Paso Basin Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda

Templeton Community Center Thursday, May 21, 2015
601 S. Main Street, Templeton 2 pm – 4 pm

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1. Introductions and Determination of a Quorum Committee/Public 2:00 pm

2. Approve April Meeting Minutes Chair/Staff 2:05 pm

3. Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update Subcommittee Chairs 2:15 pm
   (www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/water-amendments)
   a. Consider Subcommittee Recommendations (attachment)

4. Consider advising the Board of Supervisors to be actively involved in preserving all unallocated Nacimiento water for all appropriate users and that Nacimiento water not be fully subscribed without considering the need to sustainably manage the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. Committee 2:40 pm

5. County Efforts (attachment) Staff/Chair 3:05 pm
   a. Water District Formation Process Update – Consider moving August, September and October PBAC meeting days
   b. June 10th Town Hall Meeting
   c. Consider advising the Board of Supervisors regarding County efforts

6. Subcommittee Reports/Recommended PBAC Actions (attachments) Chair/Chairs 3:15 pm
   a. Computer Model Update
   b. Conservation
   c. In-Basin Projects - Recommend that a very open accessible process occur with the LAFCO process
   d. Management
   e. Outreach and Education
   f. Supply Options

7. City of Paso Robles water use summary City of Paso Robles 3:35 pm

8. Public Comment Public 3:45 pm

9. Future meeting topics/committee comments Committee 3:55 pm

10. Adjourn (Next meeting June 18th, Templeton) 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...
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 March meeting minutes**- The March 19, 2015, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee minutes were reviewed and it was requested that “see attached” be removed from the subject titles. Member Werner moves to approve the March meeting minutes, as amended, with a second by Member Wilmore. (16-0-2-6)

3. **Santa Margarita Dam Agreement Information**- Noah Evans, City of San Luis Obispo Water Supply Supervisor, summarizes the live stream concept and the conditions that need to be met in order to impound water at Salinas Dam. Courtney Howard, County Public Works, explains the daily accounting of inflows and outflows at Salinas Dam.

4. **County Efforts**-
   a. **Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update (e.g. offset and water waste programs) and Consider Developing Recommendations** (www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/water-amendments)- The Management and Conservation Subcommittees will review the draft EIR and draft Water Neutral New Development and Waste Water Prevention Implementation Language. Member Sinton raises concerns regarding water offsets from prime soils. The Management and Conservation Subcommittees are directed to study the ordinance and address Member Sinton’s concerns.

   b. **Water District Formation Process Update and Consider Developing Recommendations**- John Diodati, County Public Works, updates the Committee on the Paso Basin Water District formation process, including the draft LAFCO application that the Board of Supervisors will consider on April 21st. He explains estimated Water District operations costs and funding options under Proposition 218. Discussion ensues regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Plan costs, Bulletin 118 basin boundaries, the future of Proposition 218, and costs associated with the proposed water district. Member Wilmore, with a second by Member Sinton, moves to advise that the Board of Supervisors approve staff’s recommendations to review and approve the LAFCO application materials, direct staff to submit application materials to LAFCO and work with LAFCO staff on public hearings, as well as direct the Clerk to file a CEQA notice of exemption. (16-3-0-5)
Appreciation for BOS’s and staff’s work is to be included in the letter. Member Harvey and Alternate Member Lorca noted that their basis for voting no is that a Board of Directors for a water district should be elected by registered voters only.

c. **Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater Update**- Ms. Howard informs the Committee that the Board of Supervisors approved the ordinance regulating the exportation of groundwater. County Staff is coordinating an approach to implementing the ordinance.

d. **Consider Supporting Laurie Gage as Rural at-Large Alternate Member (alternate to William Frost)**- Outreach and Education Subcommittee Member Baugh announces there was only one application for the position, the Subcommittee reviewed the application and unanimously recommended the position be filled by Laurie Gage. Member Sinton moves to support Laurie Gage as Rural at-Large Alternate Member with a second by Member Brown, the motion carries. (18-1-0-5)

e. **Consider Advising the Board of Supervisors regarding County efforts**- Discussion ensures regarding metering wells. Ms. Howard explains that while per County ordinance meters are required for new wells, owners must record their usage and Public Works staff checks to ensure the flowmeter meets specifications at the time of installation, there is no requirement for the County to collect usage information from the meter.

