Paso Basin Cooperative Committee

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee will hold a Special Meeting at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the City of Paso Robles Council Chambers (1000 Spring St., Paso Robles, CA 93446).

NOTE: The Paso Basin Cooperative Committee reserves the right to limit each speaker to three (3) minutes per subject or topic. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, all possible accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities so they may attend and participate in meetings.

John Hamon, Chairperson, City of Paso Robles
Joe Parent, Member, San Miguel CSD
John Peschong, Vice Chairperson, County of SLO
Matt Turrentine, Member, Shandon-San Juan WD

Steve Martin, Alternate, City of Paso Robles
Kelly Dodds, Alternate, San Miguel CSD
Debbie Arnold, Alternate, County of SLO
Kevin Peck, Alternate, Shandon-San Juan WD

Agenda
May 22, 2019

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call
4. Appointment of Officers
   a. Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary/Clerk, Treasurer
5. Public Comment – items not on Agenda
6. Continued item to consider Approval of March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes
7. Approval of April 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes
8. Letter of Support to extend the expiration date of the provisions of the County’s Water Conservations Ordinance related to the Paso Basin
9. Project Status Update
   a. Budget Report with Recommendation to increase GSP budget and direct staff to negotiate corresponding consultant contract amendment
   b. Schedule – Paso Basin GSP Development
   c. Subsidence Analysis Overview
10. Consider recommending that each GSA receive and file Paso Robles Subbasin GSP Draft Sections and provide direction as necessary
    a. Chapter 9. Projects & Management Actions
    b. Chapter 10. Plan Implementation
    c. Chapter 11. Notice and Communications
    d. Chapter 12. Interagency Agreements
    e. Appendix H. Water Supplies
    f. Appendix I. Technical Project Information
    g. Appendix K. Memorandum of Agreement
11. Committee Member Comments – Committee members may make brief comments, provide status updates, or communicate with other members, staff, or the public regarding non-agenda topics
12. Upcoming meeting(s)
    a. Regular Meeting – July 24, 2019
13. Future Items
14. Adjourn

For more information, please visit www.pasogcp.com and the Groundwater Sustainability Agency websites at:
- County of San Luis Obispo – www.slocounty.ca.gov/sgma
- Shandon-San Juan Water District – www.ssjwd.org
- City of Paso Robles – www.prcity.com
- San Miguel CSD – www.sanmiguelcsd.org
SUBJECT
Appointment of Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Officers

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee):

1. Motion to appoint a Committee member to the position of Committee Chairperson
2. Motion to appoint a Committee member to the position of Committee Vice Chairperson
3. Motion to appoint a Committee member to the position of Secretary
4. Motion to appoint a Committee member to the position of Treasurer

BACKGROUND
The City of Paso Robles, San Miguel Community Services District (SMCSD), Heritage Ranch Community Services District (HRCSD), the County of San Luis Obispo, and Shandon San Juan Water District entered into a Memorandum of Agreement regarding preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (MOA) in August 2017. Following DWR’s approval of a basin boundary modification excluding HRCSD from the Basin and making them no longer subject to SGMA, HRCSD withdrew from the MOA.

The MOA provides for establishment of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee, which is composed of a member and alternate member from each of the Parties.

The role and activities of the Committee are outlined in Section 4 of the MOA.

DISCUSSION
While the MOA outlines the roles and activities of Committee, it does not speak to Appointment of Officers. At their October 18, 2017 meeting, the Committee nominated and confirmed John Hamon as Committee Chair, John Peschong as Vice-Chair and Willy Cunha as Secretary. At their March 7, 2018 meeting, the Committee considered administration of the Committee, roles of officers (below) and created the office of Treasurer, confirming Joe Parent for the position. At their March 6, 2019 meeting, the Committee directed staff to agendize Appointment of Officers. Duties of Committee Officers are as follows:

- Chair: Set Agenda (based on Committee input) with County Staff; preside over meetings
- Vice Chair: Take on Chair responsibilities in absence of the Chair
- Secretary: Review draft Committee meeting minutes prior to publication in upcoming Agenda
- Treasurer: Reviews reports from the City Finance Department and conducts financial oversight

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The following members or alternates were present:

**John Hamon**, Chairperson, Member, City of Paso Robles  
**John Peschong**, Vice Chairperson, Member, County of San Luis Obispo  
**Willy Cunha**, Secretary, Member, Shandon-San Juan WD  
**Joe Parent**, Treasurer, Member, San Miguel CSD

