Paso Robles' recycled water master plan identifies a delivery system extending to both in-City customers and to irrigators to the east. Treatment system design is underway, with outreach to potential customers and

application for State low-interest funding later this year (provided City Council supports these steps). The City of Paso Robles is also pursuing additional Nacimiento entitlement along with the County Flood Control District and other Participants under the “full subscription” program. Emphasis remains on getting the Nacimiento delivery system back into operations.

- c. **San Luis Obispo County Update**– Mark Hutchinson reported that the Nacimiento pipeline liner has been installed and it being tested. The pipeline will be operational by April 1st. The results of the computer model update will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of release of surplus Nacimiento water to the Salinas River. Design of a State Water connection for Shandon is underway, allowing that community to take its 100 AFY entitlement.

6. Recommendations to the Main Basin Advisory Committee:

- a. **Year 1 Look-Back** – April marks the first anniversary of the Basin Advisory Committee. The Management Subcommittee advises a Year 1 look-back to document our accomplishments, organization of subcommittees, suitable to forward to the Board of Supervisors.
- b. **Non-exportation ordinance** -The motion of the Management Subcommittee that the County adopt a strong no export ordinance within the legal framework of the County needs to be presented to the BoS on the 17th. The BAC should consider support of this statement on the 19th.

7. Future Subcommittee Topics: Review of ag offset ordinance language and Draft EIR in April, Consideration of non-export language by County in LAFCO application in April.

Meeting adjourned approximately 11:30 am. Next meeting of the Management Subcommittee is scheduled for Monday April 6, 2015, at 9:00 am at Paso Robles Safety Center located at 900 Park Street.

Notes prepared by C. Halley

Paso Basin Advisory Committee

March 19, 2015

ACTION ITEM

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
c/o Mr. John Neil, BAC Chairman

FROM: Jaime Hendrickson, Outreach & Education Subcommittee Chair

Recommendations

Consider voting to have the PBAC Chairperson create a brief annual summary identifying the year's accomplishments and unfinished business that would be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

Consider requesting each PBAC Subcommittee to provide the Outreach and Education Subcommittee with the following for inclusion in the annual report:

- Mission
- Members
- Accomplishments
- Volunteer and Agency-supported Hours Spent

Discussion

If the PBAC moves to draft an annual summary the PBAC can vote to send it to the Board of Supervisors at the April 16th, 2015 PBAC meeting and can be presented at the following April Board of Supervisors meeting.

A draft template for the PBAC Annual Report and the Water Resources Advisory Committee 2014 Annual Report are attached as examples.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Sample PBAC Annual Report
- B. Water Resources Advisory Committee 2014 Annual Report to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

Outreach and Education Subcommittee of Paso Basin Advisory Committee Meeting of March 2, 2015

Report

ATTENDANCE

Name		Jan	Feb	Mar
Jaime Hendrickson, Chair	Alternate	x	x	x
Sue Luft	Member	x	x	x
Robert Brown	Alternate	x	x	x
Bill Spencer	Member	x	x	x
Michael Baugh	Alternate	x	x	x
Laurie Gage	Guest	x		x
Bruce Baird	Guest	x	x	
John Diodati	SLO Co.	x		x
Carolyn Berg	SLO Co.	x	x	x
Hilary Graves	Guest		x	

O&E Update from County Staff

County Staff is moving from presenting at “Town Hall” meetings to smaller “Neighborhood” meetings where outreach has not been covered. Staff will provide a map identifying neighborhoods they are looking to reach out to and are looking to find hosts in those areas. County Staff provided verbiage for the flyer template.

County Staff John Diodati and Carolyn Berg demonstrated the County GIS parcel map with the Paso Basin boundaries that will be published onto the www.pasobasin.org website. The map will have two layers, basins and parcels, and will be searchable by APN or address. Staff will be including the map at all outreach presentations.

The first Paso Basin Water District Formation informational brochure is scheduled to be distributed via mail after the Board of Supervisors has taken action on the LAFCO application. The brochure will be designed as a standard 8.5" by 11" booklet, tentatively eight pages.

The O&E Subcommittee suggested the County utilize Nextdoor, a private social network app for neighborhoods.

