

Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Notice of Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee will hold a Regular Meeting at **4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 27, 2021**. Based on the threat of COVID-19 as reflected in the Proclamations of Emergency issued by both the Governor of the State of California and the San Luis Obispo County Emergency Services Director, as well as the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020 relating to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted as a phone in/web-based meeting only. There will be no physical meeting location for this Cooperative Committee Meeting. Members of the public can participate via phone or by logging into the web-based meeting.

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County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works
Attn: Angela Ford
County Government Center, Room 206
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
- Additional information on how to submit Public Comment is on page 3 of this Agenda

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- City of Paso Robles – www.prcity.com
- San Miguel CSD – www.sanmiguelcso.org

John Hamon, Treasurer, City of Paso Robles
Kelly Dodds, Member, San Miguel CSD
Debbie Arnold, Member, County of SLO
Matt Turrentine, Secretary, Shandon-San Juan WD

Steve Martin, Alternate, City of Paso Robles
Vacant, Alternate, San Miguel CSD
John Peschong, Chairperson, County of SLO
Kevin Peck, Alternate, Shandon-San Juan WD

Agenda **January 27, 2021**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Public Comment – Items not on Agenda**
- 5. Approval of November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes**
- 6. Appointment of Officers** (*County of SLO, Angela Ford*)
 - a. Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
- 7. Receive project status update(s):**
 - a. Grant pursuit and future opportunities (*San Miguel CSD, Blaine Reely*)
 - b. Supplemental Environmental Project (*City of Paso, Christopher Alakel*)
 - c. Paso Basin Aerial Groundwater Mapping Pilot Study (*County of SLO, Angela Ford*)
 - d. DWR’s GSP Review and public comments (*County of SLO, Angela Ford*)
- 8. Receive update on Water Year 2020 Annual Report** (*County of SLO, Angela Ford*)
- 9. Discuss 1/26/2021 San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors staff direction on land use policy development for the Paso Basin and its implications to continued GSP implementation** (*Shandon-San Juan Water District, Ray Shady*)
- 10. Committee Member Comments** – Committee members may make brief comments, provide status updates, or communicate with other members, staff, or the public regarding non-agenda topics
- 11. Upcoming meeting(s)**
 - a. 2021 PBCC Meeting Schedule (March 17, April 28, July 21, October 27)
- 12. Future Items**
- 13. Adjourn**

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1. The meeting will only be held telephonically and via internet via the number and website link information provided on the agenda. After each item is presented, Committee Members will have the opportunity to ask questions. Participants on the phone will then be provided an opportunity to speak for 3 minutes as public comment prior to Committee deliberations and/or actions or moving on to the next item. If a participant wants to provide public comment on an item, they should select the "Raise Hand" icon on the Zoom Online Meeting platform or press *9 if on the phone. The meeting host will then unmute the participant when it is their turn to speak and allow them to provide public comment.
2. The Committee's agenda and staff reports are available at the following website:
www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin
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The following members or alternates were present:

John Peschong, Chairperson, County of San Luis Obispo
Kelly Dodds, Member, San Miguel CSD
Matt Turrentine, Secretary, Shandon-San Juan WD
John Hamon, Treasurer, City of Paso Robles

<p>1. Call to Order</p>	<p>Chairperson Peschong: calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.</p>																									
<p>2. Pledge of Allegiance</p>	<p>Chairperson Peschong: leads the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>																									
<p>3. Roll call</p>	<p>County Staff, Angela Ford: calls roll.</p>																									
<p>4. Public Comment – items not on Agenda</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:00:01</i> Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: comments on the filing of three different Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: asks for additional public comments, hearing none, closes the public comment period and moves on to Item #5.</p>																									
<p>5. Approval of September 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:01:45</i> Audio from the September 23, 2020, Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Meeting is available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens discussion for Agenda Item 5 – Approval of September 23, 2020 Cooperative Committee Meeting Minutes; asks for comments from the Committee, and then from the public; there are none.</p> <p>Motion by: John Hamon Second by: Matt Turrentine Motion: The Committee moves to approve the September 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 1409 1430 1598"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Peschong (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kelly Dodds (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Peschong (Chairperson)	X				Kelly Dodds (Member)	X				Matt Turrentine (Secretary)	X				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
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<p>6. Consider proposed modifications to, and approval of, Paso Robles Subbasin First Annual Report</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:02:56</i> Meeting materials for Agenda Item #6 are available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ford: provides an overview of the Paso Robles Subbasin First Annual Report (Annual Report), including modifications to Section 8.3.2 “Extensions of Water Neutral New Development Program” which clarifies the</p>																									