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<td>Fred Hoey: Comments that too much time has passed since last Cooperative Committee meeting and that the documents for this meeting were not published soon enough to give time for thorough review; provides recommendations/suggestions for meeting frequency of meetings, amount of content covered in a given meeting, and how the Committee and consultant processes could be more customer friendly.</td>
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<td>Dennis Loucks: refers to the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) conversation in the prior meeting minutes and notes that the total right or safe yield number should be 90,215, not 9,215 as shown in the minutes; asks if the City Public Works Director can speak about the UWMP since it was adopted by the City Council and references the 90,215 referenced in the document as “total right.”</td>
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<td>Greg Grewal: Comments on City of Paso Robles’ UWMP, differences between the 2010 and 2015 UWMP reports, changes made due to quiet title action, requirement that Agencies’ to notify the public and respond to misrepresentations; requests that the Committee consider rotating officer roles and suggests Supervisor Peschong as Chairperson.</td>
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<td>Robin Chapman: Comments on long established irrigation rights in the San Miguel area and concern about aggregation in the current ordinance; asks how this has been presented to the Committee and what they plan to do about it.</td>
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<td>Chairperson Hamon: closes public comment and asks for staff to respond to question regarding aggregation of rights in San Miguel.</td>
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<td>Blaine Reely, San Miguel CSD: responds that, to his knowledge, no water rights have been aggregated in San Miguel vicinity.</td>
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Vice Chair Peschong: asks staff for clarification as to the numbers in the UWMP.

City Staff, Dick McKinley, responds that the UWMP “is not in front of me” but that the actual number is ‘9 thousand and some change’ [9,519 in the UWMP for total water needed at buildout, with only 2,200 expected to come from Basin Wells] and that the 90,000 number is the safe yield number.

Dennis Loucks: confirms that the 90,215 is the number in the UWMP.

5. Approval of October 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Hamon: Moves to discuss approval of the October 17, 2018 Cooperative Committee meeting minutes.

Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment.

Greg Grewal and Dennis Loucks: Speak.

The Committee directs Staff to revise October 17th Draft Minutes for approval at the next Cooperative Committee meeting.

**Motion by: Vice Chairperson Peschong**
**Second by: Treasurer Joe Parent**

**Motion:** The Committee moves to table the approval of October 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes until the April 24, 2019 meeting.

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6. Update on Basin Boundary Modifications impacting the Paso Robles Subbasin & GSP

Presentations and meeting materials for Agenda Item #6 available at: [http://pasogcp.com/](http://pasogcp.com/)

Angela Ruberto: provides an update on Basin Boundary Modifications impacting the Paso Robles Subbasin, noting the following two Basin Boundary Modification Requests that have been approved by the Department of Water Resources:

1. Salinas Valley Basin GSA’s (SVB GSA) jurisdictional request: Extending existing shared boundary of the Upper Valley Aquifer and Paso Robles Area subbasins to coincide with the Monterey and San Luis Obispo County line, thereby placing the entire Paso Basin
entirely within San Luis Obispo County, which makes formal coordination with Monterey County optional.

2. Heritage Ranch Community Services District’s (HRCSD) scientific adjustment request: Revising minor part of western external boundary of the Paso Basin making coincident with the Rinconada Fault and resulting in the removal of the basin area underlying HRCSD GSA and is no longer subject to SGMA.

HRCSD has noticed their withdrawal from the MOA; a change to the MOA is not recommended since Heritage Ranch only makes up 1% of the cost contribution; will bring back a recommendation to the Committee on how to absorb the 1% cost contribution.

Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment.

Greg Grewal: Speaks.

Chairperson Hamon: closes the floor for public comment.

City Staff, Dick McKinley: states that most of HRCSD’s matching funds were spent prior to their withdrawal; suggests revisiting how their 1% portion will be distributed amongst the four remaining MOA parties going forward.

Chairperson Hamon: asks Staff to return with a recommendation on how to handle the 1% cost contribution.

7. **Project Status Update**
   a. Budget
   b. Schedule
   c. Projects and Management Actions Concepts

Meeting presentations and materials for Agenda Item #7 available at: [http://pasogcp.com/](http://pasogcp.com/)

City Staff, Dick McKinley: provides a Project Status Update on the development of Paso Basin GSP – Budget.

SSJWD Staff, Randy Diffenbaugh: provides a Project Status Update on the GSP Schedule; explains that future Draft Chapters will be released two weeks earlier than originally scheduled, allowing more time for discussion and review once the full document is released; notes that all future material will continue being posted to pasogcp.com as it is released.

County Staff, Angela Ruberto: provides a Project Status Update on Projects and Management Actions Concepts.

Chairperson Hamon: Asks if the Committee has questions
Vice Chairperson Peschong: responds regarding the Draft Projects & Management Actions material to highlight DWR’s studies on flood injection and Salinas River Dam

The Committee discusses the importance of public review and input regarding Projects and Management Actions Concepts.

SMCSD Member: Joe Parent: asks about water supply numbers and associated time periods for State Water Project (58% for estimated/average deliveries); asks if consultant has had contact with Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) on the projects yet.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: (with regards to projections calculated for State Water Project deliveries referenced in the Draft Projects & Management Actions fact sheet) states that the delivery percentage is calculated from a long-term average of water available from the State Water System; cannot immediately quote years used for calculation but can provide additional details once confirmed; states that there has not been contact with CCWA yet.

Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment.

Greg Grewal: speaks.

Vice Chairperson Peschong: comments that he has received public input that cannabis requires less acre-feet of water usage per year when compared to grapes; suggests the consultant define crop water usage for cannabis and hemp and include these crops in the GSP.