Frequently Asked Questions

Member Brown and Guest Gage will work on a rough draft of Frequently Asked Questions to review at the April O&E Subcommittee meeting and provide to County staff for incorporation into the brochure.

Development of PBAC Facts and Findings

The subcommittee concluded that a timely way to recognize the efforts of the PBAC is in providing an annual report to the Board of Supervisors to be presented by Chair Neil (tentatively on April 21st). Member Luft drafted a rough outline to be presented to the BAC in March.

Updates

Member Brown distributed a possible FAQ to be developed on “Exporting Groundwater from the Paso Robles Basin”.

Chair Hendrickson noted that National Groundwater Awareness Week is March 8-14 and individual organizations can outreach the message via sharing posts on Facebook.

Next meeting

Monday, April 6th, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, AMWC Office

Neighborhood Meeting

_____ Area

Paso Robles Basin Water District Formation Information

_____ house

Location

_____, 2015 - 5:30-6:45 pm

County staff are currently preparing the water district application to LAFCO. The County team would like to meet with neighborhood groups, and provide an update on the Paso Robles Basin Water District formation application and approach. They will also describe the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which requires the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin to be sustainably managed.

_____ is hosting a meeting with the County team for neighbors in the _____ area on _____ from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. If you are a resident of this area and are interested in attending, please rsvp to _____ at _____ or _____. Space is limited.

Please pass this on to other neighbors.

Paso Basin Advisory Committee Annual Report

(April 8, 2014 through April __, 2014)

Mission of Paso Basin Advisory Committee (PBAC)

From the PBAC bylaws. The purpose of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee is to advise the Board of Supervisors, acting either as the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District or San Luis Obispo County, concerning policy decisions relating to:

1. Implementation of the Basin Groundwater Management Plan
2. Development of a "enhanced" Groundwater Management Plan for the Basin
3. Formation of a new water district
4. Transition of an initial County-supported district to an independent district
5. Other policies and ordinances

The PBAC will also serve as a public forum to discuss and collect comments on Basin issues.

Membership

See attached.

Accomplishments from April, 2014 through April, 2015

Volunteer and Agency Supported Hours Spent (not listed below)

Subcommittees of the PBAC

Management
Supplemental Supply Options
In-Basin Solutions
Conservation
Outreach and Education
Computer Model Update

Annual Report from each Subcommittee

(Each Subcommittee to provide and Outreach Subcommittee will consolidate and put in consistent format.)

Management Subcommittee

Mission

Members

Accomplishments

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In-Basin Solutions

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Conservation

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Outreach and Education

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Subject: Water Resources Advisory Committee 2014 Annual Report

Honorable Madams and Sirs,

This brief report is submitted to your Board to summarize the highlights of the activities of your Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) for the calendar year 2014.

The WRAC serves as an advisory committee for your Board. It is composed of 34 Members and their Alternates: 5 representing the Supervisorial Districts, 7 for the incorporated Cities, 8 independent Community Services Districts, 2 large water companies (Golden State and Atascadero Mutual), 2 Resource Conservation Districts, 3 Environmental at-Large, 2 Agriculture at-large and 1 Farm Bureau, 1 Development at-large, and 3 other institutions (Camp SLO, California Men's Colony and Cuesta College). On average, over 30 Members and Alternates were in attendance at any meeting. Many interested members of the public, as well as staff of various agencies, were also in attendance at the meetings.

The WRAC continues to be a respected advisory council to the District Board of Supervisors concerning our water resources.

A brief summary of the meetings during 2014 follows, along with the actions taken by the Board of Supervisors, if any, with respect to the WRAC's recommendations. Following the brief summary are month-by-month highlights of our meetings.

On March 4th, the WRAC unanimously approved this report for submittal to your Board.

