

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
TEMPLETON COMMUNITY CENTER

October 16, 2014
Meeting Minutes

An audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted during public comment are available
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Approximately 2:00 pm the meeting is called to order

1. Introductions and Determination of a Quorum- Quorum established.
2. Approve September Meeting Minutes- The September 18, 2014, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee was reviewed. One correction was made to indicate that Member Luft and Alternate Member Brown requested to join the outreach subcommittee. Member Christianson moves to approve the September meeting minutes with a second by Member Luft (17-0-1).
3. Subcommittee Reports/Recommended PBAC Actions-
 - a. Computer Model Update- Member Luft reports that the subcommittee reviewed and commented on the draft report and that responses to comments were discussed during a conference call with the consultant. Courtney Howard, Public Works Staff, notes that additional technical issues are being addressed by the consultant, and that the tentative schedule includes a public presentation on October 30, 2014, with the public comment period extended until November 6, 2014 and a presentation to the Board of Supervisors at the end of the year. Ms. Howard requests suggestions for model runs.
 - b. Conservation- Alternate Member Brown notes that the conservation subcommittee will review its mission statement and report back to assure it aligns with the Committee's needs.
 - c. In-Basin Projects- Subcommittee participants note that they are looking to encourage projects to help capture water from rainfall. The subcommittee also discussed groundwater recharge options available when the Nacimiento pipeline is back online.
 - d. Management- Alternate Member Halley notes that David Church, Executive Director of LAFCO, attended the subcommittee meeting and discussed the process for the formation of a water district. Mr. Church is working on a written guidance document that will be considered at a future LAFCO meeting. Alternate Member Halley noted future subcommittee discussion topics, including: formation of water

district, particularly the three separate votes required for formation and organization of a water district and the initial staffing plan and operating budget; the potential for more than one Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and the possible need to coordinate multiple sustainability plans across the basin; and the potential for a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). Discussion ensues regarding the approach for meeting the GSA's sustainability plan requirement for the basin.

- e. Outreach and Education- The subcommittee requests that the Committee consider advising the Board of Supervisors to provide \$10,000 in funding for immediate outreach and education that would include a phone survey, bumper stickers and possibly yard signs, and recommends the creation of a Facebook Page called Paso Basin and the use of an e-newsletter. The Paso Basin Facebook page would be strictly informational and no comments would be allowed. Discussion ensues on various topics, including the current degree of public knowledge about Paso Basin issues, the appropriate approach for informing the public about the water district formation process, and if the Committee should further develop the program before asking the Board of Supervisors for funding. Subcommittee was requested to return with a more detailed plan and budget, and Chair Neil indicated that he would solicit input from Board members.
 - f. Supply Options- Alternate Member Halley notes that the subcommittee reviewed the approach to the Supply Options Study and reviews the subcommittee's recommendation. Discussion ensues regarding the original approach to the study and the basis for revising the approach. Upon a motion by Alternate Member Halley and second by Member Sinton, the Committee voted unanimously to request that the approach to the study be amended and that Technical Memorandum #2 be a succinct technical description of a short-list of supplemental water options. Alternate Member Halley notes that the subcommittee also recommends the Committee amend its bylaws to increase the number of members that constitutes a quorum. Upon a motion by Member Christianson and second by Alternate Member Cunha, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board approve amending Article V, paragraph 5 of the Committee bylaws to read: "Fourteen members, or their alternates in their absence, shall constitute a quorum."
4. Receive Presentation on Draft Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater- Erica Stuckey, County Counsel, provides an overview of the County's Draft Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater. Discussion ensues regarding why the county and county contractors are exempt from the ordinance; when the state allows exportation of water; and what current water exportation situations have been seen. Ms. Stuckey notes that comments can be sent to either the Planning or Public Works Departments, and that the ordinance will go to the Board of Supervisors twice - on November 25, 2014 to introduce the ordinance and on December 2, 2014 for the hearing. The Committee discusses whether water exportation can be banned or whether it can only be exported by permit. Leasing of groundwater is considered as an addition to the exemption section of the ordinance. Discussion ensues on whether votes from the public would be considered for the exportation of water to other areas. The Committee voted unanimously to include the Draft

Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater on its November agenda in order to make formal recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the County's, Flood Control District's and County and/or District contractors' exemptions from the ordinance. Additional discussion ensues regarding the comment process and next steps for the draft ordinance.

5. Public Comment- No additional comments.
6. Future meeting topics/committee comments- A presentation from Alternate Member Best regarding the Wetland Infiltration Ponds Program and an update on the repair to the Nacimiento pipeline was requested.. Discussion ensues regarding water quality issues related to the basin.
7. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned approximately 4:00 pm.

The Paso Robles Groundwater Advisory Committee approved these minutes on November 20, 2014.

/s/ Courtney Howard

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