8. Request that the County Board modify the sunset date of the County’s Water Conservation Ordinance related to the Paso Basin

Meeting presentations and materials for Agenda Item #8 available at: [http://pasogcp.com/](http://pasogcp.com/)

County Staff, Courtney Howard: discusses the Countywide Water Conservation Program (CWWCP) Ordinance which is set to expire when the last GSA adopts the Paso Basin GSP; although there are water conservation efforts provided in the GSP, there would essentially be a “gap” between the sunset of the CWWCP and implementation of the GSP actions; Staff recommends considering asking the County Board to modify the language in the Ordinance in order to align with water conservation efforts set forth in the GSP Draft Chapter 6.

Vice Chairperson Peschong: asks to table this item to allow for additional community input.

Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment.
Greg Grewal: Speaks.
Chairperson Hamon: closes the floor for public comment.

**Motion by: John Peschong**
**Second by: Joe Parent**
**Motion:** The Committee moves to table this item until the April 24th PBCC meeting.

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9. **Consider recommending that each GSA receive and file Paso Robles Sub basin GSP Draft Sections and provide direction as necessary**
   a. Chapter 6. Groundwater Budgets
   b. Chapter 7. Monitoring Networks
   c. Chapter 8. Sustainable Management Criteria
   d. Appendix A. Additional Well Logs Used to Supplement Cross Sections
   e. Appendix B. Identification of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems
   f. Appendix C. Hydrographs
   g. Appendix D. Summary of Model Update and Modifications
   h. Appendix E. Monitoring Protocols
   i. Appendix G. Paso Robles Formation Aquifer RMS Hydrographs and Well Data

See referenced Draft GSP Chapters and Appendices provided by the GSP Consultant Team, available during public comment period at: [www.pasogcp.com](http://www.pasogcp.com)

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: provides an overview of GSP Draft Chapters 6-8 and Appendices A,B,C,D,E, & G; recommends that each GSA receive, file and provide comments on Draft Chapters 6-8 and Appendices A,B,C,D,E, & G, and provide direction as necessary.

Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor to public comment after the presentation of Chapter 6 – Groundwater Budgets.

Greg Grewal, Dennis Loucks, and Cody Ferguson: speak.

Chairperson Hamon: recommends additional public comments on Draft Chapters be submitted via the online portal.

Chairperson Hamon: closes the floor for public comment.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: continues the presentation with an overview of Draft Chapter 7 – Monitoring Networks.

Chairperson Hamon: asks how many and what types of wells would be ideal for data collection.

Derek Williams: responds that in the range of 50 wells could provide good coverage, and that using existing wells with known construction and depths could be used; adds that certain regulations prefer dedicated monitoring wells.

Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment.

Greg Grewal, Dennis Loucks, and Robin Chapman: speak.
Chairperson Hamon: in response to public comments, asks why the specific sites that monitor subsidence were chosen. Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: responds that those locations were already existing GPS sites, which are reported out by a university cooperative.

Chairperson Hamon exits the meeting; replaced by Alternate Member Steve Martin; Vice-Chairperson John Peschong now acting as active Chairperson.


Chairperson Peschong: asks for questions from Committee Members.

Secretary Cunha: asks if the land level chart can be included in the Chapter or as an Appendix.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: confirms the chart will be included in revised GSP Chapter Five.

Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comment.

Cody Ferguson, Serena Freidman, Herb Rowland, and Robin Chapman: speak.

Chairperson Peschong: closes public comment for this item.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: responding to public comment, states that subsidence monitoring locations could be expanded if deemed necessary, but is not being recommended at this time; asks for feedback on comment forms (available at www.pasogcp.com) regarding active recharge projects and actions.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: continues the presentation with an overview of Appendices A, B, C, D, E, & G; states that all Draft Chapters and Appendices are available online and are open to public comments.

Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comment.

Cody Ferguson, Greg Grewal, and Dennis Loucks: speak.

Chairperson Peschong: closes public comment for this item.
Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: responds to public comment, stating that subsidence is agnostic towards whether the pumping is from domestic, municipal or agricultural use, and that it only speaks to elevation, not the source of the subsidence; explains that NSAR data is an option to further investigate potential land subsidence, however, it is not currently recommended.

Chairperson Peschong: would like to know the actual cost of the NSAR data; suggests discussing at an upcoming meeting.

County Staff, Angela Ruberto: comments that County Staff has been in contact with USGS regarding a potential cost sharing opportunity for InSAR data.

10. Committee Member Comments

Secretary Cunha: reiterates the importance of submitting comments on Draft Chapters via the www.pasogcp.com comment portal, through individual Committee Members, or through the GSAs.

11. Upcoming meetings

Next meeting: Regular Meeting set for Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 4:00PM, Location: Paso Robles - City Council Chamber.

12. Future Items

Chairman Peschong: asks for a motion to elect a Chairperson during the next Cooperative Committee meeting scheduled for April 24, 2019.

Motion by: Steve Martin
Second by: Willy Cunha

Motion: The Committee moves to elect a Chairperson during the next Cooperative Committee meeting scheduled for *April 24, 2019*.

