

## MINUTES (Approved)

Chairperson: Andy Pease  
Vice Chairperson: Linda Seifert  
Secretary: Ray Dienzo

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) and as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

The audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted to the WRAC are available online: <http://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/Advisory%20Committee>

Call to order at 1:30 PM

1. Determination of Quorum and Introductions

A quorum of 16 is established.

2. Approval of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Member E. Greening suggests a change be made to include a suggestion about the role of the resource conservation districts into Member G. Kendall's question from the previous meeting.

A motion by Member T. Walters which is seconded by Member E. Greening to approve the meeting minutes with the discussed changes. (13-0-3)

3. Ongoing Updates:

a. Rain and Reservoir Report

There are no comments.

b. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

Public guest J. Snyder provides an update about current legislature that is passing through the court systems.

County Staff M. Bandov provides an update about the Water Resources Prioritization Phase 2.

Member G. Grewall states that the Paso Basin will have another meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> where all 12 chapters of the GSC will be reviewed.

Chairperson A. Pease asks Member G. Grewal if the Paso Basin is being peer reviewed. Member G. Grewall states that it is not.

c. Integrated Regional Water Management

County Staff M. Bandov who spoke on behalf of County Staff B. Clarke states that the DWR has delayed the proposal solicitation package which has delayed the review of said project. This means that the scheduled release has been shifted up a month.

d. Stormwater Resource Plan

There are no comments.

e. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

Member E. Greening asks about release of information about fractured rock, there are no updates.

f. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

Member S. Wald attended a phone conference about the localizing of water. The development of water portfolios was discussed in the conference.

4. Overview and Status of the Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio Interlake Tunnel Project

County Staff Ron Munds gives a presentation about the project. The presentation begins with information provided by Monterey County. He provides background information such as the date of construction and capacity of both reservoirs. The project at this point is mostly conceptual.

- Nacimiento fills up three times faster than San Antonio, there is a project to increase the spillway size however.
- The objective of this project is to use the spilling water from Nacimiento to fill up San Antonio for future use. An analogy comparing Nacimiento to a checking account and San Antonio being a savings account is what was used to break this project down. The project would switch Nacimiento to the savings account.
- Obstacles such as nonnative species (White Bass) entering San Antonio because of the tunnel have caused issues. This problem could be a deal killer due to the high cost of fish screens.
- The tunnel will pass through basins with fractured plates and the impact would be unknown, which is also a major obstacle.
- This design and plan comes from a \$10 Million grant which is running low on funds. The design process is at 60%
- The Environmental Impact Report is near completion.

- The project's economic feasibility is still in question.
- The project will provide at least 67,000 AF of additional storage.
- Public meetings are held at Heritage Ranch

5. Updates from Board of Supervisor Districts on Water Issues Relevant to Their Group or Agency

District 1 Representative D. Loucks brings up a subsidence issue that was discussed in the past. He provides information about the project by Montgomery and Associates, but he remarks that they had left out Shandon and other areas from their project. He states that he has been asking for another USGS overflight to determine the subsidence in these areas.

District 5 Representative G. Grewall states that there will be a report released on Friday's Paso Basin meeting. The report will consist of 12 chapters detailing how the Paso Basin may deal with recharge and subsidence.

District 3 Representative L. Seifert states that there is nothing to report.

District 4 Representative J. Garing states that there is a graph showing water levels in the works and that he hopes it will be brought to a WRAC meeting soon.

6. Discuss WRAC By-Laws and Consider Actions

Member E. Greening states that there are some redundant words in certain parts of the written version of the laws. He suggests that the redundancy be edited to be clearer in its meaning.

Acting Member T. Walters states that in the first paragraph the committee determines the financial needs of a district when the committee just reviews the needs and financial capabilities of the district. It is suggested to change "determine" to "review" or "evaluate."

The document has been tabled until the next meeting so that the necessary changes can be made. A. Pease and R. Dienzo will propose appropriate language for consideration.

7. Discuss Future Agenda Items

Partners in Water Conservation is scheduled to appear in the next meeting to present watershed wise landscape.

The tabled by-law document has been tabled until the next meeting.

Member E. Greening The installation of gates to raise Salinas Dam was suggested to be added to a future agenda so that the financial consequences can be discussed among other issues.

Member D. Chipping requests an agenda item concerning the quality of water.

8. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Patricia Wilmore requests that the committee learn more about the Paso Basin GSP, she requests that County Staff Angela Ruberto appear and help give insight to the GSP. She also requests that some committee members and civilians attend the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee meetings. Chairperson A. Pease says that she will investigate said request.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:10PM