

PASO BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TEMPLETON COMMUNITY CENTER

May 21, 2015  
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 April meeting minutes- The April 16, 2015, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee minutes were reviewed, Member Engel requested that the attendance record be revised, observing her attendance was not recorded for the past 3 meetings, possibly more, and several other members observed similar needed corrections. Member Britz moves to approve the April meeting minutes less the attendance sheet, second by Member Tracy. (15-0-6-3)
3. Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update ([www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/water-amendments](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/water-amendments))- Xzandrea Fowler, County Planning, reports on the Planning Commission's first study session on the Countywide Water Conservation Program Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Due to improper notice of availability of the Draft EIR, the Draft EIR comment period will be re-opened on May 22 and will close on July 6. The scheduled Planning Commission hearings will be used as study sessions; an actual hearing will be held on July 30th. The Committee expresses concern regarding time gap between the expiration of the Urgency Ordinance and adoption of a permanent interim ordinance.
  - a. Consider Subcommittee Recommendations- Member Brown reviews the Management Subcommittee's letter on the Countywide Water Conservation Program- Draft Amendments to Title 22. He mentions the Subcommittee's main concerns are the removal of restrictions on receiving sites when discontinuous from the sending site, a notice should be provided to landowners near a proposed receiving site when the application is accepted for processing, and sunset date should be tied to approval of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan by the Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Member Wilmore notes the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance Government Affairs Committee has different recommendations than the Management Subcommittee. She suggests no proximity criteria and several other changes to the Title 22 draft amendments. Discussion ensues on the changes recommended by the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance Government Affairs Committee including notifications to surrounding landowners near a proposed discontinuous receiving site. The Committee discusses boundaries of water conservation programs, notification areas, as well as ministerial and discretionary permits. Member Harvey, with a second by Member Kalvans, moves to approve the Management Subcommittee's letter on the Countywide Water Conservation

Program, as amended, with the additions that a courtesy notice for ministerial permits for all CSD's be issued and the area of concern be noted as the Fugro map excluding the Atascadero sub basin. The amendments suggested by Member Wilmore were included in the motion as follows: "An Agricultural Offset Clearance should not be issued to a receiving site for discontinuous properties within the Red Zone as defined by GEI's (Fugro) Generalized Difference in Spring Groundwater Elevations between 1997 – 2013 map. The Red Zone is defined as change in groundwater elevation greater than 50 feet which is illustrated in the map's legend. Landowners within the Red Zone should have the option to apply to the County for a discretionary permit for any discontinuous offset proposal within the Red Zone. Under this process, notice to surrounding landowners near the receiving site is required." The Committee discusses reviewing other letters regarding the Conservation Program before submitting recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Member Harvey withdraws herself as motion maker, Member Kalvans moves to approve the motion with the same language, with a second by Member Wilmore. (21-0-0-3) A suggestion is made to review the Conservation Subcommittee's letter on the Countywide Water Conservation Program at the June meeting.

4. Consider advising the Board of Supervisors to be actively involved in preserving all unallocated Nacimiento water for all appropriate users and that Nacimiento water not be fully subscribed without considering the need to sustainably manage the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin- Discussion ensues on the best use of unallocated Nacimiento water. Alternate Member Halley explains that the City of Paso Robles and other initial Participants carry most of the cost of the Reserve Water costs now and seek to align their entitlement with costs that ratepayers now pay. "Full subscription" is divvying up Reserve Water according to each community's payments. SLO county Flood Control District would get as much as 124 AFY under this approach to full subscription, water intended for use in Paso Robles GW Basin and other parts of SLO County. Others able to buy-in to Naci project in future either from SLO County entitlement or by agreement with another Participant. Committee members encourage SLO County to purchase Naci entitlement for Paso Robles GW Basin needs. Based on this discussion, Member Brown withdraws motion, and rather sees benefits of full subscription.
5. County Efforts-
  - a. Water District Formation Process Update- Consider moving August, September, and October PBAC meeting days- John Diodati, County Public Works, reports on the Water District formation process. He mentions that on April 21 the Board of Supervisors approved submitting the Water District application to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). He notes that in August refinements to Proposition 218 cost allocation will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval. David Church, LAFCO, mentions the first LAFCO meeting is projected for August 20 in San Luis Obispo, meetings in the North County will also be planned. The Committee discusses the Fugro boundary. Mr. Church announces the Groundwater Manager at Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency will

be attending the June 18 LAFCO meeting to explain how their agency, which is in Ventura County, works. Discussion ensues on the Fugro boundary, spheres of influence, and Proposition 218. Member Spencer moves to extend the meeting until 4:20 pm, second by Member Kalvans. (21-0-0-3) Member Clark moves to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that LAFCO adopt the Fugro boundary, second by Member Engel. (16-4-1-3) Discussion ensues on the basin watershed boundary.

- b. June 10<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting- Courtney Howard, County Public Works, asks the Committee members to advertise the meeting wherever possible. The draft presentation will be sent out at a later date for the Outreach Committee's review.
  - c. Consider advising the Board of Supervisors regarding County efforts- No discussion beyond the recommendations discussed earlier.
6. Subcommittee Reports/ Recommended PBAC Actions-
- a. Computer Model Update- No Discussion
  - b. Conservation- No Discussion
  - c. In-Basin Projects- In response to the request that the LAFCO process be open and accessible, it is noted that the LAFCO meetings will be available for download in both video and MP3 files and streamed live from the County's website.
  - d. Management- No Discussion
  - e. Outreach and Education- No Discussion
  - f. Supply Options- Supply Options Subcommittee distributed meeting minutes from previous meeting.
7. City of Paso Robles water use summary- Member Bollinger requests water purveyors disclose information on sewer plant inflows, Salinas River underflow pumping, Basin pumping, and use to date of Nacimiento water all for calendar years 2010- 2014. Discussion ensues on pumping from private wells within the municipalities.
8. Public Comment- Chair Luft notes that the Committee will need to consider moving the August and September Committee meetings due to LAFCO hearing conflicts. Ms. Sprague requests the audio recording of the April meeting be uploaded to the County's website. Ms. Barrett suggests the Committee address demand management in terms of limiting extractions. Alternate Member Friedman advises the Committee investigate grant money to access surplus water.
9. Future meeting topics/Committee comments- Brief discussion.

10. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned approximately 4:20 pm.

The Paso Robles Advisory Committee approved these minutes on June 18, 2015.

/s/ Courtney Howard

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