I have greatly enjoyed my time as Chair of the WRAC. I have been a member of the WRAC since 2007 and plan to remain active. The WRAC is an important venue for considering and providing input into water resource issues which affect our county.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Sue Luft
WRAC Chairperson

Attachments: WRAC 2014 Annual Report to the District Board of Supervisors
WRAC 2014 Member and Guest Attendance Records

cc: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, All Districts

Purpose of the Committee:

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the SLO County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board specific water resource programs. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

Excerpts from WRAC Bylaws dated 8/28/2012

**Water Resources Advisory Committee
2014 Annual Report to the
San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors**

TOP ISSUES ADDRESSED BY WRAC IN 2014:

The WRAC received several reports regarding county water issues and provided verbal input regarding these reports and work efforts. Specific recommendations were provided by the WRAC during 2014 in three areas.

Integrated Regional Water Management Program

The WRAC recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve submittal of the Regional Water Management Group's (RWMG's) Recommended List of Projects for inclusion in the IRWM Expedited Drought Grant Funding Application. The WRAC received a presentation on the IRWM Plan adoption and unanimously approved sending a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors. The IRWM Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in August 2014 and the RWMG's, with support of the WRAC, recommended list of projects included in the drought grant funding application.

Resource Management System

The WRAC submitted the Subcommittee Report on the Review of the Water Resources Related Sections of the County Draft RMS Update to Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and the Planning Department. This submittal reflected the WRAC's discussion and comments on the updates to the RMS, including the statement that certain aspects of the subcommittee's report were unresolved with the WRAC. The Board of Supervisors considered and adopted many of the WRAC's recommendations.

Paso Robles Groundwater Basin

The WRAC approved a motion recommending inclusion in the legislative platform of the PRAAGS/PWE legislative proposal to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors approved inclusion of the legislative proposal regarding the Paso Basin Water District.

**Water Resources Advisory Committee
2014 Annual Report to the
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors**

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS BY MONTH:

***Please note that monthly updates are provided on ongoing programs such as the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM), rain and reservoir report, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin management, etc.*

January, 2014

The WRAC received IRWM plan update on the Administrative Draft and Groundwater Basins requiring Salt and Nutrient Management Plans.

February, 2014

The WRAC approved a motion recommending inclusion in the legislative platform of the PRAAGS/PWE legislative proposal to the Board of Supervisors by a vote of 14-0-7.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee was formed to Review the Water Resources Related Sections of the County of San Luis Obispo's Draft Resource Management System Update (General Plan Amendment) by a unanimous vote.

March, 2014

Member Luft is unanimously elected the 2014 WRAC Chairperson and Member L.Chipping is unanimously elected the 2014 WRAC Vice Chairperson.

The 2013 Annual Report was submitted for consideration. The report, with small amendments, was forwarded to the Board of Supervisors with unanimous approval.

John Diodati, Public Works Administrator, presents on local and regional drought response efforts. Mr. Diodati describes the need to show impacts to local health and safety based on the reduced State Water allocation, especially for the most at-risk communities, such as the CMC/ Chorro Valley and Morro Bay. Discussion ensues about existing water resources and possible emergency response projects such as temporary desalination in Cambria, and Heritage Ranch CSD's Nacimiento intertie. He explains the regional and State Offices of Emergency Services are surveying the severity of drought in this county. Consideration of declaration of local emergency will include six key tasks: tracking and evaluating legislation and funding, coordination with the County drought task force, interagency coordination, emergency projects and programs, and establishing countywide water conservation. Discussion ensues on Executive Order B2113, Nacimiento reserve water, State Water and associated reservoirs, how realistic the 20% water use reduction is given county residents already have among the lowest per capita use in the State, and debt service relief for agencies paying for State Water and additionally the high cost temporary water supply.

April, 2014

After review and discussion, the WRAC recommended the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed fiscal year 2014/15 Flood Control District Budget by a vote of 17-1-2.

Discussed Subcommittee Report on the Review of the Water Resources Related Sections of the

County of San Luis Obispo's Draft RMS Update (General Plan Amendment) – Member Hollenbeck presented the subcommittee's initial review and comments on the RMS update. The subcommittee provided edits aimed at increasing readability of the document, and understanding of how the RMS process establishes Levels of Severity (LOS) I, II, or III.

May, 2014

The WRAC recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve submittal of the Regional Water Management Group's Recommended List of Projects for Inclusion in the IRWM Expedited Drought Grant Funding Application by a vote of 18-1-1.

