

Paso Basin Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Templeton Community Center Thursday, October 15, 2015
601 S. Main Street, Templeton **2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

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| 1. Introductions and Determination of a Quorum | Committee/Public | 2:00 PM |
| 2. Meeting Expectations (attachment) | Chair | 2:05 PM |
| 3. Approve August 20 th Meeting Minutes | Chair/Staff | 2:10 PM |
| 4. General Public Comment | Public | 2:15 PM |
| 5. County Efforts (attachment) | Staff/Chair | 2:25 PM |
| a. Water District Application Review Process Update | | |
| b. Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update | | |
| c. Consider advising the Board of Supervisors regarding County efforts | | |
| 6. State Water Overview (attachment) | Chair/Staff | 2:45 PM |
| 7. Update on Proposition 1 grant funding (attachment) | Chair/Staff | 3:15 PM |
| 8. Subcommittee Reports/Recommended PBAC Actions (attachments) | Chair/Chairs | 3:25 PM |
| a. Computer Model Update | | |
| b. Conservation | | |
| c. In-Basin Projects | | |
| i. Recommend that the PBAC request that the County follow DWR's draft guidelines with the intent of pursuing a grant application for "stressed basins" and work with PBAC on developing the scope of work. | | |
| d. Management | | |
| i. Recommend that the PBAC send a letter to the County Board of Supervisors supporting the proposed amendments to Title 22, Agricultural Offset Ordinance. Draft letter attached. | | |
| e. Outreach and Education | | |
| i. Requests that the PBAC submit a letter to the County Board of Supervisors pursuant to the attached subcommittee meeting minutes. | | |
| f. Supply Options | | |
| 9. Public Comment (if needed) | Public | 3:50 PM |
| 10. Future Meeting topics/committee comments | Committee | 3:55 PM |
| 11. Adjourn (Next Meeting November 19 th) | Chair | 4:00 PM |

The purpose of the Paso Basin Advisory Committee is to advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning policy decisions relating to:

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

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

Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee

Meeting Guidelines

To keep the meetings focused and productive, they will be conducted in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. There is a common understanding that

- The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (Basin) is an essential agricultural, environmental, and human resource.¹
- Studies have shown there are declines in groundwater levels in some areas of the Basin.
- Committee members are committed to effectively managing this resource and implementing solutions to stabilize or improve groundwater levels.
- The strategies needed to protect this resource are diverse and will likely entail costs and/or sacrifices by the stakeholders.
- These costs and/or sacrifices should be equitably borne by the stakeholders.

2. Conversation will be focused on solutions, with the prioritized list of solutions approved by the Blue Ribbon Committee as the basic foundation and starting point, and will therefore not include:

- A review or rehash of past failures
- Discussion about the past actions or character of any individual community member in relation to the water issue

¹ Listed in alphabetical order.

PASO BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TEMPLETON COMMUNITY CENTER

September 09, 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 August 20th Meeting Minutes - The August 20th Paso Basin Advisory Committee (PBAC) meeting minutes were reviewed. Alternate Member Friedman expresses her concerns about accurate reflection of the public comment section of the minutes. Alternate Member Friedman moves to amend the August 20th minutes, seconded by none. Alternate Member Friedman requests that her failed motion to amend the minutes be mentioned in the minutes. Member McKinley moves to approve the August 20th minutes, seconded by Member Cunha. (12-1-6-5).
3. General Public Comment – Member Sinton discusses the no-export ordinance, a potential concern by City of SLO, and suggests language revision. Alternate Member Friedman discusses the article by Supervisor Mecham and suggests adding an item to the future agenda to discuss solutions mentioned in the article. Member Luft responds by suggesting the In-Basin Subcommittee take up the action of reviewing said solutions. Member Werner reminds the committee that such a process had already been done two years prior and a list of 25 vetted solutions were presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Alternate Member Friedman suggests voting members of the PBAC disclose any conflict of interest prior to voting. Greg Grewal expresses his concern about the August 20th PBAC minutes not accurately reflecting what took place and his concern about the no-export clause. Courtney Howard, County Public Works, introduces Carolyn Berg, County Public Works as the new PBAC Secretary, and explains the staff and roles of the new Water Resources Division. The committee and audience expresses their appreciation of Courtney Howard and her efforts, and she does the same for the efforts of the committee. Member McKinley clarifies the sources of treatment plant water and export out of the basin.
4. County Efforts
 - a. Water District Application Review Process Update – John Diodati, County Public Works, gives an update of the LAFCO meeting on August 20th and the status of the application. He states: (a) That the item was continued to September 17th at 9 am in the BOS Chambers; (b) That exclusion requests will be accepted until August 28th; (c) That the water district will not have the power to export, with

language crafted by David Church, LAFCO Executive Director; (d) That the County is preparing for the conclusion of LAFCO proceedings and getting ready for a formation vote, as well as Prop 218 process, on November 10th; (e) That the election vote will take place on March 8th, 2016; (f) Flood Control District will propose local funding for SGMA compliance on November 10th; (g) That Prop 218 will create a Zone of Benefit, approved by the BOS; (h) That ballots should be available on February 8th.