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*This motion was not fulfilled during the April 24, 2019 Cooperative Committee meeting. An Item to Appoint Officers has been agendized for the May 22, 2019 Cooperative Committee Special Meeting.*

City Staff, Dick McKinley: comments that the following Items are also to be included on the Agenda for the April 24th Cooperative Committee meeting:
- Approval of October 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes
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- Request that the County Board modify the sunset date of the County’s Water Conservation Ordinance related to the Paso Basin

I, Willy Cunha, Secretary to the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held on March 6, 2019, by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

Willy Cunha, Secretary of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee. Drafted by: Joey Steil and Angela Ruberto, County of San Luis Obispo
# Paso Basin Cooperative Committee
## Minutes (DRAFT)
**April 24th, 2019**

The following members or alternates were present:
- **John Hamon**, Chairperson, Member, City of Paso Robles
- **Debbie Arnold**, Alternate Member, County of San Luis Obispo
- **Willy Cunha**, Secretary, Member, Shandon-San Juan WD
- **Kelly Dodds**, Alternate Member, San Miguel CSD

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### 4. Public Comment – Items not on Agenda

*Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:01:21*

Prior to opening the floor for Public Comment, City Staff, Dick McKinley explains that the election of officers, expected to be agendized for this meeting, was postponed so that Vice Chairperson Peschong (absent) could be present for the Item.

Alternate Arnold: comments that she and Vice Chairperson Peschong both expected the election to occur during today’s meeting, citing the Cooperative Committee’s March 6th direction to agendize the Item for April 24th.

Cody Ferguson: comments that the Cooperative Committee is a body subject to the Brown Act, cites the March 6th unanimous vote to agendize the election Item and asks why the Item was not included on the April 24th meeting agenda.

Chairperson Hamon: asks for clarification on why the election for Committee Chairperson was not agendized.

County Staff, Angela Ruberto: responds that postponement of Committee elections was based on the fact the County Member was not present and logistics of appointing the County Member in their absence was unclear to County staff.

Cody Ferguson: suggests identifying the oversight and noting that elections will be agendized for the next meeting.

Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment.

*(Name inaudible): comments on family farming history in Paso Robles and concern over rapid growth and lacking pumping oversight in the Adelaide area; asks what regulations are in place there.*
| City Staff, Dick McKinley: responds to public comment stating that the Adelaide area is not part of the Paso Basin and is governed by the County of San Luis Obispo; cites the recent County Board of Supervisors meeting where the Adelaide area was specifically discussed in-depth. |
| Chairperson Hamon: recommends contacting District 1 Supervisor, John Peschong, or District 5 Supervisor, Debbie Arnold, for additional information regarding governance of the Adelaide area. |
| Greg Grewal: comments that stipulated agreement from quiet title action recently concluded and that Chapter 6 and the other Draft *(Paso Basin GSP)* Chapters should be modified to account for the amounts stipulated by the judgement; states that Brown Act rules apply to everyone, including agencies and staff, which need to be held to the same standards as the public. |
| Robert Galbraith: comments on the County’s Emergency Offset Ordinance and how it has limited his water use to the last five years, designated all grain crops as “non-irrigated”, and is preventing him from transitioning to a more profitable crop; concerned that water rights are being removed without compensation. |
| Dennis Loucks: comments on expectation that subsidence and the USGS InSAR program would be discussed during the April 24th Cooperative Committee meeting, stating that direction was provided during the March 6th Cooperative Committee meeting and noting a conversation with staff confirming that this topic would be agendized. |
| Robin Chapman: comments that more monitoring wells are needed throughout the basin; suggests minimizing qualifying criteria for monitoring wells in order to increase the number of wells used in the monitoring network. |
| Dana Merrill: recommends that the County increase efforts to obtain surplus water from the State; comments on language used in GSP Chapter 9.4 regarding agricultural land conversion, its role in conserving water, and the economic impacts of development and expansion affecting commercial agricultural. |
| Lowell Zelinski: asks if the Cooperative Committee is involved with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), asks what type of collaboration exists, and who can be contacted with follow-up questions regarding Ag Order 4.0. |
Secretary Cunha: comments on the status of Ag Order 4.0, adding that Shandon-San Juan GSA provided comments to the RWQCB, and that their agricultural well data is available, which is primarily focused on water quality.

Alternate Arnold: responds to public comment and offers her contact information for follow up questions.

Deborah Compton: comments on the process of preserving water rights for growers that remove crops; states that she is in the process of removing acres of walnut trees and asks what considerations are in place for maintaining her water rights without having to replant.

Secretary Cunha: replies that in the current GSP, there may be a program to preserve water rights without wasting water; currently, there is a five-year window for growers to rescue those water rights; recommends keeping in contact with County Staff who can provide updates as the occur.