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	<p>representation of the program as a current and temporary management action enacted by the County pursuant to its police powers which is set to expire on January 1, 2022.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: asks for questions or comments from the Committee, and then from the public.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: speaks.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: asks for additional comments from the public, seeing none, closes the public comment period and brings the item back to the Committee.</p> <p>Motion by: Kelly Dodds Second by: John Hamon Motion: The Committee moves to approve the First Annual Report as modified and authorizes staff to coordinate with DWR on submission of the updated Report.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="456 888 1430 1079"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Peschong (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kelly Dodds (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Peschong (Chairperson)	X				Kelly Dodds (Member)	X				Matt Turrentine (Secretary)	X				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
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<p>7. Consider recommended Consultant for Second Annual Report development and related contract consistent with MOA Section 6.3</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:07:30</i></p> <p>Meeting materials for Agenda Item #7 are available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ford: provides an overview of GSP Annual Reporting requirements per SGMA, including the requirement for GSAs to submit an Annual Report to DWR by April 1 of each year following the adoption of a GSP; requests that the Committee consider the Consultant’s proposal for Water year 2020 Annual Report development per GSA Staff’s recommendation, and to forward the recommendation to the City of Paso Robles for its award of the related contract, consistent with MOA Section 6.3.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comment, seeing none, brings the item back to the Committee.</p> <p>Motion by: John Hamon Second by: Matt Turrentine Motion: The Committee moves to confirm the GSA staff recommendation to contract with GSI Water Solution, Inc. (GSI), and forward said confirmed recommendation to the City of Paso Robles for its award of the related contract, consistent with MOA 6.3, for Water year 2020 Annual Report development.</p>																									

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	Kelly Dodds (Member)	X			
	Matt Turrentine (Secretary)	X			
	John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
8. Receive update regarding grant opportunity and consider signing letter of support for San Miguel Community Services District's submission of Prop 68 GSP Implementation Round 1 Grant Application	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:10:47</i></p> <p>The presentation for Agenda Item #8 is available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>San Miguel CSD Staff, Blaine Reely: provides an update regarding the Prop 68 GSP Implementation Round 1 Grant opportunity, including eligible projects, grant award amounts, financial considerations, submission guidelines and the solicitation timeline; requests consideration for the Cooperative Committee to provide San Miguel CSD with a letter supporting the District's submission of a grant application for the upgrade and expansion of the District's Machado Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) and the construction of a new recycled water distribution system as the specific project to be implemented under the terms of the grant agreement.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: asks if GSA Staff considered the feasibility of submit the grant application by the January 8, 2021 submission deadline.</p> <p>San Miguel CSD Staff, Blaine Reely: confirms that GSA Staff reached consensus that it would be unfeasible to submit a grant application by the deadline.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: speaks.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: asks if matching funds are part of the grant.</p> <p>San Miguel CSD Staff, Blaine Reely: confirms that there is a 25% matching requirement; however, there are provisions in the grant for communities such as San Miguel that meet Disadvantaged Community Criteria (DAC) to allow for forgiveness of all, or a portion of, the required matching grant contributions.</p> <p>Member Hamon: asks for a potential response date from DWR on the proposal.</p> <p>San Miguel CSD Staff, Blaine Reely: responds that it is anticipated that DWR may respond by late Spring or early summer with awarding funds for the grant.</p> <p>Motion by: John Hamon Second by: Matt Turrentine</p>				