A question regarding the basin boundary is posed, and John Diodati replies that LAFCO is considering the Fugro Boundary. Discussion ensues on potential outcomes of Prop 218 voting, and potential boundary revisions. A question is posed regarding choosing the basin boundary, and Mr. Diodati responds that at this time, the County has not been directed to submit a basin boundary revision. Discussion ensues on inclusion of the Heritage Ranch in the different basin boundaries and the GSA structure. Mr. Diodati confirms that the basin boundary guidelines are only in draft form. Chair Luft notes that the staff report will be available on Thursday. Greg Grewal questions the ability of LAFCO to use a non-DWR-approved boundary, and Mr. Diodati responds that it is within LAFCO's authority to do so. A discussion ensues regarding the text of the Prop 218 ballot and the clarity of items to be voted on, as well as future annexations.

- b. Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update – Mike Hanebutt, County Planning and Building, announces two meetings: (1) October 6th is when the program is formally introduced; (2) October 27th is the full hearing where staff will have a presentation with public comment. Mr. Hanebutt announces a soon-to-come press release and other outreach opportunities. Mr. Hanebutt reiterates, from the August PBAC Meeting, that Planning Commission comments and the EIR are now online. Alternate Member Friedman asks for clarification on the removal of the Courtesy Notice, and Mr. Hanebutt explains that the notice is for a ministerial process, not discretionary. Member Kalvans expresses appreciation for accepting his comments. Member Kalvans also inquires about new plantings since the expiration of the urgency ordinance, and Mr. Hanebutt states that there have not been reports as of now. A discussion ensues on the logistics of reporting new plantings and the issue of “pitting neighbor against neighbor”, with Mr. Hanebutt noting that staff resources are limited. Courtney Howard mentions that the County Ag Commissioner would be a resource for irrigated agriculture information. Greg Grewal inquires about good neighbors who are not planting and are dry farming. A question is posed about property changing hands, and Mr. Hanebutt confirms there are no restrictions in place to stop planting in such a situation and no permits are needed. Chair Luft asks the Management Subcommittee to take another look at the PBAC comments and revised language online.
- c. Consider advising the Board of Supervisors regarding County efforts – Chair Luft states that no action items have been brought forward.

5. Subcommittee Reports/ Recommended PBAC Actions

- a. Computer Model Update- Courtney Howard states that the calibration process should be complete within 1-2 weeks, with the Model Update Subcommittee to meet at the end September or beginning of October. She also states that the model should be presented at the October PBAC meeting.
- b. Conservation- Member Best gives an update of the Conservation Subcommittee meeting and states that more information should be available in early 2016.
- c. In-Basin Projects- Member Werner gives an update of the previous In-Basin Subcommittee meeting: Christine Halley gave an update of the wastewater treatment plant and discussed options for supplemental water. Alternate Member Gage gave an update on the USDA retention basin program and the associated convoluted paperwork process. An update was given on the Paso water treatment plant, which is close to being fully operational and has batch tests underway, with the first year of operation being under warranty. Member Werner notes the importance of the treated water. An update is given on the success of the Naci Recovery Well, and it is noted that the new AMWC well levels are increasing and that three shallow wells have been activated. Progress on water conservation by the City of Paso is also noted.

Alternate Member Friedman suggests involving Congresswoman Capps to expedite the lengthy paperwork process of the USDA retention basin program, and discussion ensues on the difficulty of expediting such a process. Member Frost questions funding of the tertiary wastewater treatment facility.

- d. Management- Member Brown gives an update of the Management Subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee invited Atascadero Mutual Water Company (AMWC) and Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) to attend and discussed the Atascadero Sub-basin and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) compliance. GEI Consultants are drafting a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Member Britz discusses the staged approach to drafting a GSP, with public comment and an informational brochure to come this fall, as well as regular team updates and coordination. Member McKinley states that currently the focus for the City is getting water, not pushing to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Member Brown discusses the cost impact of SGMA. The subcommittee agrees to table the no-export ban language and address that topic at a later date. John Diodati's comments spoke to cost distribution for rural residents. Member Brown further discusses shared powers of the County and the Paso Basin Water District. Member Kalvans inquires why the San Miguel CSD was not invited to that meeting, Member Brown states that the discussion was regarding the Atascadero Sub-basin. Member Kalvans states that San Miguel CSD would like to "go their own way" in the formation of a GSA. Greg Grewal questions the costs for the GSP. Paso City Councilmember Strong comments on the previous objections to Prop 218 which cost \$3 million in delays.

