

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 **January 5, 2022** 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 18 is established.

2) Consider Adopting Resolution Regarding Virtual Meetings (AB 361)

B. Clark introduces the item and provides a summary of Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), which allows legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue meeting by teleconference, provided they make certain findings, including that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Staff recommends that the Committee adopt the resolution attached to the agenda packet, invoking the provisions of AB 361 and authorizing the WRAC to continue meeting by teleconference for a period of thirty days

C. Mulholland moves to adopt the resolution and D. Logan seconds the motion. Motion carries (18-0-0).

3) Approval of October 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

A. Pease introduces the item and asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

D. Chipping comments on the format of the meeting minutes and requests that both questions and responses be included. A. Pease responds.

C. Mulholland moves to approve the October 6th, 2021 meeting minutes and T. Walters seconds the motion. Motion carries (18-0-1).

4) Receive Staff update regarding State Water Project Water Management Tools and associated WRAC Subcommittee, and Consider Actions

A. Pease introduces the item and C. Howard provides an update on the State Water Project Water Management Tools and associated WRAC subcommittee.

C. Howard details the purpose and current membership status of the WRAC formed ad-hoc subcommittee (2 current members) and asks if the WRAC would like to add more members to participate in the Water Management Tool Study process.

A. Pease asks for questions or comments from the Committee, and then from the public.

G. Grewal comments on State Water delivery and the associated costs to the State Water subcontractors and resident taxpayers.

P. Wilmore asks when the next online stakeholder meeting will be held. C. Howard responds.

H. Graves volunteers to remain on the ad-hoc subcommittee.

5) Receive Presentation from Staff regarding the Master Water Report Update

A. Pease introduces the item and B. Clark provides an update on the Master Water Report (MWR) update. The following topics were presented:

- Project background:
 - 2012 MWR content and recommendations
 - Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant funding
 - How the MWR update relates to the Resource Management System and Regional Water Infrastructure Resiliency Plan
- Goals and scope of work:
 - RFP goal, project goals, and preliminary scope of work outline
- Schedule:
 - RFP, REAP Grant deliverables, and span of project (2+ years)

A. Pease asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

D. Chipping asks about the language used in the REAP Grant regarding individual analysis for projects and if there are any considerations to include redlines for basin monitoring. B. Clark responds.

C. Bourbeau asks for clarification on the REAP Grant funding and allocation process. B. Clark responds.

C. Mulholland comments on efforts related to digitizing water information and the benefits of making water data more accessible for public use.

A. Pease asks for questions or comments from the public.

G. Grewal comments on the state building moratorium, Nacimiento uses, wastewater reuse, water duty factors, county well data, grant funds related to critically overdrafted basins, and County Groundwater Sustainability Department. B. Clark responds.

S. Carter asks if work related to the Master Water Report update will duplicate GSA efforts that are already required by SGMA. B. Clark and C. Howard respond.

D. Chipping asks if a key well index can be developed for local basins. C. Howard responds.

A. Pease comments on the benefit of having an interconnective and maintainable water data tool and asks about the process of stakeholder engagement while the tool is being developed. B. Clark responds.

6) Ongoing Updates:

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comment

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comment

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

C. Mulholland comments on a news article highlighting flaws in the SGMA legislation and concerns pertaining to the 40-year implementation timeline.

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

B. Clark comments on the DWR's draft guidelines for the next funding round which will be reviewed at the January 19th RWMG meeting.

e) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP)

A. Pease asks if it is necessary for the WRAC to continue receiving updates on the Stormwater Resource Plan. B. Clark responds.

f) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

No comment

g) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

No Comment

7) Future Agenda Items

A. Pease comments that the next WRAC meeting will be held on March 2, 2022 and will include a presentation from the SLO Beaver Brigade and thanks WRAC members for participating in the recent survey for gauging interest for future agenda items and meeting preferences.

B. Clark comments that future WRAC meetings will be held via Zoom.

P. Willmore requests an introduction from the County Groundwater Sustainability Director to discuss how the County Groundwater Sustainability Department aligns with the Water Resources Division.

8) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

G. Grewal comments on a Brown act violation related to the Shandon-San Juan Water District and discusses public comments that were submitted to Army Corps of Engineers for the Salinas Reservoir disposition study.