The WRAC performed biennial review and consideration of updating the WRAC Bylaws; no changes to the bylaws were recommended by a vote of 19-0-0.

June, 2014

Submitted Subcommittee Report on the Review of the Water Resources Related Sections of the County Draft RMS Update (General Plan Amendment) to Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and the Planning Department. This submittal reflected the WRAC's discussion and comments on the updates to the RMS, including the statement that certain aspects of the subcommittee's report were unresolved with the WRAC; hence the motion was passed by a vote 8-7-0.

July, 2014

No meeting.

August, 2014

The WRAC received a presentation on the IRWM Plan adoption and unanimously approves sending a letter of support recommending to the Board of Supervisors by a vote of 17-0-1.

September, 2014

County Environmental Health Department presented on the digitization of well data and its availability via an online, searchable map. The platform integrates Environmental Health's data with other County enterprise mapped information. This data is accessible to County staff, of which a smaller subset will eventually be available for public viewing. Staff has started the effort focusing on a pilot area within the Paso Robles Basin using data from recent well completion logs. Discussion ensues about uses of mapped data, issues with confidentiality of well data, and how this might be used in emergency planning and response.

John Diodati of County Public Works gave a status update on Water Resources Legislative Activities. There are three major legislative actions being considered at the State level: Assembly Bill 2453 - Paso Robles Basin Water District, Pavley-Dickinson Groundwater Sustainability Bills, and Proposition 1 Water Bond.

Laura Edwards Upper Salinas- Las Tablas Resource Conservation District, and Jeff Barry, GSI Water presented on Resource Conservation District's Draft Agricultural Offset Program. Discussion ensues about what constitutes credit water (e.g. fallowing land), location of credit water versus new demand, effects on land deeds if/when basin levels stabilize, relationship to urgency ordinance and Board direction, and relationship to new legislation.

October, 2014

The WRAC received a presentation on the Draft Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater. Discussion ensues on why mining was not included, enforcement, basin, export and groundwater definitions, District and County exemption, effects on interties, various scenarios under which the ordinance applies, and public comment process. Even though forming a subcommittee to review the ordinance was considered, no motion was made.

James Caruso, County Planning and Building presents review of Upcoming County Planning Water Programs. He overviews five water programs being considered by the Board during the first half of 2015. Mr. Caruso suggests prioritizing review of programs, to bring more critical programs to the WRAC sooner.

The WRAC formed an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the Wastewater and Water Components of the Biennial Summary Report for the County Resource Management System (RMS) by a unanimous vote in favor 18-0-0.

Mark Hutchinson, County Public Works Deputy Director, presents an update & discussion of County Water System Drought Responses. Mr. Hutchinson noted that on October 14th the Board of Supervisors will host a County Water Summit and will consider giving direction relative to petitioning Local Agency Formation Commission on Paso Basin Water District formation. He overviews the County-operated water systems, and describes the three subregions' water systems, main issues and concerns, and drought plans. Mr. Hutchinson briefly overviews recent actions related to the Lopez system's low reservoir response planning. Discussion ensues regarding desalination, reservoir levels, limitations of management and growth, conservation, and potential exchanges in a continued drought.

November, 2014

The WRAC receive a presentation on U.S. Geologic Survey's Cuyama Valley, California Hydrologic Study: An Assessment of Water Availability. Dennis Gibbs, Santa Barbara County Water Agency Senior Hydrologist, presents on the recently completed Cuyama Basin studies. He overviews Cuyama's watershed, geology, basin land uses, water balance, land subsidence, water quality, groundwater age dating, long term effects of supply and demand scenarios, impacts of introduction of electrical pumping equipment (post-World War II), and inter-county coordination and monitoring. Discussion ensues regarding land use and water balance implications, and future monitoring. He encourages members to visit the website to read related studies (<http://ca.water.usgs.gov/projects/cuyama/>).

December, 2014

The WRAC formed an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to review the County Water Neutral New Development Policies and Ordinances; and to review Agricultural Water Waste Prevention Ordinance. The subcommittees will consider both ordinances from an agricultural perspective and a residential perspective. These subcommittees were formed with a vote of 16-0-3.