- e. Outreach and Education- The Outreach and Education Subcommittee elected not to meet last month.
 - f. Supply Options- Member Briltz gives an update on the Supply Options Subcommittee and announces a meeting next Friday, September 19th. Member Merrill discusses his desire to see an increase in public relations efforts, as well as the need to move ahead with feasibility analysis of projects to tell voters what's possible. Alternate Member Friedman inquires if the PBAC can recommend that the BOS use Flood Control District reserve funds to pay for such analysis. Member McKinley states that Paso is interested in regional solutions, that the tertiary plant is designed for 4 MGD, and that they are quickly pursuing Prop 1 funding.
6. Nacimiento Project Water Delivery Entitlement Contracts Update – Carolyn Berg states that so far, the Flood Control District has not received any requests from the participants. Members McKinley and Briltz state that they have been in continuous dialogue with County Staff but have had some challenges and delays. There is a new conceptual allocation without an allocation to the FCD. They state that they met with staff and the participants are set to proceed with allocation on a pro-rated basis, with CSA 10 potentially receiving 16 AFY, TCSO receiving 158 AFY, and so on. It is noted that this process is the surest and fastest way for Nacimiento Water to help the groundwater basin because the water can be declared surplus and sold. A discussion ensues on what is left for the Paso Basin Water District, and on the surplus water. Alternate Member Friedman asks why the FCD/County cannot discount the project with reserve funds. Paso City Councilmember Strong states that it is against the law to make a gift of public funds and it is not the water that costs money, it is the infrastructure to distribute it. Greg Grewal states that the overlies have the primary water right, not the water purveyors. Member Kalvans inquires about a regional water treatment plant, and Member Briltz says that each participant uses water differently.
7. Discuss concerns associated with drilling deep wells in the Paso Basin – Rich Lichtenfels, County Environmental Health, discusses the unprecedented number of well drilling applications being submitted in the last few years. Mr. Lichtenfels discusses the issues of deep well drilling in the Paso Basin, such a deep well intersecting multiple aquifers and degrading water quality. He also discusses the Koda well in Creston and the associated water quality impacts. A member of the public inquires about drilling additional wells. Chair Luft inquires about location of screened intervals, and Mr. Lichtenfels states that drillings must work with a certified geologist. Alternate Member Cunha discusses the use of e-logs in drilling, and Mr. Lichtenfels talks about the seals in a recently drilled 1500 foot well. Chair Luft comments on the lack of “safe yield” for these deeper zones. Alternate Member Baugh and Mr. Lichtenfels discuss the lack of recharge of the older water in lower aquifers. Member Clark asks about well permits moving from ministerial to discretionary, and Mr. Lichtenfels states that permits may move in that direction.

8. Update on Proposition 1 grant funding and consideration of recommendation to request County pursue the “Counties with Stressed Basins” solicitation for the Paso Basin (attachment) – Alternate Member Cunha moves to extend the meeting by 10 minutes, seconded by Member Tracy (20-0-0-4). Carolyn Berg presents updates on the Prop 1 funding. She notes there is \$100 million available for Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program, 10% of which is designated for Severely Disadvantaged Communities, with a 50% cost share requirement. Funding is prioritized for the best projects, doing the most public good, in high/medium priority basins, using new and innovative practices. Projects and proposals must enhance sustainable management of groundwater. She notes that funding is not available for adjudicated basins. Regional projects that are part of an IRWM plan are excluded and there are various compliance requirements for project proposals. Ms. Berg discusses the “Counties with Stressed Basins” funding, which consists of \$10 million at 50% cost share and is designed to develop ordinances or plans to advance sustainable groundwater management. Ms. Berg notes that public comments are currently being accepted, assistance workshops will be in November 2015, application due dates have yet to be determined, and final awards will be announced in March 2016. Comments are due on either document by October 5th, 2015.

Questions are posed regarding comments from the PBAC to help the County with their efforts and the possibility of the County pursuing a grant for the Paso Basin. A comment is made that many partnerships are desirable in the eyes of the State. A member of the audience asks for clarification on a slide regarding exportation, and another asks for the slides to be posted to the website.

9. Consider rescheduling October meeting date if necessary – Chair Luft suggests a tentative replacement date contingent on the LAFCO proceedings. Member Kalvans moves to reschedule the PBAC meeting to October 22nd, if needed, seconded by Member Spencer (20-0-0-4).
10. Public Comment - Paso City Councilmember Strong announces that DWR is organizing a conference at UC Davis on water for food security on October 5th/6th. He notes that the final chapter of the State Groundwater Update 2013 is now online, and that the water use efficiency website has now been updated. On Wed/Thurs of next week, the CA Water Commission is meeting on implementation of SGMA and the water storage investment program. Also, on Friday of next week, there will be a workshop on grant funds. A question is posed to Councilmember Strong on the future of recycled tertiary water use, and Councilmember Strong discusses a water element of the general plan and purple pipe distribution. Member Kalvans discusses water conservation and management in Japan. Carolyn Berg reminds the committee that the PBAC sunsets in March of 2016.
11. Future meeting topics/Committee comments - Member Werner inquires about the water surface elevation trends and maps, and Courtney Howard notes the County updates the hydrographs every April and that staff has not received direction to update the maps as of yet.
12. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned approximately 4:10 pm.