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	<p>Motion: The Committee moves to approve staff’s recommendation to provide San Miguel CSD with a letter supporting the District’s submission of a Prop 68 GSP Implementation Round 1 grant application for the upgrade and expansion of the District’s Machado WWTF and the construction of a new recycled water distribution system.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 415 1430 600"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Peschong (Chairperson)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kelly Dodds (Member)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Secretary)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Peschong (Chairperson)	X				Kelly Dodds (Member)			X		Matt Turrentine (Secretary)	X				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
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<p>9. Discussion of Groundwater Replenishment Credit concept</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:18:13</i> Meeting materials for Agenda Item #9 are available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>San Miguel CSD Staff, Blaine Reely: provides an overview of a Groundwater Replenishment Credit concept, including the creation of a Groundwater Replenishment Credit (GRC) Program to incentivize the use of recycled wastewater and other renewable water supplies in-lieu of pumping groundwater from the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal and Jerry Reaugh: speak.</p>																									
<p>10. Presentation and Discussion of Continuation of Groundwater Neutrality concept</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:30:35</i> www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>Shandon-San Juan WD Staff, Ray Shady: provides an overview of a continuation of groundwater neutrality concept, including the development of a structure for maintaining water neutrality for the Paso Basin once the County’s Water Neutral New Development Program expires; components of the concept include GSAs creating a formal database of water usage in the basin, following the existing framework of Water Neutral New Development program, encouraging and protecting water neutrality, and supporting a self-sustaining funding framework for the GSAs.</p> <p>Member Hamon: asks if there are similar structures already in place and what extent of metered data is available from agricultural users.</p> <p>Shandon-San Juan WD Staff, Ray Shady: replies that officially recorded data sets are not uniformly implemented across the GSAs and that this could be a step towards building a future monitoring structure.</p> <p>Secretary Turrentine: comments that the County’s Water Neutral New Development Program has been successful, but since it is considered a</p>																									

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	<p>temporary management action that will be expire if not extended, the GSAs should create a parallel program as a permanent replacement.</p> <p>Member Hamon: agrees that extending the County’s Water Neutral New Development Program would be beneficial until further actions are taken by the GSAs; asks if Chairperson Peschong can comment on the County Board of Supervisors recent efforts on the subject.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: replies that a fallowing ordinance was taken to the County Board of Supervisors, that the item was not approved, and that discussions are still taking place on the subject; seeing no other comments from the Committee, opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal, Anne Myhre, and Jerry Reaugh: speak.</p> <p>Secretary Turrentine: recommends that the Committee direct staff to come back with proposals for the creation of a program that mirrors the County’s Water Neutral New Development Program with the authorities given to the GSAs; asks for consensus among Committee Members to move forward with an alternative to the County’s Water Neutral New Development program in the event that it is not extended.</p> <p>The Committee agrees to ask staff to return with this item at a future meeting.</p>
<p>11. Receive Project Status Update</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:57:18</i> www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ford: provides an update on GSA efforts for the Paso Basin as defined in the staff report</p> <p>City of Paso Robles Staff, Kirk Gonzales: provides and update on the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP), including the goal of siting and installing stream gauges and monitoring wells in the Paso Basin to help fill data gaps.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Willy Cunha and Greg Grewal: speak.</p>
<p>12. Committee Member Comments</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>13. Upcoming meeting(s)</p>	<p>Regular Meeting Schedule for 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, January 27, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. • Wednesday, March 17, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. • Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, July 21, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. • Wednesday, October 27, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
14. Future Items	Future Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater Capture Grant Discussion • Continuation of Groundwater Neutrality Concept Item
15. Adjourn	Chairperson Peschong: adjourns the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

I, Matt Turrentine, Secretary to the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held on November 18, 2020, by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

Matt Turrentine, Secretary of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.
Drafted by: Joey Steil and Angela Ruberto Ford, County of San Luis Obispo

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PASO BASIN COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE
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Agenda Item #6 – Appointment of Officers

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee):

1. Motion to appoint a Committee member to the position of Committee Chair
2. Motion to appoint a Committee member to the position of Committee Vice Chair
3. Motion to appoint a Committee member to the position of Secretary
4. Motion to appoint a Committee member to the position of Treasurer

Prepared By

Angela Ford, County of SLO

Background

The City of Paso Robles, the San Miguel Community Services District (SMCSD), the County of San Luis Obispo, and the Shandon San Juan Water District (collectively “GSAs”) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin in 2017. Prior to submitting the GSP to the Department of Water Resources by the January 31, 2020 SGMA deadline, the GSAs executed Amendment No. 1 to the MOA which removed the automatic termination language and facilitates continued cooperation of the GSAs in SGMA compliance efforts under the provisions of the MOA and through the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee it establishes.