The WRAC received a presentation on California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program (CASGEM). Jill Ogren, County Staff, provides a presentation on CASGEM, including the program's goal of understanding seasonal and long term trends of groundwater basin levels state-wide, the need to reconcile groundwater basin boundaries in DWR Bulletin 118 with groundwater basin boundaries as defined by local studies, program well information requirements, as well as CASGEM benefits and impacts on future groundwater management and outreach efforts.

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: March 19, 2015
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 5.g: Review Charge of Subcommittees

Currently, subcommittees are ad-hoc, not subject to the Brown Act, self-managed and limited to 9 members each. Persons interested in being on the email list for any given subcommittee should contact the chair of the respective subcommittee.

Link to subcommittee descriptions and contact information:

<http://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/Water%20Forum/PRGWB%20Advisory%20Committee/Subcommittees/index.htm>

The PBAC may wish to consider re-evaluating the charge of each subcommittee to consider whether consolidation of subcommittees is appropriate, whether it is beneficial to minimize cases where multiple subcommittees address the same topic and/or whether to develop more formal subcommittee administrative guidelines.

_____, 2015

Honorable Debbie Arnold
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
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Subject: Paso Basin Advisory Committee 2014 Annual Report

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The purpose of the PBAC is to advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning policy decisions relating to:

- Implementation of the Basin Groundwater Management Plan
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- Formation of a new water district
- Transition of an initial County-supported district to an independent district
- Other policies and ordinances

The PBAC also serves as a public forum to discuss and collect comments on Basin issues. The PBAC continues rely on its six as hoc subcommittees to assist with tracking Basin efforts and developing recommendations for the PBAC’s consideration regarding the following issues:

- Basin Management and Forms of Governance
- Computer Modeling
- Conservation
- Outreach and Education
- Potential Projects in the Basin to Address Declining Levels
- Potential Water Supply Sources to Supplement Basin Supplies

On _____, the PBAC unanimously approved this report for submittal to your Board.

Respectfully submitted,

John Neil
PBAC Chairperson

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PBAC 2014 Member and Guest Attendance Records

cc: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, All Districts

**Paso Basin Advisory Committee
2014 Annual Report to the
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors**

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS BY MONTH:

***Please note that subcommittee report updates are provided on a monthly basis.*

May, 2014

Until such time that bylaws for the Committee are established, a general consensus was reached to elect Member Larry Werner as interim Chairperson and Member John Neil as interim Vice- Chairperson.

A consensus was reached that regular meetings will continue to be on the 3rd Thursday with alternating locations and running from 2 to 4 pm.

The PBAC unanimously approved a motion to recommend the Board of Supervisors to approve the draft bylaws as amended.

The Committee unanimously votes to form various subcommittees including: AB 3030 Plan Update, Supply Options Study, Basin Solutions and Implementation, Basin Computer Model Update, and Outreach and Education.

June, 2014

The draft meeting guidelines were unanimously approved.

Member John Neil is elected the 2014 PBAC Chairperson and Member Wilmore is elected Vice Chair, both unanimously.

The Committee votes unanimously to create a separate Conservation Subcommittee.

After discussion, a motion is made to add seats on the Committee for Shandon, Creston, San Miguel and Templeton, the motion fails. 7-14-2

July, 2014

Chair Neil steps down from the Groundwater Management Plan Subcommittee chair, Member Johnson is added. Member Halley is nominated and elected unanimously as the Groundwater Management Plan Subcommittee Chair.

Member Britz is unanimously approved as the Supply Options Feasibility Study Subcommittee Chair.

Member Luft is unanimously elected as Computer Model Update Subcommittee Chair.

The PBAC motions to elect Member Engel as the Outreach and Education Subcommittee Chair, the motion passes unanimously.

Member Merrill steps down from the In-Basin Projects Subcommittee. The Committee votes unanimously to elect Member Werner as the In-Basin Projects Subcommittee chair.

Member Edwards is unanimously elected as the Conservation Subcommittee Chair.

A request to record roll call voting is made.