Paso Robles Groundwater Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form
Meeting date: 09/09/2015

Organization	Representative		MOTION 1				MOTION 2				MOTION 3				MOTION 4			
			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	M				X				X				X				
	Jaime Hendrickson	A																
Central Coast Vineyard Team	Kris Beal	M																
	Willy Cunha	A	X				X			X								
City of Paso Robles	Dick McKinley	M	X				X			X								
	Christopher Alakel	A																
City of San Luis Obispo	John Ashbaugh	M																
	Noah Evans	A	X				X			X								
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Robert Johnson	M			X		X			X								
	Howard Franklin	A																
Paso Robles Imperiled Overlying Rights (PRIOR)	Steve Sinton	M	X				X			X								
	Kent Gilmore	A																
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	Patricia Wilmore	M																
	Jerry Reaugh	A			X		X			X								
San Miguel Community Services District	Anthony Kalvans	M				X	X			X								
	Vacant	A																
Shandon (County Service Area 16)	Susan Howard	M	X				X			X								
	Vacant	A																
SLO County Cattlemen's Association	Kurt Bollinger	M				X				X				X				
	Dale Evanson	A																
SLO County Farm Bureau	Paul Clark	M	X				X			X								
	Megan Silcott	A																
Templeton Community Services District	Jeff Britz	M	X				X			X								
	Tina Mayer	A																
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD	Devin Best	M			X		X			X								
	Amy Smart	A																
AT-LARGE																		
Viticulture Agriculturalist At-Large	Dana Merrill	M	X				X			X								
	Robert Brown	A																
Non-Viticulture Irrigated Crop Agriculturalist At-Large	Bill Spencer	M			X		X			X								
	John DeRosier	A																
Environmental At-Large	Sue Harvey	M				X				X				X				
	Daniel Meade	A																
Rural Residential At-Large	Sue Luft	M	X				X			X								
	Michael Baugh	A																
	Claudia Engel	M				X				X				X				
	Maria Lorca	A																
	Edward C. Redig	M			X		X			X								
	Jim DeRose	A																
	William Frost	M	X				X			X								
	Laurie Gage	A																
	George Tracy	M	X				X			X								
	Don Wilson	A																
(District 1)	Randy Diffenbaugh	M	X				X			X								
	Randy Heinzen	A																
(District 5)	Erin Faulkner	M																
	Dr. Serena Friedman	A			X		X			X								
Undesignated At-Large	Larry Werner	M			X		X			X								
	Miller Newlon	A																
Total:			12	1	6	5	20	0	0	4	20	0	0	4	0	0	0	0

MOTION 1

Item #: 2 Pass/Fail?: Pass

Motion Maker: McKinley Secoder: Cunha

AYE: 12 NO: 1 ABSTAIN: 6 ABSENT: 5

Motion: Approve August PBAC meeting minutes

MOTION 2

Item #: Pass/Fail?: Pass

Motion Maker: Cunha Secoder: Tracy

AYE: 20 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 4

Motion: Extend meeting by 10 minutes

MOTION 3

Item #: 9 Pass/Fail?: Pass

Motion Maker: Kalvans Secoder: Bill Spencer

AYE: 20 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 4

Motion: Reschedule the PBAC meeting to October 22nd, if needed.

MOTION 4

Item #: Pass/Fail?:

Motion Maker: Secoder:

AYE: NO: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Motion:

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2015

Organization	Representative	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	3-Aug	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS														
Atascadero Mutual Water Company	John Neil	M	X	X						X				
	Jaime Hendrickson	A	X	X										
Central Coast Vineyard Team	Kris Beal	M			X	X			X	X				
	Willy Cunha	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
City of Atascadero	Vacant	M												
	Vacant	A												
City of Paso Robles	Dick McKinley	M										X		
	Christopher Alakel	M							X	X				
	Christopher Alakel	A												
	Christine Halley	A		X										
City of San Luis Obispo	John Ashbaugh	M							X					
	Noah Evans	A	X	X						X	X			
County of Monterey (Resource Management Agency)	Tom Moss*	M												
	Carl Holm*	A												
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Robert Johnson	M									X			
	Howard Franklin	A	X	X					X	X				
Paso Robles Imperiled Overlying Rights (PRIOR)	Steve Sinton	M	X	X					X		X			
	Kent Gilmore	A									X			
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	Patricia Wilmore	M							X	X				
	Jerry Reaugh	A	X	X					X		X			
San Miguel Community Services District	Anthony Kalvans	M	X	X					X					
	Vacant	A												
Shandon (County Service Area 16)	Susan Howard	M												
	Vacant	A												
SLO County Cattlemen's Association	Kurt Bollinger	M		X					X					
	Dale Evanson	A		X										
SLO County Farm Bureau	Paul Clark	M	X	X						X	X			
	Megan Silcott	A												
Templeton Community Services District	Jeff Brillz	M	X						X	X	X			
	Tina Mayer	A		X										
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD	Devin Best	M	X								X			
	Amy Smart	A						X		X				
AT-LARGE														
Viticulture Agriculturalist At-Large	Dana Merrill	M					X		X					
	Robert Brown	A	X	X					X	X	X			
Non-Viticulture Irrigated Crop Agriculturalist At-Large	Bill Spencer	M	X	X							X			
	John DeRosier	A												
Environmental At-Large	Sue Harvey	M	X	X						X				
	Daniel Meade	A	X	X										
Rural Residential At-Large	Sue Luft	M	X	X					X	X	X			
	Michael Baugh	A	X	X					X	X	X			
	Claudia Engel	M	X	X					X	X	X			
	Maria Lorca	A	X	X						X				
	Edward C. Redig	M	X	X					X		X			
	Jim DeRose	A												
	William Frost	M	X	X						X	X			
	Laurie Gage	A							X	X	X			
	George Tracy	M	X	X						X	X			
	Don Wilson	A												
(District 1)	Randy Diffenbaugh	M	X	X					X	X	X			
	Randy Heinzen	A	X	X					X	X				
(District 5)	Erin Faulkner	M	X	X					X	X	X			
	Dr. Serena Friedman	A	X	X					X	X	X			
Undesignated At-Large	Larry Werner	M	X	X										
	Miller Newlon	A												

