

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

November 20, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

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

Approximately 2:00 pm the meeting is called to order

1. Introductions and Determination of a Quorum- Quorum established.
2. Approve November Meeting Minutes- The October 16, 2014, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee was reviewed. Member Spencer moves to approve October meeting minutes with a second by Member Christianson (14-0-7-3).
3. Presentation on LAFCO Guidelines for Paso Basin Water District Formation- David Church, Executive Director of LAFCO, provides an overview of the draft LAFCO Guidelines for Paso Basin Water District Formation, which includes information on the associated legislation and the information needed to apply to LAFCO to form the district. Information on the Paso Robles Water Basin, including the Formation Guidelines, can be found online at [slolafco.com](http://slolafco.com) under the PR Water Basin tab. Discussion ensues regarding the timing for the three election processes required to form, fund and elect board members for the district, board candidate eligibility and categories, and the level of detail required in the application. Questions or concerns can be expressed at LAFCO meetings or through email. LAFCO meetings are held the third Thursday of every month in the Board of Supervisors Chambers.
4. Presentation on the Wetland Infiltration Ponds Program- Alternate Member Devin Best provides an overview of the Wetland Infiltration Ponds Program; including its effects on water quality and quantity. Mr. Best notes he is looking to help recharge basins through Wetland Infiltration Ponds. Discussion ensues regarding the new requirement by the Regional Quality Control Board that the hydrology on a property does not change from pre- development to post- development, whether they are in- stream or off- stream ponds, and the effect on projects' time frames due to permitting issues. Discussion ensues on starting the permit process and how long it may take to get a project done.
5. Subcommittee Reports/ Recommended PBAC Actions-
  - a. Computer Model Update- Courtney Howard, Public Works Staff, reports that a public presentation is planned for Monday, December 8, at 6:30 pm in Templeton.
  - b. Conservation- Subcommittee members note that Devin Best was nominated for subcommittee chair.

- c. In-Basin Projects- Subcommittee Chair Larry Werner reports that the current cost of available Nacimiento water was too high for the J. Lohr pilot project and notes that should existing participants subscribe for the full amount of Nacimiento water, the cost of available Nacimiento water would be lower in any given year. Mr. Werner also notes that the subcommittee would like to have Devin Best at their next meeting to discuss implementation of in-stream retention systems and that the deadline for comments on Technical Memorandum #5 for the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan is November 30. Upon a motion by Member Luft and second by Member Neil, the Committee voted unanimously (21-0-0-3) to write a formal letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting that Section 4.10- Need for Additional Implementation Measures of the Tech Memo be changed from “no additional implementation measures beyond what has been implemented and are planned for the SNMP planning period are warranted” to “no additional implementation measures beyond what has been implemented and are planned for the SNMP planning period are currently planned. Further measures may be warranted in the future.”
- d. Management- Subcommittee Chair Christine Halley reports that the subcommittee discussed the Water District formation process via LAFCO and boundary determination issues. The subcommittee also discussed how the Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 boundary for the basin compares to the groundwater basin model and parcel boundaries. Future subcommittee topics include the creation of a strategic approach for a basin wide sustainability plan, including the formation of one or more Groundwater Sustainability Agencies that would contribute to the authorship of the plan.
- e. Outreach and Education- Subcommittee chair Jaime Hendrickson informs the Committee on the subcommittee’s efforts to develop a comprehensive outreach strategy which includes a phone survey, direct mail postcards, informational brochure, radio, and website development, and notes that there is no associated action requested from the Committee at this time. Discussion ensues on whether the request for funding needs to go to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Howard, Public Works Staff, informs the Committee that funds for public outreach associated with the county’s efforts to develop an application for the Water District is included in the budget. Discussion ensues regarding the appropriate review and approval process for language on outreach materials, on the contents of the phone surveys, including whether they may be seen as cold calls, and appropriate sources of funding and personnel for subcommittee outreach efforts. The subcommittee will return to the Committee with more information regarding a plan of action. The subcommittee requests that the Committee consider changes to the charge of the subcommittee. Member Wilmore motions to approve the changes to the Charge of the Subcommittee as proposed with a second by Alternate Member Halley. Committee voted unanimously to approve the changes with one abstention (20-0-1-3).

- f. Supply Options- Member Briltz states that the subcommittee has not met since last Committee meeting and inquires about the Board's response to the Committee's letter regarding the content of the next Technical Memorandum for the project. Ms. Howard informs the Committee that while the Board has not provided any direction regarding the letter, staff will ensure that the Technical Memorandums include succinct information on the most viable options early in the documents and notes that the public drafts of the Tech Memos is scheduled for mid- January. Discussion ensues regarding the need to monitor and be engaged in Monterey County's reservoir projects and operations.
  
6. Consider Advising the Board Regarding the Exemption for the County/ Flood Control District in the Draft Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater- Discussion ensues on the language used within the ordinance. Committee is concerned that ordinance is solely a list of points regulating when water can be exported rather than prohibiting the exportation of groundwater. Discussion is limited to section "f" of the ordinance. Committee votes unanimously with one abstention (19-0-1-4) to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing disagreement with the exemption of the Flood Control District, County and County and District contractors from the Draft Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater.
  
7. Public Comment- No additional comments.
  
8. Future meeting topics/ committee comments- Topics include follow- up to model update presentation. Alternate Member Halley will update Committee on Paso Robles Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects progress. Update on Nacimiento Water Project Repair and Water Use suggested.
  
9. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned approximately 4:00 pm.

The Paso Robles Advisory Committee approved these minutes on December 18, 2014.

/s/ Courtney Howard

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