5. **Subcommittee Reports/ Recommended PBAC Actions**-

a. **Computer Model Update**- Ms. Howard notes that the hydrogeologists are coordinating on refinement efforts.

b. **Conservation**- Member Brown mentions that the Conservation Subcommittee submitted letters to agricultural groups seeking feedback on water conservation measures and the letters are due in May. He states the Resource Conservation District (RCD) is currently conducting irrigation evaluations in North County and North Coast area, and he encourages any interested party to contact the RCD. Mr. Brown informs the Committee the RCD’s pre-proposal was approved for the Conservation Innovation Grant for the Huer Huero Creek Watershed Recharge Basins, and the full proposal will be submitted by April 30.

c. **In-Basin Projects**- Member Werner reports on the possibility of Jardine receiving Nacimiento water. He mentions the estimated cost is $8,400 per parcel or $50- $60 per month. Mr. Werner understands this is a feasible option but other projects will also be examined. Discussion ensues on the City of Paso Robles’ use of Nacimiento water.

d. **Management**- Member Neil notes Atascadero MWC hired GEI Consultants to outline a Groundwater Sustainability Plan that would include the Atascadero sub-basin. Member Brown mentions the application guidelines for Proposition 1 funding for regional groundwater management programs will be available starting in 2016. He suggests Subcommittees take a look at other funding mechanisms. The Committee discusses “fully
subscribing” the Nacimiento Water Project, the distribution of Nacimiento water within the county, and the process to purchase an additional entitlement.

e. Outreach and Education- Alternate Member Baugh reports the Subcommittee reviewed the County websites and made suggestions as to how they can be improved. He emphasized an effective form of outreach have been neighborhood meetings and he urges Committee members to hold meetings in their homes to inform neighbors. Ms. Howard mentions there will be a town hall style meeting in early summer to address supply options and answer questions, more information on the meeting will be provided in the future.

f. Supply Options- Member Briltz announces the Subcommittee reviewed Carollo’s Draft Tech Memo #4 on Recycled Water Potential and forwarded comments to County Staff. The Nacimiento Water Tech Memo is scheduled to be reviewed, if available, on May 15. He suggests the Committee consider sending a letter regarding the Interlake Tunnel Project to the Board of Supervisors, the letter is to request San Luis Obispo County seek and review Monterey County’s Interlake Tunnel operations plan and explore means for improving county rights. Member Wilmore moves to send the letter to the Board as written, with a second by Member Tracy; the Committee voted unanimously in favor.

A motion to extend the meeting 10 minutes is seconded and approved. (15-1-0-8)

Member Clark moves to reconsider item 4.e., which is seconded by Member Diffenbaugh and approved. (14-2-0-8) Member Sinton puts forward a motion stating it is the sense of the Committee that the Board of Supervisors must be actively involved in preserving all unallocated Nacimiento water for all appropriate users and that Nacimiento water not be fully subscribed without considering the need to sustainably manage the Paso Robles groundwater basin, second by Member Brown. Discussion ensues regarding the motion put forward and whether it should be voted on because it was not on the agenda. After Committee discussion Member Sinton tables the motion, it is to be brought back in a future meeting.

g. Review Charge/ Number of Subcommittees- The Subcommittees voted to stay as is.

6. Public Comment- Greg Grewal speaks on how to use the 6000 AF of Nacimiento water. Alternate Member Friedman raises questions regarding the use of Nacimiento water for agricultural use in the Jardine Road area.