Not Recorded

M = Member; A = Alternate; NM = New Member; NA = New Alternate; O = Other Representatives (e.g Staff, Council, Board, etc.)
~~strikethrough text~~ = indicates that this individual is no longer serving in this role; • = Notified of absence or conflict

* = To be confirmed at a future BOS meeting

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
FROM: Carolyn Berg, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: October 15, 2015
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 5.a, and b: County Efforts

Recommendation

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

Discussion

a. Water District Application Review Process Update

On September 17, 2015 the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) approved the Water District application, with all requested powers (the emergency ordinance power was amended by the State Legislature). However, LAFCO did condition that the Water District would not have the ability to export groundwater out of the Water District boundary.

On October 6, 2015 the Board of Supervisors, acting as the board of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District, will notice their intent to hold public hearings on November 10, 2015 in order to form a Zone of Benefit (Zone 19) which will allow the County to proceed with the funding, formation and Board of Director votes that are necessary to determine if the Water District will be created. The election day for these decisions is anticipated to be March 8, 2016.

b. Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update

See attached memorandum from the Department of Planning and Building.

Attached: October 1, 2015 Status Update



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

Promoting the Wise Use of Land – Helping to Build Great Communities

Date: October 1, 2015
To: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
From: Xzandrea Fowler, Supervising Planner, Dept. of Planning and Building
Subject: Status Update on the Countywide Water Conservation Program

Board of Supervisors Hearing

The Countywide Water Conservation Program will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in two parts. The first part will occur in the morning on **October 6, 2015** and will consist of the formal introduction of the proposed Countywide Water Conservation program, introduction of the associated fees, and consideration of a request to for authorization to publish an alternative display Ad in two local newspapers of wide circulation. These will be on the Board's Consent agenda as items 2 and 19, and limited Board discussion is anticipated. The staff reports for those items are available online at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/bos/BOSagenda.htm>.

The second part will occur on **October 27, 2015** and will consist of a regular hearing with a full staff presentation of the proposed Countywide Water Conservation program, detailed discussion of the Planning Commission's recommended amendments, detailed discussion of the Final SEIR that was prepared, and discussion of the actions that staff is recommending. Following staff's presentation the Board will take Public Comment, and then will engage in a full discussion and may take action on the proposed program components. If the Board needs to continue their discussion, time has been reserved for that purpose on November 3, 2015. The staff report for that item should be available online one week prior to the hearing date.

Public Notification

Public notification of the Board hearing on October 27, 2015 will be announced in a press release, posted on the department's web page, posted on Facebook, tweeted on Twitter, and distributed via email to interested parties.

Please contact Xzandrea Fowler, Project Manager, at waterprograms@co.slo.ca.us for additional information.

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
FROM: Carolyn Berg, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: October 15, 2015
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 6: State Water Overview

In order to facilitate review and understanding of the information developed as part of the Supply Options Study for the Paso Basin related to State Water, Courtney Howard, Public Works staff, will provide a brief overview of the State Water Project as it relates to San Luis Obispo County. It may be beneficial to review information on the County's State Water website, and Technical Memorandum #3 for the Supply Options Study:

<http://www.slocountywater.org/site/Major%20Projects/State%20Water%20Project/>

<http://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/Water%20Forum/SOS/pdf/State%20TM%20PD.pdf>

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
FROM: Carolyn Berg, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: October 15, 2015
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 7: Update on Proposition 1 Grant Funding

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the draft Guidelines related to the \$100-million Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater (SGWP) Grant Program. The SWGP Grant Program is designed to encourage sustainable management of groundwater resources by providing funding for projects that support sustainable groundwater management planning and implementation. DWR also published the first round of grant funding draft Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for Counties with Stressed Basins. The draft PSPs work in conjunction with the Guidelines to disburse Proposition 1 SGWP funds (\$10-million) made available to Counties with stressed groundwater basins to do the following:

- Update or develop County groundwater ordinances to improve sustainable management of groundwater.
- Update or develop plans that protect basins and their beneficial uses and help facilitate basin-wide sustainable groundwater management or actions that will lead to the update or development of such plans.

DWR Staff held public comment workshops during the last week of September, and collected written comments through October 5, 2015. DWR anticipates releasing the final Guidelines and PSPs in October. County proposals are expected to be due in November 2015, and final awards will be published in early 2016.

The draft Guidelines, PSPs, and related information can be found at:
<http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sqwp/guidelinespsp.cfm>

County Staff is considering possible proposal concepts for eligible basins and efforts.

Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Conservation Subcommittee Minutes

Date: September 3rd, 2015 1:30-3:30 pm RCD Office

- I. Introduction and determination of a quorum:
 - A. Members present:
 1. Claudia Engel: Rural at large
 2. Devin Best: US-LT RCD
 3. Mike Baugh: Rural at large
 4. Anthony Kalvans: San Miguel CSD
 5. Robert Brown: viticulture
 6. Randy Heinzen: District 5
 - B. Members Absent:
 1. Kris Beal: viticulture
 2. Bill Spencer: non-irrigated
 - C. Member Reports:
 1. Member Kalvans opened a discussion on the WRAC letter to the Board of Supervisors based on IRWM funding criteria. Members of WRAC drafted a letter identifying the criteria favors Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) and ready-to-proceed projects, which conservation groups do not fit into or have the capitol to be rewarded funds through IRWM. Member Kalvans also gave a presentation on a discussion between the San Miguel CSD and the US-LT RCD regarding opportunities to apply for funding to improve water recharge within San Miguel CSD's jurisdiction. Member Best informed the group of potential Prop 1 funds being a source of funding to seek for the proposed feasibility study.
 2. The group discussed the new installations of vineyards occurring within the basin and the gap between the urgency ordinance and the adoption of the ordinance.
- II. Populate Conservation strategies:
 - A. The subcommittee reviewed the information provided from technical vineyard practitioners. Outreach with Vineyard practitioners. Outreach letter distributed to Agricultural Groups
 - B. Member Kalvans and Member Engel will garner information on BMPs for municipal and open-space elements of conservation
 - C. Subcommittee recognized the sunset of PBAC and discussed the completion of the recommendation list and timeline necessary to have full review by PBAC.
 - a. Develop a Tier system (Class I – III) for high priority, feasible BMPs
 - b. Timeline:
 - October – input list with information from municipal and open-space categories
 - November – develop and prioritize Tier system
 - December – review and prepare to submit recommendation list to PBAC
 - January – review and modify recommendation list
 - February – final completion of recommendation list to PBAC's February meeting (2/18/16).

Next meeting October 1st.

**In-Basin Subcommittee of the
Paso Robles Basin Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2015**

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In attendance: Larry Werner, Willy Cunha, Ed Redig, Noah Evans and Jerry Reaugh (alt).

Also in Attendance: Carolyn Berg

1. Carolyn Berg gave an update on the Prop 1 grant opportunities and how they could apply to our basin. SLO County could potentially acquire grant(s) up to \$250,000 in matching funds. The emphasis of the program is to support GSA and GSP creation. They could be used to fill data gaps.

The grants will be awarded in February 2016 and must be completed by 12/31/17. Carolyn and her staff have a very short window to prepare their proposal. About a month. They need to aim their efforts at all 5 of the stressed basins in the County.

A pilot study that could be replicated in the other 4 SLO basins would be a good approach.

We discussed various ideas from our Priority list of solutions and projects that came from our Blue Ribbon Committee. (See attached list). We decided that projects to slow or detain runoff to recharge the basin would give the greatest return for the efforts. We want to create a study to define the best areas in the basin for capturing runoff with the highest potential for water infiltration back into the groundwater. We want to fund exploratory efforts to document these areas. This geophysical analysis could include drilling cores, seismic survey or other ground trothing efforts.

We unanimously passed a resolution to the PBAC to support Carolyn in these efforts. Please see attached.

2. The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and were accepted unanimously.

In-Basin Committee Recommendations
October 1, 2015

At the In-Basin Committee meeting of October 1, 2015 the committee unanimously voted to:

Recommend that the PBAC request that the County follow DWR's draft guidelines with the intent of pursuing a grant application for "stressed basins" and work with PBAC on developing the scope of work

Specifically:

Prepare a Feasibility Study to analyze opportunities to increase water infiltration by defining where best to implement retention, recharge and infiltration projects. This would be a study that could be replicated in the other County basins and in partnership with local agencies such as RCD.

The Study would analyze opportunities for both in stream- HuerHuero Creek and the Estrella River as well as other Catchment Basins in the Paso Basin

The Study would:

Identify opportunities and constraints utilizing the following approaches:

- Review topography to identify general areas
- Narrow down to practical areas
- Perform core samples
- Potentially perform seismic analysis
- Potentially use ground penetrating radar
- Calculate potential quantity of aquifer recharge.
- Determine potential effectiveness
- Identify any data gaps
- Determine the permitting and regulatory process
- Determine potential incentives for landowners to cooperate
- Identify strategies to engage stakeholders in cooperation

This is a discrete and defined project to generate long term projects to enhance the basin.

