

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

September 18, 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 August Meeting Minutes – The August 21, 2014 Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee meeting minutes were reviewed. Alternate Gilmore stated Member Sinton did not mark that he attended the August meeting sign-in sheet. Courtney Howard, County Staff, requests people mark the attendance sheet so she may update the sheet. Member Luft moves to approve the August meeting minutes with a second by Member Kalvans (21-0-1).
3. Prop 1 and Groundwater Legislation Presentation – John Diodati, County Staff, provides an overview of recent groundwater legislation. Mr. Diodati describes the proposed \$7-million water bond on the November 4, 2014 ballot. Member Luft inquires about accessing the bond's groundwater portion of funding early to address new groundwater sustainability legislation. Mr. Diodati responds that shovel-ready projects should find alternate funding for now. Based on the new legislation, local agencies must work together to adopt Groundwater Basin Sustainability Plan(s) by 2020.
4. Subcommittee Reports/ Recommended PBAC Actions –
 - a. Computer Model Update – Member Luft reports that the subcommittee will meet on: October 5, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the Atascadero Mutual Water Company office (pending consultant's availability). Ms. Howard expects to receive the draft computer model update report from the consultant, after which it will be reviewed for confidentiality purposes before distribution to the public.
 - b. Conservation – Member Edwards reports that the subcommittee met on September 4, 2014 to discuss the subcommittee's role, best management practices for projects, create a sub-task force to work on a Wetland Retention Basin project, and to receive a presentation from Alternate Member Best on stormwater catchment using wetland retention basins.
 - c. In-Basin Projects – Member Werner reports that the subcommittee met on September 10, 2014, with nine subcommittee members/ alternates and three members of the public in attendance. The group reviewed the top 20 of the 96 potential projects to determine which would be considered "in-basin projects". Of the in-basin projects, the more immediate potential projects utilize rainfall and

stormwater to recharge the basin. The next meeting is on October 2, 2014 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at North Coast Engineering office in Paso Robles. At that time, the subcommittee will discuss implementation of these projects.

- d. Management – Member Halley reports that the subcommittee met on September 4, 2014. She describes recent groundwater legislation that passed: Paso Basin District Formation and Groundwater Sustainability Act. The subcommittee reviewed the AB 3030/ Groundwater Management Plan approach and discussed the future updates and changes related to legislation.
 - i. Consider advising the Board of Supervisors to submit a Resolution of Application to LAFCO for the formation of a Paso Robles Basin Water District should AB 2453 be signed by the Governor – Member Halley stated there is a staff report included in agenda that describes sending a letter to advise the Board of Supervisors to submit a petition to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to form the new water district. The subcommittee authored a draft letter, provided with the agenda. A request was made for another presentation regarding the LAFCO process. Member Christianson requests the letter be revised to reflect that the Governor signed Assembly Bill 2453. Member Spencer moves to approve this letter to the BOS as amended with a second by Member Christianson, and the motion carries (16-6-0).
 - ii. Consider advising the Board of Supervisors to fund releasing Nacimiento surplus water to the Salinas River for North County benefit – Member Halley reviews the subcommittee’s proposed advice to the Board of Supervisors to fund release of Nacimiento surplus water to the Salinas River at established turnouts. This excess water would go to Salinas River underflow and help to recharge the basin. Discussion ensues about a request to the County to fund costs associated (e.g. variable energy costs, operations and maintenance costs, etc.), making it cost neutral to Nacimiento Water Project partner agencies. The Monterey County Water Resources Agency’s next Reservoir Operations Committee meeting is Thursday, October 2, 2014. This would be a good opportunity to discuss potential increases to monthly Nacimiento water allocations as they relate to reservoir operations/ releases. Discussion ensues about monthly environmental releases, what happens to unused water at the end of each year, and the status of the Nacimiento pipeline fix. Member Spencer moves to advise the Board of Supervisors to release Nacimiento water into the Salinas River with a second by Member Kalvans, and the motion carries unanimously (22-0-0).
- e. Outreach and Education –
 - i. Select replacement for Claudia Engel – Member Luft moves to approve Alternate Hendrickson as the replacement for Member Engel with a second by Member Neil, and the motion carries unanimously. Member Luft and Alternate Member Brown request to join the Outreach and Education subcommittee.
- f. Supply Options – Courtney Howard describes the study approach. The consultant will meet with District management in early October to walk through options (i.e.

Nacimiento Water, State Water and recycled water). Subsequently efforts include talking to existing participants to understand their position on each option, including costs, quantities and contractual obligations. Discussion ensues on losses due to evaporation, and groundwater model.

5. Public Comment – Discussion ensues on various topics such as: water quality of Nacimiento water, desalination, unfair representation of North County, and exportation of water outside of the county. Ms. Howard states that at the October 1, 2014 Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting, County Staff will present on various ordinances, including the ordinance pertaining to exportation of groundwater. Mark Hutchinson will present on water and the drought at the same meeting. Ms. Howard states the previously discussed water summit has evolved into a Board of Supervisors study session on October 14, 2014. Federal and state lobbyists will also attend this meeting. Mrs. Howard also states LAFCO has requested an e-mail list of members of the Paso Robles Basin Advisory Committee. If people do not want e-mails from LAFCO, they must request to be excluded from the e-mail list.
6. Future Meeting Topics/ Committee Comments – No additional future meeting topics were discussed.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:15 pm.

The Paso Robles Groundwater Advisory Committee approved these minutes on October 16, 2014.

/s/ Courtney Howard

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