

## **MINUTES (Approved)**

Chairperson: Andy Pease  
Vice Chairperson: Ray Dienzo  
Secretary: Brendan Clark

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 **June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021** 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: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-\(WRAC\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-(WRAC).aspx)

Call to order at 1:30 PM

### **1) Determination of a Quorum and Introductions**

A quorum of 22 is established.

### **2) Approval of May 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

S. Sinton and C. Mulholland comment on the format of the Committee's meeting minutes.

A. Pease and B. Clark respond.

S. Sinton moves to approve the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes and C. Mulholland seconds the motion. Motion carries (22-0-0).

### **3) Presentation regarding the USGS Adelaida Study and Consider Actions**

M. Bandov introduces the item.

G. Cromwell presents on the Adelaida Area Hydrogeologic Study. Presentation topics include:

- Purpose and scope to understand conditions and characterize the hydrology of the Adelaida Area.
- Objectives to compile and collect hydrogeologic data, quantify the hydrologic budget, and refine the understanding of the area.
- Stakeholder participation and local outreach efforts.

- Data sources collected during the initial task (Task 1) of the study, including precipitation, land use, surface and subsurface geology, groundwater levels, and water quality.
- Proposed work and timeline for the study, including collection of additional data, developing a hydrogeologic framework model, evaluating and reporting on conditions, and maintaining a publicly facing website.
- Staff will present Task 1 findings to the County Board of Supervisors on June 8<sup>th</sup> and seek direction on Tasks 2-8.

A. Pease asks for questions/comments from the Committee and opens the floor for public comments; there are no comments.

**4) Receive presentation from staff regarding stormwater capture in San Luis Obispo County**

M. Bandov introduces the item.

M. Travis presents on stormwater capture in San Luis Obispo County. Presentation topics include:

- CivicSpark program and project objectives.
- WRAC subcommittee scope, involvement, discussions, and topics of interest.
- Stormwater capture project methods, scales, considerations, benefits, and obstacles.
- Outreach efforts and findings.
- Areas for further exploration and draft potential recommendations.

A. Pease thanks the stormwater capture subcommittee for their work asks for questions/comments from the Committee.

C. Mulholland comments on considerations given to potential projects impacting the environment, natural water systems, and rural/undeveloped lands.

A. Pease comments on surface water manipulation, channelizing water ways and the impacts to beneficiaries and natural water systems, and revisiting the philosophical approach to stormwater capture.

H. Graves comments on stormwater capture being an important tool for bringing the basin back to sustainability at the landowner level.

A. Pease opens the floor for public comment; there are no comments.

**5) Receive Presentation from Shandon-San Juan Water District regarding recent applications to State Water Resources Control Board**

A. Pease introduces the item.

S. Sinton presents on the Shandon-San Juan Water District's recent applications to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Presentation topics include:

- The District's background as a GSA under SMGA, the development of the Paso Basin GSP, and the conclusion to reduce pumping by 17-20%.
- Cal Poly economics study projected that pumping reductions could result in the loss of 3300 jobs and cost \$458 million a year.
- Looking at all possible solutions to address groundwater issues in the basin.
- The GSP identified Nacimiento and Salinas River as possible supplemental water supplies to the basin.
- The District identified percolation sites for supplemental water from SkyTEM data, hired engineers to further analyze watersheds for available/unappropriated water, and submitted applications to the SWRCB for 14,000 AF of unappropriated water from Nacimiento and 14,000 AF from the Salinas River.
- Pipelines, facilities, infrastructure, and projects for the supplemental water.
- The District's application status and SWRCB's request for additional information.
- The District's cooperative efforts and development of a supplemental water policy.

A. Pease asks about timing for feedback on the applications. S. Sinton responds.

A. Pease asks for questions/comments from the Committee; there are no comments.

A. Pease opens the floor for public comment.

G. Grewal comments on the content, process, and responses to the District's applications to the SWRCB. S. Sinton responds.

## **6) Ongoing Updates:**

a) Rain & Reservoir Report  
No comment

b) California Drought Monitor Summary  
No comment

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts  
No comment

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)  
No comment

e) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP)  
No comment

f) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

S. Sinton comments on the August 6, 2021, County Board of Supervisors item regarding the Paso Basin Offset Ordinance and the potential water use under Tier 1.

**7) Discuss Approach to Future Meeting Planning and Future Agenda Items**

A. Pease comments on a survey that will be distributed to WRAC Members to help identify and prioritize future agenda items and topics of interest.

A. Pease asks for requests or comments from the Committee on future agenda items; there are none.

**8) Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

C. Mulholland comments on water conditions on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley, noting that federal allocations in the irrigation district will be at 0% this year.

G. Grewal comments on participants of the Williamson Act and the majority of water use going towards irrigated agriculture.

H. Krzciuk comments on an RFP for a scaled down version of an urban water management plan in San Simeon.

D. Chipping comments on legal questions regarding groundwater recharge and its beneficial use.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.