

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 **September 4th, 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 a Quorum and Introductions
A quorum of 18 is established.
2. Approval of June 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Member C. Replogle suggests a change be made to previous minutes in Section 5 remove mention of CSD water agenda and replace is to read C. Replogle reported on the Oceano CSD.

A motion by Member L. Chipping which is seconded by Member C. Mulholland to approve amended meeting minutes. Motion carries (18-0-3)

3. Ongoing Updates:
 - a. Rain & Reservoir Report
Secretary R. Dienzo states that the summary of the rain from last water year shows all gauges are at or above 100%. He also states that Rocky Butte gauge has been added to the report.
 - b. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts
No comment
 - c. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
No comment
 - d. Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP)
No comment
 - e. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances
Member E. Greening states that the county and city should prepare to respond to revised draft environmental impact report on Cal Poly master plan as it nears completion, specifically addressing where the water will be coming from.
 - f. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information
No comment.
 - g. Update on Hydraulic Study of the Adelaida Area
Secretary R. Dienzo states that right now there are no policy decisions being made on the hydrologic study of Adelaida, because they are still in the study stage. They are currently refining the scope of work. Before it goes to the board, he suggests setting up

a subcommittee at the county to review and make recommendations to the board for setting up policies.

Member E. Greening suggests a review of other area's ordinances prior to reviewing the hydrologic study's ordinances.

4. Presentation on Santa Barbara County Water Agency's Green Gardener Program and Watershed Wise Landscape Training Programs by Tyrone LaFay from Santa Barbara County Water Agency

Santa Barbara County Water Agency member Tyrone LaFay presented. The elements of this presentation were as follows:

- The Regional Water Efficiency Program is a voluntary program which develops budgets for water purveyors to pay depending on their water usage and production data from previous years; larger users pay larger percentages.
 - Website: waterwiseSB.org
- The Green Gardner Training Program is a bilingual training program for landscape maintenance professionals. Classes are taught in Santa Barbara City College. The class educates on increase conservation, reduction of pollution, sustainability and health of landscape. They provide resources such as soil probes and catch cans. The should the County of SLO adopt such a program it would partner with Cuesta College, and Janette from SBCC can be contacted for more information.
- Watershed Wise landscape Training concentrates on communication between the homeowner and professionals. There is a list of certified professions available to homeowners on the Santa Barbara County Water Agency's website. The training offers an EPA Watersense class.

5. Presentation on Central Coast Water Board's (CCWB) Response to Climate Change by Dominic Roques, CCWB Staff

CCWB staff Dominic Roques discussed the function of the water board, regional effects of climate change, and how the regional waterboard is responding to climate change. The elements of this presentation are as follows:

- The Regional Board consists of 7 government appointed volunteers that set standards and issue permits
- The 4th climate assessment released from the state addressed precipitation pattern and temperature changes, sea level rise, wildfires, industrial agriculture, and public health (harmful algal blooms)
- Climate change has disproportionate effects on vulnerable communities
- The Water board is increasing their internal coordination and awareness of the board
- The Board is modifying its orders and permits to include more mitigation efforts
- 11 billion gallons of treated wastewater are discharged into the ocean from the central coast
- The impacts of wildfires on water quality need to be identified and addressed (i.e. erosion, vegetation conversion)
- Legislation is motivating the agencies. Coordinate more to avoid inefficiencies.
- Cal adapt (UC Berkley) improve precipitation data: design storms for future scenarios
- The Waterboard's plan is based on 3 strategies:
 - facilitation of adaptation measures
 - continued collaboration with stakeholders

- knowledge of effect of adaptation measures

6. Consider Forming Subcommittee for Collaboration with Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board (ALAB) Regarding Water Conservation Issues

Member A. Pease introduces the future formation of an ad-hoc subcommittee for collaboration with ALAB which was previously suggested to increase agricultural water conservation.

A motion to create such a subcommittee is made by Member G. Kendall and seconded by Member L. George. Motion carries (unanimous voice vote).

Members G. Kendall, J. Green, S. Wald, C. Replogle, and L. Chipping volunteered to participate in the subcommittee with member L. Chipping acting as chair of the effort.

Member J. Green suggests the subcommittee meetings be held at the Farm Bureau.

7. Updates from the Cities on Water Issues Relevant to Their Group or Agency

City of Grover Beach Member D. Lance goes over Grover Beach's previous council meeting that focused on water. Main elements are as follows:

- Grover beach has adopted a new master plan for their water which identifies 11.8 M dollars of capital improvement projects; 8 M dollars are needed for existing demands.
- Grover Beach is currently upgrading their 2-inch and 4-inch mains, and are working in tandem with roads upgrades
- Grover Beach is participating in the central coast blue project

City of Arroyo Grande is also participating in the central coast blue project.

City of SLO representative A. Pease states that the City of SLO has awarded a contract for their Water Resource Recovery Facility which is the biggest capital improvement project for the city. The city is now working to determine what the highest and best use of the water. She also addresses resilience in the water treatment plants and water supply facilities with PG&E power safety shut offs. The short-term solution is the use of generators and long-term solutions will include incorporating alternative power supplies. A. Pease closes by mentioning the participation of the city in energy efficiency.

Upper Salinas RCD representative Devin Best comments on current projects of Upper Salinas including irrigation evaluations, ground water recharge opportunities, soil health, and forest health.

8. Discuss Future Agenda Items

No comment.

9. Public Comment

Jean Pierre Wolfe comments on cloud seeding approval above Lopez Reservoir. He suggests that WRAC be involved in future review of project plans. He also mentions the Waterboard's full day workshop on the cross roads between water quality and homelessness coming up on October 3rd.

Member S. Wald mentions the creek and ocean clean up that will take place on September 21.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 pm.