

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

June 19, 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 – Quorum established.
2. Approve May Meeting Minutes – The May 22, 2014, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee were reviewed and approved by the Committee upon a motion by Member Spencer, and a second by Member Engel (unanimous).
3. Consider Various Administrative Actions:
 - a. Establish Meeting Guidelines – Interim Chairperson Neil read the draft meeting guidelines. Upon motion by Member Luft, and second by Member Beal, a motion to approve the meeting guidelines was approved unanimously.
 - b. Electing a Chair/Vice Chair – Courtney Howard, County Staff, notes that there is no longer a need for “interim” chair and vice chair positions since the Board of Supervisors approved the bylaws and formally established the two officers positions, and invites nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Member Neil was nominated and elected Chairperson and Member Wilmore was nominated and elected Vice Chair, both unanimously.
 - c. Identifying Subcommittee Participants – Member Brown states he had not been added to the following subcommittees: *AB3030*, *Model Update*, *Viticulture* and *Solutions*. *Conservation* is made a separate subcommittee from *Solutions* with a motion by Member Edwards, and a second by Member Kalvans (unanimous). Discussion ensues on further defining the *Solutions* and *Conservation* subcommittees and keeping subcommittee groups to 9 members each.
 - d. Recommending Additional Member Positions – Courtney Howard, County Staff, states there was a request from the last meeting to have the Committee consider whether to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that another member position for the Creston Advisory Body be added. Discussion ensues on also adding seats for the Templeton, San Miguel and Shandon advisory bodies, and on the pros and cons of adding another member position, including: adhering to what the Board of Supervisors want, equal/unequal representation with the current 26 committee members, and more members for public outreach and education. A motion to add

a seat each for Shandon, Creston, San Miguel and Templeton was made by Member Harvey and a second by Member Grewal did not pass (7-14-2).

4. Review Blue Ribbon Committee Outcomes – Chairperson Neil presents a brief history of and accomplishments by the Blue Ribbon Steering Committee (BRC). Approved as an advisory body by the Board of Supervisors in March 2012, the BRC’s mission was to coordinate with stakeholders to implement the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan to ensure the health of the basin. Some of the BRC’s major outcomes include their outreach efforts to close data gaps associated with the volunteer-based well-level monitoring program, creation of the BRC website in conjunction with the Central Coast Vineyard Team, refinement of the computer model, and prioritization of near-term actions to achieve basin management objectives.
5. Update on AB3030 Basin Plan process – Courtney Howard, County Staff, provides an update on the AB3030 Basin Plan process. She states the need to move forward and to amend the plan, per the resolution of intent adopted by the Board of Supervisors in March 2014. The AB3030 subcommittee is tasked with helping review the detailed scope of work to address plan standards, updating the plan with new data, and presenting milestones to the full advisory committee. Chairperson Neil offers a 2-page summary of AB3030, to be available on the pasobasin.org website.
6. Update on Model Update/ Supply Options Projects – Courtney Howard, County Staff, provides an update on the computer model update, and supply options projects. Ms. Howard notes the computer model is now calibrated, and that while the inflow and outflow numbers have not changed significantly since December 2013, the numbers are now refined and validated. Next steps include performing a sensitivity analysis and a growth/no growth scenario run to see how the basin will look in 30 years. The modeling subcommittee will participate in the identification of possible additional scenarios, note the model’s representation of the interconnectivity of the main and sub-basin, and test possible solutions. Discussion ensues on what scenarios the model can answer and budgeting to select the top scenarios to run. Ms. Howard notes the computer model is not parcel-based, so individual wells cannot be tested. She also notes the primary purpose of the computer model is to test water supply and not water quality. Discussion ensues on consulting Geoscience on determining the best scenarios to run.
7. Update on Special Legislation – Member Reaugh provides an update on the special legislation process. He summarizes on June 7, 2014, an amendment was made to allow not only landowners within the Paso Basin, but residents as well, to run for the 3 at-large Director positions on the proposed district board. He summarizes the unamended bill was approved by the Senate’s committee (6-0). However, the Natural Resource committee will review the document next, considering all amendments. Discussion ensues regarding which entities will review the bill next, the difference between the make-up of the board and the formation of a district, the definition of a landowner, and how the special legislation will be approved at a statewide level and not a local level.

8. Public Comment – Alternate Member Lorca suggests that it may be appropriate for the committee to consider taking a position on the Emergency Intertie and Pipeline Extension to Salinas-Nacimiento Pipeline drought project. Member Dr. Friedman requests reusable name cards. A decision was made people would bring their own. Member Crouch suggests that each member prioritize what subcommittee they wish to join so that the number of participants can be kept below a quorum. Member Edwards announces LT Creek Winery is hosting a holistic sheep and vineyard workshop on June 20, 2014 from 9am to 4pm. She also announces the California Department of Food and Agriculture is hosting a \$50,000 grant for water efficient measures and projects. She offers the Upper-Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (US-LT RCD) will help anyone write a grant if they wish to apply. Member Beal announces a plant-based irrigation management class with the Vineyard Team on July 8, 2014, from 8:30am to 12:00pm. She also announces the Vineyard Team has partnered up with PG&E to create a cost share incentive for growers to install flow meters. Matt Thompson, City of Paso Robles Wastewater Manager, announces the City of Paso Robles in conjunction with RMC Engineering will host their 4th workshop to identify potential implementation measures for the salt and nutrient management plan on June 20, 2014, at 2pm.

9. Future Meeting Topics/ Committee Comments – Suggested future meeting topics include a standing opportunity for an educational item and/or member reports.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:40 pm.

The Paso Robles Groundwater Advisory Committee approved these minutes on July 17, 2014.
/s/ Courtney Howard

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