Priority Solutions/Projects for In-Basin Committee September 10, 2014

Items shown in bold are immediate/High Priority

Solution Number	Solution Category	Water User	Solution/Project
ST-3	Management	Rural Residential, Agriculture and Rural Non-Domestic	Encourage projects that detain or slow runoff to recharge the Basin.
ST-9	Management	All areas	Annually monitor status of Basin to determine whether solutions are effective.
ST-12	Supplemental	All areas	Exchange or bank Nacimiento water with Santa Margarita Lake to benefit Basin.
ST-13	Supplemental	Paso Robles	Structure operations to use alluvial water first, Nacimiento water second and Basin last.
MLT-1	Supplemental	All Areas	Implement water supply options associated with State Water and the Salinas River Corridor (may include use of Nacimiento & other areas of Basin & increasing the capacity of Santa Margarita Lake).
MLT-2	Supplemental	Monterey County	Explore opportunities with Monterey County including Lake Nacimiento / Lake San Antonio intertie (tunnel).
MLT-3	Supplemental	All areas	Direct delivery of unsubscribed Nacimiento or State Water Project allocation water.
MLT-5	Management	All areas	Establish mechanisms to protect recharge areas and maximize watersheds.
MLT-6	Recycling	All areas	Incentivize the installation of grey water reuse systems onsite.
C-1	Supplemental	Atascadero	Utilize the full allocation (2,000 AFY) by fully utilizing the existing percolation ponds.
C-9	Supplemental	Templeton	Maximize or increase the use of the full Nacimiento allocation (250 AFY).
C-10	Supplemental	Shandon	Connect Shandon to State Water Project and set up distribution system (100 AFY).
N/A	Supplemental Conservation	All	Use of Tertiary Treated water from Wastewater Treatment Plants for domestic and agricultural uses (Recycled Water)
N/A	Supplemental	all	Desalinization

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PASO ROBLES BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
PASO ROBLES CITY CONFERENCE ROOM

**October 5, 2015
MEETING NOTES**

1. Introductions and Members Present:

Subcommittee attendance:

Subcommittee Members	Oct, 2015	Sept, 2015	Aug, 2015	July, 2015	June, 2015	May, 2015	April, 2015	March, 2015	Feb, 2015	Jan, 2015
Christopher Alakel	X	X	X	---	X	X	---	---	---	---
Christine Halley	---	---	---	---	---	---	X	X	X	X
Bob Brown	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Paul Clark	X	---	---	X	X	---	X	X	---	X
Willy Cunha	X	---	X	X	X	X	---	X	X	X
Jim DeRose	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
William Frost	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	---
Sue Harvey	---	X	---	X		X	X	X	X	X
Rob Johnson	---	---	---	---	X	---	---	X	X	---
Sue Luft	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

County staff present – John Diodati

Other BAC members/alternates present - Laurie Gage

2. Approve September Management Subcommittee Notes: Subcommittee Member Cunha moved to approve August 31, 2015 meeting notes; seconded by Member Frost; passed unanimously with abstention by Member Clark.
3. Water District Formation Update: A consent item will be on the BoS agenda on October 6th to announce a hearing for November 10th, which will include consideration of establishment of a zone of benefit (Zone 19) for the Paso Basin, to allow the Flood Control District to manage the basin if the water district formation vote fails. The boundaries are proposed to be the basin boundaries as adopted by LAFCO.

4. Discuss and consider transition plan for specific powers that may transfer from the County to the Paso Basin Water District: As a related item, John Diodati described the process for the water district to obtain revenue if the parcel tax is approved. After the meeting, he verified some items via email. Items for the FY 16/17 tax roll have to be submitted by 8/10/16. Tax bills are due 12/16 and 4/17. The Auditor will transfer funds as they come in. Typically half are paid in December and half in April, but some people do pay in full in December. Since the FCD is sponsoring the parcel tax, funds will be transferred to the FCD and then by contract, to the water district. This means the water district would not have any funds until December at the earliest. If the water district wants to meet and spend money prior to December, either a line of credit from a local bank or a loan from the County FCD would be needed to get through until December revenue starts coming in.

LAFCO outlined seven powers that may need County approval before transitioning to the water district. The transition process, as outlined in the LAFCO application, may include a resolution from the water district board, consideration by the County BoS/FCD, and adoption of a resolution by the BoS/FCD. A one-time agreement would be used to transfer these powers. These powers include the power to adopt ordinances, collect data and conduct studies, prepare or receive annual reports, prepare groundwater management plans, issue new well permits, and exercise groundwater management needed to improve the basin. Most of these powers were considered by the subcommittee to be logical for the water district to request at the start. The power to issue new well permits was discussed at length, in light of the potential for well permit applications to become discretionary at some point. This power would probably not be requested until the Groundwater Sustainability Plan was developed. A model might be Paso, where the permit issued by the City is discretionary (although it is now subject to a moratorium by the City) and the County permit is ministerial (verification of sanitary seal, etc.).

The subcommittee reviewed an emailed question from Member Harvey, who was unable to attend the meeting. The Water Code section (10723(c)(1)) in question - which appears to allow the governing board of a special act district to make findings to assume authorities regardless of the authorizing act - did not appear to the subcommittee to be applicable to the Paso Basin Water District, since is not a "special act district" under the Water Code. A special act district is formed by the legislature without LAFCO review and a vote of the affected landowners/residents.

5. Verification of the final ag offset language in Title 22: Member Frost and other subcommittee members confirmed that the revisions which were requested by the PBAC in their July 17, 2015 letter have been incorporated into the language which will be considered by the BoS on October 27, 2015. Member Luft suggested some language for the PBAC to consider in a letter of support to the BoS. With modifications, Member Frost moved; seconded by Member Clark; passed unanimously to request the PBAC approve the following language:

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Based on the recent computer model update, the groundwater basin may be manageable by implementing some of the solutions which have been brought forward by the PBAC. However, with a 1% growth rate, the basin may not be sustainable per the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

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PBAC requests that the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed ordinance revisions.