Alternate Arnold: replies that these regulations are commonly referred to as the County’s Offset Ordinance, which has a sunset date tied to the GSP; states that the replacement mechanism will be a land use authority/Board of Supervisors decision; suggests reaching out to County staff or her District Representative with any questions and to keep informed of any future changes to the regulations.

| 5. Continued Item to Approve October 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes |
| Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:31:21 |

Audio from the October 17, 2018 Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Meeting is available at: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin)

Chairperson Hamon: Moves to discuss approval of the October 17, 2018, Cooperative Committee Meeting Minutes; there are no comments from the Board; opens the floor for public comment.

Greg Grewal: Speaks.

Chairperson Hamon: asks County Staff for clarification on whether documents presented during the public comment period are being entered into public record.

County Staff, Angela Ruberto: replies that comments are being posted online ([http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management-Act-(SGMA)/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin/GSP-Development.aspx](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management-Act-(SGMA)/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin/GSP-Development.aspx)) as they are received and will verify that documents submitted during previous public comment periods have also been posted; comments that audio
from the last two Cooperative Committee meetings has been posted to the County’s Paso Basin webpage.

Chairperson Hamon: closes public comment.

**Motion by: Secretary Cunha  
Second by: Alternate Arnold  
Motion:** The Committee moves to approve the revised October 17, 2018, Meeting Minutes.

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**6. Approval of March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes**  
Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:35:19  
Audio from the March 6, 2019, Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Meeting is available at: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin)

Chairperson Hamon: moves to discuss approval of the October 17, 2018, Cooperative Committee Meeting Minutes; there are no comments from the Board; opens the floor for public comment.

Cody Ferguson: speaks.

Alternate Arnold: suggests a motion to agendize the election of officers for the next Cooperative Committee meeting, and to also carry over approving the March 6th Meeting Minutes.

**Motion by: Alternate Arnold  
Second by: Secretary Cunha  
Motion:** The Committee moves to agendize the following Items for the next meeting:
(1) Appointment of Officers  
(2) Continued Approval of March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

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**7. Recommend allocating Heritage Ranch Community Services District’s former 1% cost obligation to the remaining GSAs pro rata**  
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Meeting presentations and materials for Agenda Item #7 available at: [http://pasogcp.com/](http://pasogcp.com/) and [www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin)

City Staff, Dick McKinley: provides an overview of content included in the Agenda Item #7 Staff Report.
Chairperson Hamon: asks for comments from the Board and the public; there are none.

Motion by: Alternate Arnold  
Second by: Alternate Dodds  
Motion: The Committee moves to allocate Heritage Ranch Community Services District’s former 1% cost obligation to the remaining GSAs pro rata.

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8. Consider recommending that each GSA receive and file Paso Robles Subbasin GSP Draft Sections and provide direction as necessary
   a. Chapter 9. Projects & Management Actions
   b. Chapter 11. Notice and Communications
   c. Appendix H. Water Supplies
   d. Appendix I. Technical Project Information
   e. Appendix J. Hydrographs

     Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:39:50
     See referenced Draft GSP Chapters and Appendices provided by the GSP Consultant Team, available during public comment period at www.pasogcp.com; to view the PowerPoint presentation for this item, please visit www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin.

     Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: provides an overview of GSP Draft Chapters 9, 11, and Appendices H, I and J; recommends that each GSA receive and file these Paso Robles Subbasin GSP Draft Chapter and Appendices; comments that GSA efforts to include additional monitoring wells in the monitoring program have been successful, adding more monitoring wells will be included in the Final Report; asks for questions on Draft Chapter 9.

     Chairperson Hamon: comments on the inclusive nature of the Plan for all users overlying the Basin; asks if changes to Plan can be made now, or in the future, regarding de minimis users.

     Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: replies that the Plan could be changed to address de minimis users in a variety of ways, such as including de minimis users in the fee structure and specifying triggers for when this would take place.

     Alternate Arnold: comments that the exception for de minimis users should remain in the Plan, adding that rural de minimis users pump for domestic use and are not major contributors to overdraft.

     Chairperson Hamon: asks if the number of de minimis users in the Basin has been documented.
Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: responds that there are conflicting numbers, with some estimates suggesting 3000-3500 de minimis users; could pursue defining this number further with Board direction.

Secretary Cunha: comments that knowing these numbers would be helpful, but costly and impractical to pursue exact numbers.

Alternate Arnold: states that DWR defines de minimis users as those using 2 acre-feet or less per year (*for domestic purposes*).

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: concurs and suggests a more practical approach when addressing de minimis water use.

Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment.


Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: following public comment, states that the term “extractions” refers to natural groundwater extractions for Plan projects; replies that analyzing historical InSAR data could provide additional basin-wide subsidence information, adding that there’s a proposal from USGS to do the work; recommends addressing this as a data gap to be pursued after the Plan has been submitted; replies that projects will not be implemented unless data suggests them to be necessary (*and there are willing individual entities*).

Chairperson Hamon: closes the floor to public comment.

Alternate Arnold: suggests postponing receiving and filing the Draft Chapters as they are currently presented; requests that GSA staff incorporate additional public input, refine and rework sections on projects, pumping reductions, optimal measurable objectives and Appendices; asks that the Draft Chapters be brought back to receive and file at a future meeting.

