

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

July 17, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

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An audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted during public comment are available online at [www.SLOCountyWater.org](http://www.SLOCountyWater.org).

Approximately 2:00 pm the meeting is called to order

1. Determination of Quorum and Introductions – Quorum established.
2. Approve June Meeting Minutes – The June 19, 2014, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee were reviewed and approved by the Committee unanimously with one abstention.
3. Finalize Subcommittees (Number & Charge/Project Status/ Participants/ Chair) – Chair Neil reviews a matrix describing the six subcommittees and its participating members/ alternates. He notes each subcommittee is limited to 9 members/alternates each. Member Grewal inquires why there could not have been more members added to the committee because alternates, who have no voting privileges and should be assisting the members, are being added to subcommittees. Discussion ensues on the Brown Act and when alternates are allowed to vote. Courtney Howard, County Staff, suggests each subcommittee coordinate meeting times so they do not overlap, and alternates may assist members or attend in their absence. Chair Neil reminds the room that subcommittee meetings are open to the public<sup>1</sup>. Mrs. Howard recommends each subcommittee have an e-mail list for interested persons so they may be notified of their individual meeting times. Mrs. Howard explains the symbols on the matrix: E means the member/alternate wishes to be added to the subcommittee's e-mail list, 1 means the subcommittee is the member/alternate's first choice, and 2 means the subcommittee is the member/alternate's second choice.
  - a. Groundwater Management Plan Subcommittee – Chair Neil describes the charge of the Groundwater Management Plan Subcommittee: to review groundwater management legislation that is under development, to participate in the development of amendments to the existing AB3030 Plan, and to update and make recommendations to the full Committee regarding amendments to the existing AB3030 Plan. Ms. Howard notes that Chair Neil stepped down from this subcommittee and Member Johnson was added. Chair Neil opens a motion for the Groundwater Management Plan Subcommittee Chair. Member Brown moves

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<sup>1</sup> Secretary's note: Upon subsequent review of the Brown Act, for a subcommittee to conduct business, no more than 9 members and/or alternates may show up to a subcommittee meeting unless the meeting has been properly noticed. Attendance by interested members of the public (people who are not advisory committee members or alternates) does not trigger the Brown Act.

to nominate Alternate Halley with a second by Member Luft (unanimous).

- b. Supply Options Feasibility Study Subcommittee – Chair Neil describes the main charge of the Supply Options Feasibility Study Subcommittee: to engage in the Supply Options study and advise the full committee at key milestones. Chair Neil opens a motion for the Supply Options Feasibility Study Subcommittee Chair. Alternate Halley moves to nominate Member Britz with a second by Member Christianson (unanimous).
- c. Computer Model Update Subcommittee – Courtney Howard, County Staff, states the first draft report of the computer model by GeoScience will be available to the public in early August. She describes the main charge of the Computer Model Update subcommittee: to comment on the draft report, and develop questions and scenarios to ask and use the computer model. Mrs. Howard notes Member Merrill switched subcommittee preferences and Member Johnson was added to the subcommittee. Member Kalvans suggested someone with viticulture experience to replace Member Merrill; however, discussions ensue other subcommittee members have viticulture experience. Mrs. Howard opens a motion for the Computer Model Update Subcommittee Chair. Member Wilmore moves to nominate Member Luft with a second by Member Brown (unanimous).
- d. Outreach and Education Subcommittee – Chair Neil notes only 3 member/alternates were on the list for the outreach and education subcommittee. Member Spencer and Member Ellis request to join the subcommittee. Member Engel notes that during the Blue Ribbon Steering Committee, members of the Outreach and Education subcommittee had their own agencies and groups spread the word about that committee's efforts and basin conditions. Chair Neil opens a motion for the Outreach and Education Subcommittee Chair. Member Spencer moves to nominate Member Engel with a second by Member Kalvanz (unanimous).
- e. In-Basin Projects Subcommittee – Chair Neil describes the main charge of the In-Basin Projects Subcommittee: to develop and implement solutions, and to monitor and report on solutions in progress. Courtney Howard, County Staff, notes Member Merrill stepped down from the subcommittee and a position is available. Member Werner requests to join the subcommittee; however his alternate is already in the subcommittee. A position is still available. Chair Neil opens a motion for the In-Basin Projects Subcommittee chair. Member Engel moves to nominate Member Werner with a second by Member Kalvanz (unanimous).
- f. Conservation Subcommittee – Chair Neil states that 5 member/ alternates showed interest, and of those, 3 are rural residential representatives. He notes the advantage of diversifying the subcommittee. Member Engel, Member Spencer, Member Kalvans, and Member Brown request to join the subcommittee. Chair Neil opens a motion for Conservation Subcommittee Chair. Member Luft moves

to nominate Member Edwards with a second by Member Christianson (unanimous).

4. Update on Water District Legislation (AB 2453) – Member Brown provides an update of the status of the Water District Legislation (AB 2453). He states the bill is being amended as it goes through the various legislative committees. He notes PRAAGS was reluctant to support the bill as amended because it contained language that follows Pavley-Dickinson and Fox Canyon, which had not been fully vetted by the local public. Discussion ensues on why the special district formation required state involvement, and how to move the bill forward. Alternate Halley states Paso City Council had previously approved AB 2453 and is now reconsidering the revised version on August 5, 2014 at 7:30 PM. Discussion ensues on regarding whether the committee should weigh in on the amendments to the legislation.
5. Public Comment – Sheila Lyons reports that while there was no formal action taken, the attendees at the last Creston Advisory Body meeting generally supported a one landowner one vote formation vote methodology for the Water District. Maria Lorca requests that the committee use roll call votes to better understand how decisions are made<sup>2</sup>. Laurie Gauge summarizes the Tribune article on the drought symposium. Gwen Pelfrey suggests following the development of two permanent ordinances that are anticipated to be considered just before the urgency ordinance ends on July 8, 2014. Barry Kinman informs attendees that he is starting a business to test water levels using sonic technologies for \$100 per well. Member Luft states a company called WellIntel is working on a groundwater level information system for well owners. Member Kalvans suggests Barry Kinman target wells north of the county line in Monterey to help cover areas not currently covered by existing well level measuring programs. Wayne Montgomery asks if there is information on the extent to which the different subareas in the basin are hydrogeologically connected.
6. Committee Member Reports/ Comments – Chair Neil noted there are no committee member reports.
7. Future Agenda Items – The following future agenda items were suggested: develop recommendations to the Board on the content of the Water Summit being held by the County in the fall; receive a report on current efforts to recharge the basin with Lake Nacimiento water; receive a report on the construction of the Paso Robles Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants; receive a report on the construction of a Shandon State Water turnout; consider the potential for development of catchment basins for the potential El Niño storm; and consider making recommendations to the Board regarding the Salinas-Nacimiento-CMC Emergency Intertie project.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:50 pm.

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<sup>2</sup> Secretary's note: Upon subsequent review of the Brown Act, votes of individual committee members must be publicly reported.

The Paso Robles Groundwater Advisory Committee approved these minutes on August 21, 2014.  
/s/ Courtney Howard

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