7. Future meeting topics/Committee comments- No discussion.

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May XX, 2015

Honorable Debbie Arnold, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo
1050 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Countywide Water Conservation Program - Draft Amendments to Title 22

Draft revisions to Title 22 regarding crop production were reviewed by the Management Subcommittee of the Paso Basin Advisory Committee on May 4, 2015. Three recommendations were developed by the subcommittee, as follows.

• One concern was the removal of restrictions on receiving sites when discontiguous from the sending site. Increased pumping in one part of the basin can cause impacts on nearby properties even if pumping is reduced elsewhere. The subcommittee suggested that other criteria such as a mileage cutoff be used for off-site offsets, so that the distance between the sending and receiving sites is limited.

• Notice should be provided to surrounding landowners near a proposed discontiguous receiving site when the application is accepted for processing.

• The termination provision (Chapter 22.30.204.H.) should state that the “provisions of this section shall expire upon the adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan by the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the PRGWB”.

On May 21, 2015, the Paso Basin Advisory Committee voted (___-___-___-___) to forward these recommendations to your board with copies to the Planning Commissioners for their consideration.

Sincerely,

Sue Luft
Chairperson, Paso Basin Advisory Committee

cc: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, All Districts
San Luis Obispo County Planning Commissioners, All Districts
Planning Department staff - Trevor Keith, Xzandrea Fowler, Mike Hanebutt
TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: May 21, 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

Water District Formation Process Update

The Board of Supervisors approved staff’s recommendations 3-2 and directed staff to submit the Water District application to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) during its April 21, 2015 meeting.

http://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/agenda/sanluisobispo/Proposal.html?jsessionid=19BFA4A23BD4BE0C9D8BEF5B6C5F57C4?select=4559

LAFCO meetings are the same day as PBAC meetings. The first LAFCO study session on the application is scheduled for the morning of May 21, 2015. It is anticipated that LAFCO will hold morning and afternoon hearings on the Water District application during August, September and October, therefore the Committee may wish to reschedule its meetings for those months.


June 10th Town Hall Meeting

The following approach to a Town Hall meeting and open house regarding Paso Basin has been developed in coordination with the Outreach and Education and Supply Options Study subcommittees.

Town Hall Objectives:

1. Provide an overview of Paso Robles GW Basin Issues
2. Provide resources for people to learn more and participate in their issue(s) of interest
3. Provide an opportunity for people to ask questions one on one

Opening Remarks/Overview Presentation 5:30 to 6:30

Tables – Q&A, water use efficiency info, drought info, displays 6:30 to 8:30
a. Welcome Table/Paso Basin Advisory Committee (Committee Reps)
b. Water District Process (Public Works Staff, LAFCO)
c. Computer Model/Basin Conditions (Geoscience)
d. Supply Options Study (Carollo, Public Works Staff)
e. Water Conservation Programs (Planning Department Staff)
f. SGMA (Public Works Staff, DWR)

A Save the Date flyer is also attached, and interested parties are encouraged to share the flyer in their neighborhoods and places of business.
Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Conservation Subcommittee minutes

Date: May 8th 2015 10-11:30 am 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
   B. Members Absent:
      1. Bill Spencer: non-irrigated
      2. Anthony Kalvans: San Miguel CSD
      3. Robert Brown: viticulture
      4. Randy Heinzen: District 5
      5. Kris Beal: viticulture
   C. Member Reports:
      1. The subcommittee discussed the RWMG outcomes and project list for IRWM funds. The issue of IRWM funding matrix being designated for municipalities was discussed. Member Best indicated to the group the next round is planned to have better integrations between conservation and municipal stakeholders.
      2. Member Engel suggested a presentation with Carolyn Berg from SLO County to subcommittees in conjunction with Member Best.