Secretary Cunha: suggests that each GSA move forward with receiving, filing and providing continued input on the Draft Chapters as to what edits they would like to see.

The Committee deliberates whether the Draft Chapters should be received and passed on to the GSAs as they are currently written, or to
postpone recommendation to receive/file the Draft Chapters to allow GSA staff additional time to rework the content of each Draft Chapter.

Chairperson Hamon: asks what happens if DWR rejects the projects listed in Chapter 9, and if DWR relies on the GSAs to determine the acceptability of the projects.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: replies that the responsibility lies with the GSAs to implement projects that will lead to sustainability, adding that projects are optional to be applied as needed.

Chairperson Hamon: asks when GSA comments on specific projects would be brought back to the Board, if received and filed today.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: replies that GSA and public comments will be incorporated as part of the larger Draft document, which will be available in late July along with another opportunity to comment.

Alternate Arnold: recommends placing more emphasis on pumping reduction in Chapter 9, allowing best management practices, business decisions and projects to be decided by beneficiaries.

Motion: to recommend the GSAs receive and file the draft Paso Basin GSP chapters and direct staff to address Committee concerns. Motion by Secretary Cunha, Motion Seconded by Alternate Dodds. Motion failed.

Motion by: Alternate Arnold
Second by: Alternate Dodds

Motion: The Committee moves to recommend that GSA staff revisit and revise Draft Chapters 9, 11 and Appendices H, I and J, and bring back to the Board at the next meeting to consider recommending that the GSAs receive and file.

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9. Committee Member Comments – Committee members may make brief comments, provide status updates, or communicate with other members, staff,Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 02:35:14

Secretary Cunha: appreciates the comments being submitted through the GCP comment portal and through the GSAs.

Alternate Dodds: comments on the importance of bringing back Draft Chapter content not discussed during today’s meeting.
| 10. Upcoming meetings | Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 02:36:32  
Committee Members discuss potential meeting dates for late May or early June, directing staff to target May 29th for the next Special Meeting (Committee scheduled meeting for May 22, 2019).  
Next Regular meeting: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 4:00PM in Paso Robles - City Council Chamber. |
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| a. Consider scheduling a Special Meeting for late May or early June  
b. Regular Meeting – July 24, 2019 | |
| 11. Future Items | Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 02:37:50  
(1) Appointment of Officers  
(2) Approval of revised March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes.  
(3) Consider recommending that each GSA receive and file revised Paso Robles Subbasin GSP Draft Sections:  
- Chapter 9: Projects & Management Actions  
- Chapter 10: Plan Implementation  
- Chapter 11: Notice and Communications  
- Chapter 12: Interagency Agreements  
- Appendix H: Water Supplies  
- Appendix I: Technical Project Information  
- Appendix J: Hydrographs |
| 12. Adjourn | Motion by: Secretary Cunha  
Second by: Alternate Dodds  
Motion: The Committee moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:40PM |

I, Willy Cunha, Secretary to the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held on April 24, 2019, by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

Willy Cunha, Secretary of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.  
Drafted by: Joey Steil and Angela Ruberto, County of San Luis Obispo
SUBJECT
Letter of support to extend the expiration date of the provisions of the County’s Water Conservation Ordinance related to the Paso Basin.

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee) send the attached letter of support to extend the expiration date of the provisions related to the Paso Basin.

PREPARED BY
Courtney Howard, County of San Luis Obispo

BACKGROUND
The Countywide Water Conservation Program (CWWCP) was established by the Board of Supervisors (Board) in response to the declining groundwater levels in County groundwater basins, including the Paso Basin. A key strategy of the CWWCP with respect to the Paso Basin was to ensure all new construction and new or expanded agriculture offset its predicted water use by reducing existing water use on other properties within the same groundwater basin. The relevant provisions in the CWWCP will expire with the adoption of the GSP in the Paso Basin, however the management actions that are expected to be implemented after GSP adoption will not go into effect until subsequent decisions are made and requisite actions are taken. Those actions will likely be subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and may take significant time to develop and implement.

On June 18, 2019, County staff intends to recommend that the County Board extend the expiration date of the provisions of the CWWCP related to the Paso Basin to address a “gap” between that expiration date and GSP implementation actions. Further, the draft of Chapter 6 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan does not include a quantification of increased demand on the basin associated with increased land use activity during that gap. This means that the projected deficit to address with programs and projects would be understated and may impact the ability to meet interim milestones for SGMA compliance.