Discussion

While Section 4 of the MOA outlines the roles and activities of Committee, it does not speak to Appointment of Officers. At their October 18, 2017 meeting, the Committee nominated and confirmed John Hamon as Committee Chair, John Peschong as Vice Chair and Willy Cunha as Secretary. At the March 7, 2018 meeting, the Committee considered administration of the Committee, roles of officers (below) and created the office of Treasurer, confirming Joe Parent for the position. At the May 22, 2019 meeting, the Committee motioned to appoint John Peschong as Chair, Joe Parent as Vice Chair, Matt Turrentine as Secretary, and John Hamon as Treasurer. The officer appointments are specific to the individual and not based on the GSA.

Duties of Committee Officers are as follows:

- **Chair:** Set Agenda (based on Committee input) with County Staff; preside over meetings
- **Vice Chair:** Take on Chair responsibilities in absence of the Chair
- **Secretary:** Review draft Committee meeting minutes prior to publication in upcoming Agenda
- **Treasurer:** Reviews reports from the City Finance Department and conducts financial oversight

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Agenda Item #7 – Receive status update(s)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee) receive an update on various efforts related and/or relevant to the Paso Basin, including:

- a. Grant pursuit and future opportunities (San Miguel CSD, Blaine Reely)
- b. Supplemental Environmental Project (City of Paso, Christopher Alakel)
- c. Paso Basin Aerial Groundwater Mapping Pilot Study (County of SLO, Angela Ford)
- d. DWR’s GSP Review and public comments (County of SLO, Angela Ford)

Prepared By

GSAs’ staff

Discussion

The GSAs are engaged in various efforts to improve the Paso Basin monitoring network and increase understanding of groundwater conditions, fill data gaps, support basin sustainability, and comply with SGMA:

a. Grant pursuit and future opportunities

- San Miguel CSD GSA submitted a Prop 68 GSP Implementation Round 1 grant application for \$5M. The DRAFT list of funded projects is scheduled to be released in March 2021 with final awards to occur in May 2021.c x

b. Supplemental Environmental Project

- The City of Paso Robles has engaged Cleath-Harris Geologists, Inc. to provide hydrogeologic services for the SEP. The goal of the SEP is the siting and installation of stream gauges and monitoring wells in the Paso Basin to help fill data gaps.

c. Paso Basin Aerial Groundwater Mapping Pilot Study

- The County is engaged in a pilot study to collect data over part of the Paso Basin using Aerial Electromagnetic Method (AEM). The groundwater mapping survey was completed in November 2019 and the data is being analyzed by Stanford University and other project partners.
- The County anticipates presenting results in March 2021. For more information, please visit the County’s webpage: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Current-Public-Works-Projects/Paso-Basin-Aerial-Groundwater-Mapping-Pilot-Study.aspx>

d. DWR's GSP Review and public comments

- The Paso Robles Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development process took two years and included public comment periods for individual draft chapters as well as for the compiled GSP prior to the GSAs' adoption. After the GSP was adopted, it was submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by the January 31, 2020 SGMA deadline and posted to DWR's SGMA portal for a final public comment period. All comments submitted to DWR on the Paso Robles Subbasin GSP are available at: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsp/comments/35>
- There is no statutory or regulatory requirement for how GSAs handle public comments submitted to DWR on adopted GSPs. As such, GSAs have discretion regarding when and how to respond to those public comments and it is not anticipated that the Paso Basin GSAs will respond prior to DWR completing their review and providing their evaluation.

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Agenda Item #8 – Receive update on Water Year 2020 Annual Report

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee) receive an update on Water Year 2020 Annual Reporting

Prepared By

Angela Ford, County of SLO

Background

The GSP Annual Reports are intended to provide technical information on groundwater conditions and effects of implementation of the GSP over the prior water year. SGMA regulations require GSAs to submit an Annual Report to DWR by April 1 following adoption of a GSP and annually thereafter. The First Annual Reports for basins designated high-priority and in critical overdraft, such as the Paso Basin, were due to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) by April 1, 2020.

Discussion

On December 16, 2020, following the Committee’s November 18 recommendation, the City of Paso Robles entered a contract with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI) on behalf of the GSAs for the purpose of developing the Water Year 2020 Annual Report for the Paso Robles Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Report).

It is anticipated that GSI will provide a Public Draft Report that will be posted for public review in mid-February. The Report will then be brought to the Committee for final approval on March 17, 2021 and submitted to DWR before the SGMA deadline, April 1, 2021.

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