August, 2014

Member Edwards presents on the agricultural water use offset program that is being developed in accordance with the County Urgency Ordinance for the basin. The program is based on the following framework provisions: crop conversions, new irrigated acreage, increased crop density, rootstock conversions, and rural groundwater uses not included in the urban domestic program through the County. She explains the steps of the process: determining the amount of water credit for existing crop, determining potential acres of new crop, assessing impacts to wells and ensuring the credit well location is within cone of depression proximity to the new well location. Discussion ensues on annual verification of water use by a third party, recommending to use wells as monitoring wells instead of abandoning them, areas encompassed by the new water district, and the best ratio for agricultural offset.

Discussion ensues on the what to do if the statutory water district is against the Pavley-Dickinson, how and when to incorporate Pavley-Dickinson to AB 2453 if it passes, creating a joint powers authority, water district boundaries, and the difference between adjudication and a water district.

Member Luft fills vacancy in the In-Basin Projects Subcommittee.

A request is made for subcommittees to provide a summary of their meetings and attach it to the agenda.

September, 2014

John Diodati, County Staff, provides an overview of recent groundwater legislation. Mr. Diodati describes the proposed \$7-million water bond on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

The PBAC considers advising the Board of Supervisors to submit a Resolution of Application to LAFCO for the formation of a Paso Robles Basin Water District should AB 2453 be signed by the Governor. The Management Subcommittee authored a letter to advise the Board of Supervisors to submit a petition to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to form the new water district. The Committee approves the letter to the BOS as amended. 16-6-0

The Committee considers advising the Board of Supervisors to fund releasing Nacimiento surplus water to the Salinas River for North County benefit. Discussion ensues regarding a request to the County to fund costs associated (e.g. variable energy costs, operations and maintenance costs, etc.), making it cost neutral to Nacimiento Water Project partner agencies. A motion is put forward to release Nacimiento water into the Salinas River, the motion passes unanimously.

Alternate Member Hendrickson replaces Member Engel as Outreach and Education Subcommittee Chair.

Discussion ensues on various topics such as: groundwater model and losses due to evaporation, water quality of Nacimiento water, desalination, unfair representation of North County, and exportation of water outside of the county.

October, 2014

The Committee discusses the approach for meeting the GSA's sustainability plan requirements for the basin.

The Committee votes unanimously to recommend that the Board approve amending Article V, paragraph 5 of the Committee bylaws to read: "Fourteen members, or their alternates in their absence, shall constitute a quorum."

Erica Stuckey, County Counsel, provides an overview of the County's Draft Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater. The Committee discusses why the county and county contractors are exempt from the ordinance; when the state allows exportation of water; and what current water exportation situations have been seen.

The Committee votes unanimously to include the Draft Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater on its November agenda in order to make formal recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the County's, Flood Control District's and County and/or District contractors' exemptions from the ordinance.

November, 2014

David Church, Executive Director of LAFCO, provides an overview of the draft LAFCO Guidelines for Paso Basin Water District Formation, which includes information on the associated legislation and the information needed to apply to LAFCO to form the district. Discussion ensues regarding the timing for the three election processes required to form, fund and elect board members for the district, board candidate eligibility and categories, and the level of detail required in the application.

Alternate Member Devin Best provides an overview of the Wetland Infiltration Ponds Program; including its effects on water quality and quantity. The Committee discusses the new requirement by the Regional Quality Control Board that the hydrology on a property does not change from pre- development to post- development, whether they are in- stream or off- stream ponds, and the effect on projects' time frames due to permitting issues.

The Committee votes unanimously to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting that Section 4.10- Need for Additional Implementation Measures of technical memorandum #5 be changed from "no additional implementation measures beyond what has been implemented and are planned for the SNMP planning period are warranted" to "no additional implementation measures beyond what has been implemented and are planned for the SNMP planning period are currently planned. Further measures may be warranted in the future."