II. Populate Conservation strategies:
   A. Outreach letter distributed to Agricultural Groups.
      1. The group discussed the lack of response and how to proceed. The group came up with two options
         a. Consider distributing to the next category and omitting any further input from agriculture.
         b. Redistribute to ag and begin the process of contacting the municipal users such as CSDs, CSAs, mutual water companies, etc.

III. Subcommittee member
   A. The group discussed continuance of the subcommittee and membership. The group suggested contacting other PBAC members for further interest.

Next meeting June 4th.
In-Basin Subcommittee of Paso Basin Advisory Committee
Meeting of May 7, 2015

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Meeting Minutes

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

In attendance: Larry Werner, Sue Luft, Ed Redig, Claudia Engel, Patricia Wilmore, Susan Harvey, William Cunha. From the public: Gwen Pelfrey, Laurie Gage.

The minutes of the April 4, 2015 meeting were approved with three abstentions.

Larry presented information about Citizens for Local Management (CALM).

- CALM website www.CalmtheBasin.org
- Grassroots group advocating for local control of the basin
- Founding members include Hilary Graves, Randy Diffenbaugh, Bill Stansbury, Bill Spencer, Michael Baugh, and Dee Lacey
- CALM is planning a Survey Monkey survey to assess the general knowledge about the water issues, new state regulations, and the district

Sue Luft presented an update on the Outreach Subcommittee

- County staffers John Diodati and Carolyn Berg are available for home presentations
- County is planning a Town Hall meeting focusing on the supplemental water Tech Memo on June 10th at the Warbirds Museum from 5:30 to 8:45. There will be a presentation on supplemental water and then time to visit various information tables.

Willy Cunha presented an update on the Management Subcommittee

- Management Subcommittee voted to send comments on the Paso basin offset ordinance language to the BAC. The recommendations included three issues: defining the sunset clause as coterminous with the adoption of a GSP by a GSA; notice to landowners in the case of transfers of water on noncontiguous parcels; subcommittee suggested that a mileage cutoff be used for off-site offsets, so that the distance between the sending and receiving sites is limited.
- Planning has scheduled a study session on the offset DEIR and ordinance language for the Planning Commission on May 14
- Our subcommittee discussed the requirement for retaining ag production on the sending site

Larry had provided a copy of the City of Salinas Request for Proposals for a GSA facilitator. The committee discussed the availability of funding from Prop. 1 for facilitating establishing a GSA and for writing a GSP.

Sue Luft provided some information from Wednesday’s IRWM meeting.
• DWR is working on guidelines for Prop 1 money and it is anticipated that some monies will be awarded by mid 2016
• There are projects and initiatives beneficial to our basin that should be pursued (some of which have been included in the current IRWM).
• The new District may be late to the game and may miss out on this opportunity.
• If we helped clarify the best of these ideas and found a suitable government agency to be a partner, we might be able to get some of them off the ground.
  a. NRCS – off stream storage.
  b. Flood Control District – distribution of recycled and/or Naci water
  c. City of Paso – distribution of recycled and/or Naci water

Larry will invite Christine Halley and Carolyn Berg to our next meeting to discuss means to start a process to access Prop 1 bond money for the basin.

The committee discussed planning for the LAFCO process.
• The application for a district will be submitted to LAFCO soon and LAFCO has a 30 day review period to advise the county on completeness of the application
• LAFCO has a study session scheduled for May 21
• LAFCO June 18 meeting may include a speaker with expertise on water districts
• LAFCO tentatively plans hearings on the application for August 20 and September 17
• The committee asks Outreach to pursue a north county Town Hall meeting on the LAFCO process that will include final information on the funding process
1. **Introductions and Members Present:**

   Subcommittee members present – Sue Luft, Sue Harvey, Bob Brown, William Frost, Christopher Alakel, Willy Cunha

   Subcommittee members absent - Jim DeRose, Paul Clark

   County/LAFCO staff present – John Diodati, David Church, Xzandrea Fowler, Mike Hanebut, Cheryl Cochran

   Others present – George Tracy, Laurie Gage, Dick McKinley - Paso Public Works Director.