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1 Title 22.30.204 H. "Termination. The provisions of this section for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (excluding the Atascadero Sub-basin) shall expire upon the effective date of a final and adopted Water Code section 10720 et seq. groundwater sustainability plan(s) by a local groundwater sustainability agency or agencies, covering the entirety of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin within the land use jurisdiction of the County of San Luis Obispo." [Added 2015, Ord. 3308]

2 Draft Chapter 6 Water Budget, pg. 27. “The CWWCP will sunset with the adoption of GSP, however, conservation provisions in the GSP are expected to be similar to the existing program. This expectation supports the approach of using 2016 crop acreage and irrigation efficiencies for the future water budget.”
ATTACHED
i. Draft Letter of Support to Extend the Expiration Date for the Provisions of the Countywide Water Conservation Ordinance Related to the Paso Basin
May 22, 2019

Ms. Debbie Arnold, Chairperson  
County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors  
1055 Monterey Street Suite D430  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: Letter of Support to Extend the Expiration Date for the Provisions of the Countywide Water Conservation Ordinance Related to the Paso Basin

Dear Ms. Arnold:

At its meeting on May 22, 2019, the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee) approved submittal of this letter supporting the County Board’s extension of the expiration date for the provisions of the Countywide Water Conservation Ordinance (CWWCP) related to the Paso Basin. Currently, these provisions expire upon adoption of the Paso Basin groundwater sustainability plan (GSP).

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It is our understanding that on June 18, 2019, County staff will be recommending that the County Board extend the expiration date of the provisions of the CWWCP related to the Paso Basin to address the “gap” between that expiration date and GSP implementation actions. Our Committee supports this action.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Respectfully yours,

Chairperson, Paso Basin Cooperative Committee
SUBJECT
Project Status Update:
   a. Budget Report with Recommendation to increase GSP budget and direct staff to negotiate corresponding consultant contract amendment
   b. Schedule – Paso Basin GSP Development
   c. USGS’ Subsidence Analysis Overview

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee) receive updated material, and provide direction to staff as needed, related to development of the Paso Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), including:
   a. Budget Report with Recommendation to increase GSP budget and direct staff to negotiate corresponding consultant contract amendment
   b. Schedule – Paso Basin GSP Development
   c. USGS’ Subsidence Analysis Overview

PREPARED BY
Not Applicable – See attached material provided by GSA Staff and USGS

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1. Budget Report with Recommendation to increase GSP budget and direct staff to negotiate corresponding consultant contract amendment
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Paso Robles Basin Cooperative Committee Agenda Report

From: Cooperative Committee Treasurer
Dick McKinley, Public Works Director, City of El Paso de Robles GSA

Subject: Budget Report with Recommendation to increase GSP budget and direct staff to negotiate corresponding consultant contract amendment

Date: May 22, 2019

Background
The GSA partners have agreed, through the MOA, to share costs of preparing the GSP. The partners applied for and received a grant from the State to prepare the GSP. The City of Paso Robles is the grant administrator as well as the contract administrator.

Response
To date the City has received ten invoices from the consultant team. The GSA partners have a signed Grant Agreement, and are preparing a large grant reimbursement request at this time.

Grant Amount $1,500,000
Contract Amount $1,363,515
Total Invoiced To Date Amount $1,211,964 (89%)
Remaining Contract Amount $ 151,576 (11%)
Grant Reimbursement Requested $1,013,681
Eligible Additional Grant Funds $  136,485

Analysis and Conclusions
The Cooperative Committee has called for re-writes of Chapters 9 and 10, with a continued expectation of a robust public input process. In addition, the Cooperative Committee has encouraged increasing the monitoring well network, and some other changes to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

This Budget Report shows that there are $136,000 available that could be used for this additional work, with 100% reimbursement from the DWR grant. The Cooperative Committee could increase the GSP budget by $136,000, and direct the GSA staff to negotiate a contract amendment with Montgomery & Associates for the tasks identified above, subject to ratification by each of the four GSA Boards. Following the ratification process, the City of Paso Robles would need to take action to amend the contract.

Recommendation
1. Receive and file the Budget Report
2. Increase the budget by $136,000 and direct the GSA staff to negotiate a contract amendment.
3. Send the budget amendment to each GSA Board for ratification.
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Introduction

Subsidence is one six sustainability indicators required to be evaluated by the sustainable groundwater management act (SGMA). A regional subsidence screening analysis has not been completed in Coastal California to determine whether there is evidence of subsidence. Under SGMA regulation, if significant and unreasonable subsidence is occurring, it must be monitored and mitigated. The monitoring, analysis, and mitigation of subsidence may place a significant financial burden on groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) who must develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans. A screening analysis can determine whether further investigations are needed at this time and focus potential mitigation efforts where they are more relevant. If land subsidence is not significant, it simplifies reporting of SGMA sustainability metrics and potential monitoring of subsidence and may reduce costs.

Overview

The USGS has started a subsidence screening analysis of Coastal California, currently focused on the Pajaro Valley. However, the data acquired, processed, and analyzed covers an area significantly larger than the Pajaro Valley. There is an opportunity to extend the screening analysis to subareas managed by other GSAs in the region. Coordination of additional screening analyses with the current study can result in significant cost savings to the GSA by leveraging portions of data processing and analysis. A brief description of the subsidence screening evaluation methods, documentation, and costs are provided.

Subsidence Screening Evaluation

The screening analysis will consist of processing and analyzing remotely-sensed data for the 3-year period between 2015 and 2018 (purple and cyan boxes in Figure 1). In the currently funded study,
the focused analysis will occur with the Pajaro Valley (red box Figure 1). This period includes both wet and dry years, which will better bracket rates of subsidence under the varied conditions.