The Outreach and Education Subcommittee requests that the Committee consider changes to the charge of the subcommittee. The changes are unanimously approved with one abstention.
20-0-1-3

The Committee considers advising the Board regarding the exemption for the County/ Flood Control District in the Draft Ordinance regulating the exportation of groundwater. The Committee discusses language used within the ordinance. The Committee votes unanimously with one abstention to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing disagreement with the exemption of the Flood Control District, County and County and District contractors from the Draft Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater. 19-0-1-4

December, 2014

Computer Model Update Subcommittee Chair Luft requests the Committee submit a letter advising the Board of Supervisors to support recommendations for model refinement and additional model runs. The Committee discusses stabilization of sub- basins and supplemental water supply availability. Member Luft's request is approved unanimously. 20-0-0-4

Matt Thompson, City of Paso Robles Public Works Department Environmental Engineer, gave a presentation on the city's water treatment plant, waste water treatment plant upgrades, and the recycled water initiative. Discussion ensues on water quality of recycled water. Discussion arises regarding the salinity of water that will be placed back into the basin and hardness of Nacimiento water. The Committee discusses the introduction of supplemental water at different locations throughout the city.

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: March 19, 2015
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 7: Annual Review of PBAC Bylaws

The current Bylaws, with the addition of language approved during the February PBAC meeting in redline format, are attached for reference and for consideration of any other proposed revisions.

In lieu of modifying the Bylaws to address filling at-large membership vacancies, the Committee may wish to consider recommending that the Board approve the Committee's Vision for At-Large Membership and Filling Vacancies (attached with proposed formatting modifications) when it considers approving the vacant rural at-large alternate member position.

Please note that should the PBAC wish to modify the Bylaws or make a recommendation to the Board that includes recommended staff actions, the motion should be framed "recommend the Board of Supervisors direct staff to bring an item to the Board recommending/regarding [insert action]."

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (Basin) Advisory Committee (Committee) is to advise the Board of Supervisors (BOS), acting either as the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District or San Luis Obispo County, concerning policy decisions relating to:

1. Implementation of the Basin Groundwater Management Plan
2. Development of a “enhanced” Groundwater Management Plan for the Basin
3. Formation of a new water district
4. Transition of an initial County-supported district to an independent district
5. Other policies and ordinances

The Committee will also serve as a public forum to discuss and collect comments on Basin issues.

Article II: Structure

This committee will be an official advisory committee to the BOS. The BOS will approve committee structure, solicit qualified applicants in accordance with Maddy Act requirements and will approve committee members.

Article III: Time Frame

This committee will sunset after a period of two years, however the BOS has the option to extend the time frame as needed.

Article IV: Members

A) Members representing Agencies, Organizations and Associations

- The following agencies, organizations and associations may nominate a member and an alternate:

City of Paso Robles
Atascadero Mutual Water Company
City of Atascadero
Templeton Community Service District
San Miguel Community Services District
Monterey County Water Resources Agency
County of Monterey (Resource Management Agency)
Shandon (County Service Area 16)
Paso Robles Imperiled Overlying Rights (PRIOR)
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance
Central Coast Vineyard Team

Approved by the Board of Supervisors – December 9, 2014

San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau
San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District
City of San Luis Obispo

B) At Large Members

- All positions will have a member and an alternate member
- Qualified applicants live and/or have a business within the Basin

One At-Large viticulture agriculturalist
One At-Large non-viticulture irrigated crop agriculturalist
One At-Large environmental representative
One At-Large rural representative (District 1 appointment)
One At-Large rural representative (District 5 appointment)
Five At-Large rural residential representatives
One At-Large (Undesignated)

C) Members are encouraged to provide an update on water resource issues relevant to their group or agency at least once per year.

D) 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's agency shall be notified and nomination of a new representative requested.

E) This Committee shall comply with all applicable laws, including the Ralph M. Brown Act.

E)F) When filling At-Large Member vacancies, preference shall be given to alternates that apply and have attended meetings at least 50% of the time.

Article V: Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each month. If a majority vote of members present in a regular meeting approve, any regular meeting may be postponed if it would fall on a holiday.
2. Meetings shall begin at 2:00 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. Fourteen 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 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.

Article VI: 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 by the Committee. The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the Chairpersonship in the event of absence of the Chairperson.

Article VII: Administration

1. The Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, shall prepare the agenda for each regular and special meeting of the Committee. Any Committee 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 Committee, and available time.
2. The Chairperson, in cooperation with the Secretary, shall prepare an Annual Report for review by the Committee no later than the March meeting date. The Annual Report shall include a summary of Committee 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 Committee.

