

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

May 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

Approximately 2:00 pm the meeting is called to order

1. Determination of Quorum and Introductions: Until such time the bylaws for the Committee are established, a quorum is considered a simple majority of occupied membership positions being present. A quorum is established.
2. Select Interim Chairperson/Vice Chairperson: Until such time the bylaws for the Committee are established, there is general consensus to elect an interim Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to lead the meetings. Member Larry Werner is elected interim Chairperson, and Member John Neil is elected interim vice-chairperson, both by unanimous vote.
3. Membership Update/Discuss ongoing meeting schedule: Courtney Howard, County Public Works Staff, notes that memberships for the Monterey County Water Resource Agency and the non-viticulture irrigated agriculture alternate member will be taken forward to the Board in June; she is corresponding with other agencies regarding their vacant positions; and she is looking for an alternate member candidate for CSA 16 (Shandon).

After a brief discussion, general consensus was reached that regular meetings will continue to be on the 3rd Thursday alternating locations and running from 2 to 4 pm. Evening meetings would be considered on a case by case basis.

4. Consider Recommending the Board Approve Bylaws: Courtney Howard, County Public Works Staff, introduces draft bylaws for the Committee and notes that the draft was modeled after the County's Water Resources Advisory Committee bylaws. After discussion of the draft, a motion is made to recommend that the Board approve the draft bylaws amended to reflect annual reporting and bylaw review. After the motion is seconded, the motion passes unanimously.
5. Update on Special Legislation: Alternate Member Reaugh provides an update to the Committee on the State Assembly's consideration of special legislation to modify the governing board structure of a California Water District should one be formed for the Paso Basin, and next steps should it pass the Assembly. Discussion ensues regarding opposition to and support for the legislation, the voting methodology for the formation vote, the Local Agency Formation Commission's role, the County's role, previous Blue Ribbon Committee actions to support the formation of an independent water district and

to support the special legislation, and the role of the Committee in basin governance issues.

6. Update on AB 3030 Basin Plan Process: Courtney Howard, County Public Works Staff, notes that on March 18, 2014, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution of intent to amend the AB 3030 Groundwater Management Plan (AB 3030 Plan) for the Paso Basin and that staff will be developing a task schedule for amending the AB 3030 Plan. Discussion ensues regarding the content of the existing AB 3030 Plan and the anticipated changes.
7. Update on Supply Options Studies: Courtney Howard, County Public Works Staff, provides an update on the study to evaluate State Water, Nacimiento and Recycled Water supplemental water supply options for the Paso Basin and notes that the announcement regarding whether the US Bureau of Reclamation will study the Salinas River Basin will be in June.
8. Update on Computer Model/Level Data: Courtney Howard, County Public Works Staff, provides an update on the Basin Computer Model Update project, including a description of the calibration process, the subsequent availability of refined inflow and outflow estimates, and the simulations (growth and non-growth) to be run. Results are anticipated to be presented to the committee in July.

Ms. Howard notes that updated composite well-level hydrographs will be developed after completing requirements associated with the State's groundwater monitoring database program. Discussion ensues regarding data gaps, new volunteers identified as a result of the Blue Ribbon Committee's previous efforts, and continuing to identify new volunteers.

9. Update on Planning Department Efforts: James Caruso and Cheryl Cochran, County Planning Department Staff, provide an update on the residential and agricultural water use offset programs implemented as a result of the County's Urgency Ordinance, including the availability of information at www.pasobasin.org for the former and efforts with the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (RCD) to develop the latter. Staff notes that the Board will be considering the approach to the agricultural water use offset program during its July 8, 2014 meeting. Discussion ensues regarding the general approach for the offset programs, the requirement to meter and monitor use from new wells but not report the information, the timing for urgency ordinance expiration and the development of non-temporary ordinances.
10. Consider Forming Various Subcommittees: After brainstorming and discussing the need and options for various subcommittees, the Committee forms the following subcommittees by unanimous vote: AB 3030 Plan Update, Supply Options Study, Basin Solutions and Implementation, Basin Computer Model Update, and Outreach and Education.
11. Public Comment: Gwen Pelfrey speaks to the Integrated Regional Water Management Program drought grant application for San Luis Obispo County and funding opportunities

for North County needs. Sheila Lyons reads a letter from the Creston Advisory Body to the Paso Basin Advisory Committee requesting consideration of recommending that the Board add a Creston Advisory Body member and alternate member position to the Committee.

Motion to extend 10 minutes- motion passes unanimously.

12. Future Meeting Topics/Committee Comments: Members suggest reviewing the efforts of the Blue Ribbon Committee and considering additional positions for the Committee during the next meeting.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 4:10 pm

The Paso Robles Groundwater Advisory Committee approved these minutes on June 19, 2014.
/s/ Courtney Howard

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