   Christopher Alakel lead the meeting as temporary Chair.

2. **Approve April Management Subcommittee Notes:** Subcommittee Member Luft moved to approve April 6, 2015, meeting notes; seconded by Member Brown; passed unanimously.

3. **Subcommittee Chairmanship:** Member Alakel opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Member Luft nominated Member Brown for Chair; seconded by Member Frost; passed unanimously. Member Brown chairs meeting from this point on.

4. **Review of Ag Offset Ordinance:** Xzandrea Fowler, with assistance from Mike Hanebut and Cheryl Cochran, all of SLO County Planning, walked through the Water Resources Advisory Committee comments and staff responses as a basis to work from. Comments and questions from Subcommittee members and the public were noted by County staff. Three items were agreed upon by the Subcommittee as important for the Planning Commissioners to consider. Member Luft moved to recommend that the BAC submit a letter to the Board of Supervisors, copy to the Planning Commission, transmitting these issues; seconded by Member Cunha; passed unanimously. Those items are as follows:

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5. **Water District Formation Steps:** David Church described the LAFCO process for the water district application, which was approved for submittal by the Board of Supervisors on April 21st. LAFCO will hold a study session on May 21st at 9:00 a.m. Courtney Howard and John Diodati will be giving presentations at the LAFCO study session.

6. **Basin Export FAQs:** The subcommittee reviewed the revised FAQs. Member Alakel requested that the perennial yield be cited in the FAQs. Member Brown will incorporate subcommittee comments and will bring the FAQs back to the next meeting.


8. **Identifying GSAs Across Basin No. 3-4.06:** No update was provided.

9. **Recommendations to Main BAC:** See item 4.

10. **Future Subcommittee Topics:** Discussion of the Prop. 218 funding formula and proposed levy will be a standing discussion/action item.

Meeting adjourned approximately 11:00 am. Next meeting of the Management Subcommittee is scheduled for Monday June 1, 2015, at 9:00 am at Paso Robles City Council Chambers located at 1000 Spring Street.

*Notes prepared by R. Brown*
TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: May 21, 2015
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #7: City of Paso Robles Water Use Summary

At the request of the PBAC, the City of Paso Robles has provided the following water use summary.

The City prioritizes pumping from the Salinas River up to its permitted allotment of 4,600 acre-feet per year (AFY). During periods of drought when native underflow diminishes, the City may have to rely more on the deep basin. However, when the Nacimiento Water Project is in operation, the City can replace native underflow with lake water.

Because the pipeline was down in 2014, river pumping was the lowest it has been in recent years. For 2015, the City’s river wells are currently operating at near full capacity because the City is able to recharge Nacimiento water into the river at a rate of 15.5 acre-feet/day.

Year 2014
River (Atascadero Sub Basin) - 2290 AF (pipeline down; relied more on the Basin)
River (Estrella Sub Area) – 482 AF
Basin (Estrella Sub Area) – 3496 AF

Year 2013
River/Naci (Atascadero Sub Basin) – 3238 AF
River (Estrella Sub Area) – 505 AF
Basin (Estrella Sub Area) – 3257 AF

Year 2012
River (Atascadero Sub Basin) – 3371 AF
River (Estrella Sub Area) – 443 AF
Basin (Estrella Sub Area) – 2879 AF

Year 2011
River (Atascadero Sub Basin) – 3603 AF
River (Estrella Sub Area) – 466 AF
Basin (Estrella Sub Area) – 2327 AF
TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee  
FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer  
DATE: May 21, 2015  
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 9: Suggested Future Agenda Items

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

Near-Term Items
- Potential new uses of Lake Nacimiento water in the Basin
- Potential for development of catchment basins for storm water
- Proposition 1 opportunities
- Percolation areas in the groundwater basin
- Basin hydrogeology overview

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

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