PASO BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

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3. Bylaws shall be reviewed annually for recommended updates or more often if requested by the Board of Supervisors.

**Paso Basin Advisory Committee
Vision for At-Large Members**

Approved by the PBAC March 19, 2015

Viticulture Agriculturalist At-Large Member – engaged in production agriculture, producing wine grapes, preference for a candidate that lives on a parcel within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Non-Viticulture Irrigated Agriculturalist At-Large Member - engaged in production agriculture, excluding the production of wine grapes, preference for a candidate that lives on a parcel within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Rural Resident At-Large Member - preference for a candidate that lives on a parcel within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Environmental At-Large Member – record of membership in one or more environmental groups and/or independent environmental activism, preference for a candidate that lives on a parcel within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Undesignated At-Large Member - offers technical expertise that is of value to PBAC, preference for a candidate that lives on a parcel within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Rural Resident At-Large District 1/5 Member - appointed by District 1/5 Supervisor, preference for a candidate that lives on a parcel within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Most important attributes for At-large Members:

- Expertise in the area they are representing.
- High level of interest in basin water issues.
- Committed to being very involved in the PBAC.
- Ability to attend one to three meetings per month, during daytime hours.
- Must be able to speak for the specific category they represent.
- Interest in basin issues demonstrated by past attendance at PBAC meetings.

Selection criteria and other factors:

- Active Alternate*
- Geographic diversity
- History of volunteerism and/or previous service on advisory bodies.

The positions should be advertised via the five Supervisors. In addition, notices should

be sent to interested organizations, for example:

- California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG)
- Central Coast Olive Growers
- Central Coast Vineyard Team (CCVT)
- Central Coast Winegrowers Association
- Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo County (ECOSLO)
- Independent Grape Growers of the Paso Robles Area (IGGPRA)
- Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance (PRWCA)
- San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association
- San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau
- San Luis Obispo Vintners and Growers' Association
- Sierra Club - Santa Lucia Chapter
- Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District
- 4H clubs

Developing recommendations for vacant positions on the PBAC.

- Preference for Active Alternates* to have first right of refusal for the vacant position.
- If Active Alternate is not willing/able to fill position, the Outreach and Education Subcommittee will vet applications per the vision statement and make recommendations.
- PBAC will approve/disapprove of Outreach Subcommittee choice.
- BoS makes final appointment.

Procedure for vacant positions on subcommittees.

- First right of refusal will be given to Active Alternate (or Active Member if subcommittee member is an Alternate).
- Person chosen should be from same category as the person who vacated the position.
- Outreach and Education Subcommittee will make recommendation and PBAC will approve/disapprove.
- No BOS approval is needed.

*Active Alternate = attends and participates in at least 50% of BAC/subcommittee meetings.

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: March 19, 2015
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 8: Suggested Future Agenda Items

The following list was developed to help members of the PBAC, the public, and County staff track requests for future PBAC agenda items. This list contains some of the potential items that have been requested by PBAC members, by the public, or by County staff. *Near-Term Items* are expected to come to the PBAC within several months, whereas *Long-Term Items* are expected to take longer. Items under the heading of “*Ongoing Updates*” reflect ongoing efforts/programs that staff or others would provide updates on as appropriate.

Near-Term Items

- Potential new uses of Lake Nacimiento water in the Basin
- Potential for development of catchment basins for storm water
- Proposition 1 opportunities
- Presentation on Salinas Reservoir Operation Requirements
- Percolation areas in the groundwater basin
- Basin hydrogeology overview

Long-Term Items

- Development of recommendations for a more robust monitoring and reporting program

Ongoing Updates (as needed)

- Reservoir Conditions
- Nacimiento Water Project Repair and Water Use
- Water District Legislation (AB 2453)
- Ordinances (Export, Water Waste, Net Water Neutral Development)
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)
- Shandon State Water Turnout Project progress
- Paso Robles Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects progress
- Subcommittee Reports
- Member Reports
- Water Surface Elevation Trends (annually after Spring measurements)