Figure 1: Map showing current Pajaro Valley Basin (red box), and Coastal Region (yellow shaded area) study areas, and Sentinel interferometric synthetic aperture radar (InSAR) data coverage (purple and cyan boxes).

Subsidence can be permanent but not always. Subsidence is comprised of two parts, an elastic part that is related to the ability of the aquifer material to return to initial conditions after reduction of pumping stresses and inelastic part that reflects permanent changes in storage and thickness of aquifer materials. The inelastic portion of subsidence is the portion that is most relevant to water management and reporting for SGMA. Therefore, the analysis will evaluate inelastic subsidence through a multi-year study of changes in ground surface elevation using interferometric synthetic aperture radar (InSAR), a remotely sensed satellite data set. By evaluating land surface elevation changes for both wet and dry
years, the magnitude of elastic and inelastic subsidence can be assessed. These analyses will provide a rigorous initial assessment of subsidence.

To evaluate subsidence, the USGS will

1) Obtain InSAR data for 2015-2018 (about 10-12 European Space Agency Sentinel-1 satellite images per year) (figure 1). These data provide high resolution data of changes in ground surface elevation. This allows for high precision (<0.1 ft) evaluation of changes in land surface elevation.

2) Obtain available Continuous GPS data (CGPS) data to examine land elevation changes at specific places.

3) Process InSAR data using spatial data to calibrate and validate the analysis of land surface elevation changes.

4) Obtain and evaluate available water-level data

5) Analyze paired InSAR and water-level data for correlations between changes in land surface elevation and changes in water levels.

6) The USGS will publish a fact sheet or journal article of the subsidence analysis.

**Estimated Costs**

The screening analysis for additional areas will be documented and accessible to the public. Costs may vary with the number of extended study partners, level of detail, extent of subarea analysis, and type of publication selected for documenting the study. The total estimated cost of this subsidence screening analysis is approximately $95,000 for each sub area. There is a potential for federal cooperative cost sharing of $9,500, resulting in an estimated cost of $85,500.
SUBJECT
Consider recommending that each GSA receive and file Draft GSP Chapter and Appendices and provide direction as necessary.

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee) receive and consider recommending that each GSA receive and file Paso Robles Subbasin GSP Draft Chapter and Appendices.

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PREPARED BY
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BACKGROUND
Draft GSP Chapter 9 – Projects and Management Actions, related Appendices H, I and Chapter 11 – Notice and Communications were considered by the Committee on April 24, 2019, revised on May 15, 2019, and are brought back to the Committee for consideration to recommend that the GSAs receive and file. Key changes to the previous version of Chapter 9 include:

- Clarification that pumping reductions will be required and enforced where necessary to stabilize groundwater levels and that there are different options for achieving the required reductions (e.g. a Groundwater Conservation Program or projects to bring in water in lieu of pumping groundwater) that individual entities may choose to implement.
- Clarifying that the details of voluntary and mandatory actions would be developed concurrently after GSP adoption.
- Clarifying that projects are concepts at this time.
- The concept projects for State Water were revised to be direct delivery project types.

Draft GSP Chapter 10 – Implementation, Chapter 12 – Interagency Agreements and Appendix K are also provided for consideration to recommend that the GSAs receive and file. The info previously published in Appendix J (Hydrographs showing sustainable management criteria) is still being updated in accordance with comments received and will be incorporated into a revised Chapter 8 Sustainable Management Criteria and Chapter 9 when the compiled GSP document is published.

REFERENCED
i. Chapter 9. Projects and Management Actions
ii. Chapter 10. Implementation
iii. Chapter 11. Notice and Communications
iv. Chapter 12. Interagency Agreements
v. Appendix H. Water Supplies
vi. Appendix I. Technical Project Information
vii. Appendix K. Memorandum of Agreement

These Chapters and Appendices will be posted at: www.pasogcp.com for duration of public comment period.

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Chapter 10, 12 and Appendix K

Paso Robles Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Published on: May 16, 2019  
Received by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee: May 22, 2019  
Posted on PasoGCP.com: May 16, 2019  
Close of public comment period: *pending recommendation by the Cooperative Committee at the May 22, 2019 Special Meeting  
*July 1, 2019

These Draft documents are posted on pasogcp.com and will be distributed to the four Paso Robles Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). Comments from the public are being collected using a comment form available at www.pasogcp.com. If you require a paper form to submit by postal mail, please contact your local Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).

- County of San Luis Obispo  
- Shandon-San Juan Water District  
- San Miguel CSD  
- City of Paso Robles

Pending the Cooperative Committee’s recommendation on May 22, 2019, the Draft GSP Chapters and Appendix will be distributed to the four Paso Robles Subbasin GSAs to receive and file.
Revisions have been proposed to the Draft GSP Chapter 9 that was originally presented to the Cooperative Committee at the April 24, 2019 Regular Meeting. The Draft GSP Chapter 9 revision, Draft Chapter 11 and Appendices H and I are available for public review and comment and will be brought back to the Committee at the May 22, 2019 Special Meeting.

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