6. Recommendations to the PBAC: See above.
7. Public comments: None.
8. Future Subcommittee Topics: Continuation of discussion regarding transition plan.
9. Topics: See above.

Meeting adjourned approximately 10:30 am. Next meeting of the Management Subcommittee is scheduled for Monday November 2, 2015, at 9:00 am at Paso Robles City Council Chambers located at 1000 Spring Street.

Notes prepared by R. Brown

Draft Letter from PBAC in Support of the Offset Ordinance - Title 22

Approved by Management Subcommittee on October 5, 2015

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Outreach and Education Subcommittee of Paso Basin Advisory Committee Meeting October 5th, 2015

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Windrose Farm, 5750 El Pharo Dr, Paso Robles
(off Geneseo)

Charge of the Subcommittee:

- Provide input on the integration of outreach, education and conservation programs into the amended AB 3030 Plan
- Provide input on the approach to advertising for and conducting public workshops associated with basin efforts
- Provide input on the basin website(s)
- Provide input on how to convey technical information, such as the computer modeling results

ATTENDANCE

Name		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Oct
Bill Spencer, Chair	Member	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Michael Baugh, Chair	Alternate	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Robert Brown	Alternate	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Sue Luft	Member	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Laurie Gage	Alternate		x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Jaime Hendrickson	Alternate	x	x	x						
John Diodoti	SLO Co.	x				x	x	x	x	
Carolyn Berg	SLO Co.	x	x	x	x					
Courtney Howard	SLO Co.						x			
Hilary Graves	Guest		x	x			x	x		
Bruce Baird	Guest	x	x			x	x	x	x	

Minutes

1. O&E update on recent outreach meetings
 - LAFCO Hearing and vote in San Luis Obispo – Thursday, September 17th
 - Report on September Neighborhood Meeting – Rancho La Loma Linda – Thursday, September 24th

2. A long discussion was held regarding PBAC and County support for the upcoming funding vote, to avoid the state stepping in and charging landowners an assessment that might be substantially higher and less fairly apportioned.

The following motion was made by Laurie Gage, seconded by Michael Baugh, and passed unanimously:

The Outreach and Education Subcommittee requests that the PBAC submit a letter to the BoS stating the following:

“The Paso Basin Advisory Committee recommends the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution urging the registered voters living within the Paso Basin to support the parcel tax for compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"). The parcel tax is necessary to comply with SGMA and meet the applicable deadlines.”

3. Future county Neighborhood Outreach Meetings were suggested for
 - Ground Squirrel Hollow
 - Jardine
 - Spanish Lakes and Spanish Camp
4. Other items – the county's pasobasin.org website was discussed

Next meeting: November 2nd, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, Windrose Farm

Supplemental Water Supply Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

September 18, 2015

Present: Jeff Briltz, Subcommittee Chair; Courtney Howard and Scott Duffield, SLO Co PWD; Rob Morrow, RMC; Maria Lorca, Rural Resident; Christine Halley, Paso Robles Water Resource Consultant; Sue Harvey; Della Barrett; Anthony Kalvans; Serena Friedman; Dan Heimel, WSC; Lydia Holmes, Carollo, Claudia Engel; and Gwen Pelfrey.

1. Paso Basin Supplemental Water Supply Options Study – Project Goals, Objectives, Approach, and Evaluation Process (Tech Memo #1A):

The Committee discussed the September 2015 Draft of Tech Memo 1A, asking questions of County staff and the Consulting Team. Some minor revisions were suggested to initial sections. Significant discussion was held concerning the evaluation criteria. After many ideas were exchanged, the Committee recommended not including values/percentages for each of the criteria proposed.

2. Discussion of other Supplemental Supply Options/Projects/Concepts:

The Committee discussed the viability of desalinization of ocean or brackish water for North County uses, with the majority of the Committee believing it was far too expensive and complex in comparison to the other uses sources currently being considered.

The Committee also discussed the Salinas Dam, and the possibility of raising the dam to create additional water supply. County staff discussed the status of the Bureau of Reclamation Salinas Valley Basin study, and how it was expected to address the Salinas River through San Luis Obispo County. The Committee expressed interested in working with the County as the Study progresses.

Finally, the Committee discussed briefly the water supply strategies that are in use in Japan, as presented by Committee Member Anthony Kalvans.

3. Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting is expect to take place in late November or early December, when the next work product of the Supply Options Study is available for review, and/or when the proposed scope of work for the Salinas Basin Study is available.

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
FROM: Carolyn Berg, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: October 15, 2015
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 10: 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

- State Water Overview
- USGS Water Quality Study Presentation (November)
- Potential new uses of Lake Nacimiento water in the Basin
- Potential for development of catchment basins for storm water
- Percolation areas in the groundwater basin
- Basin hydrogeology overview
- Environmental Health's GIS Public Interface

Long-Term Items

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

Ongoing Updates (as needed)

- Basin boundary determinations – discuss differences between DWR 118 and Fugro
- Reservoir conditions and water use information
- Water District Legislation (AB 2453)
- Ordinances (Export, Water Waste, Net Water Neutral Development)
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) – invite State Water Board and/or Department of Water Resources staff and/or other Basin Management entities (e.g. Fox Canyon)
- 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)
- Proposition 1 opportunities