

MINUTES (FINAL)

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) as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **November 2, 2022** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

The video 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**

The number of voting Members present is 10; quorum not met.

2) **Comments on October 5, 2022 WRAC Meeting Minutes**

A. Pease introduces the item and asks for questions or comments from the Committee. No approval action as quorum was not met, approval delayed until next meeting.

C. Mulholland suggests adding missing comment for Item 8 pertaining to September rainfall level comparisons.

D. Chipping suggests correcting his comment during Item 8 pertaining to Ark Storm *rainfall*, not a *tidal wave*.

E. Greening comments on a timestamp that needs to be removed for his comment made during item 6f.

3) **Receive Presentation and Provide Feedback on the Master Water Report and Information System Update**

A. Pease introduces the item and B. Clark presents on Master Water Report and Information System Update.

T. Burhenn asks about changes in land use and if assumptions will be made about water use, demand, and growth rates. B. Clark responds.

E. Greening comments on how helpful the presentation was and comments on the Adelaida Study Area and other non-basin or fractured rock areas being included for supply and demand analysis and reporting. B. Clark responds.

D. Chipping comments on analyzing between different rainfall and climate scenarios. B. Clark responds.

A. Pease asks how this will account for physical connectivity and infrastructure distribution and activity. B. Clark Responds.

A. Pease asks if the population data will include regional data, income level data, ethnicity data, and other related data, and if it will identify impacts to the different communities. B. Clark responds.

A. Pease comments on how ambitious the model is and asks if this type of model is being used elsewhere. B. Clark and E. Garvey respond.

C. Mulholland comments on how impressive this work is and wishes to be kept updated of key information and developments as the project progresses.

E. Greening comments on the impressive nature of this work and hopes that in addition to stream flows, that stream temperatures will also be accounted for.

B. Clark encourages members to contact him if they have any concerns, feedback or questions with the Master Water Report as the County moves forward with development.

4) Consider Forming an Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Committee Bylaws

A. Pease introduces the item and B. Clark asks for feedback on forming an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Committee Bylaws and quorum requirements.

B. Burchett asks where the Agriculture At-Large Members should come from. B. Clark responds.

D. Chipping asks for clarification on the Brown Act and remote meeting attendance to meet quorum. B. Clark responds.

C. Mulholland expresses concern over a floating quorum number and comments on honoring Member commitments to attend meetings and requiring mandatory attendance.

A. Pease comments on the number of current Members, the number of unfilled Member vacancies, and how adjustments to the quorum could better reflect the current actual membership count.

C. Mulholland comments that one option is to have organizations fill vacant seats or remove those seats to allow for an accurate quorum.

E. Greening comments that the group's strength comes from the group's diversity and quorum should be set high enough to accommodate that diversity in conversations, otherwise those perspectives are lost.

M. Miller apologizes for not understanding that remote attendance would not be counted towards the group's quorum.

A. Pease comments that the discussion will be continued as an Ad Hoc Committee cannot be formed without quorum.

5) Receive Presentation from David Chipping Regarding Sustainability of Paso Robles Groundwater Basin

A. Pease introduces the item and D. Chipping presents on the Sustainability of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

[Unidentifiable participant] appreciates the work put into the presentation and comments on SGMA's 5-year review period for GSPs, water quality in the Paso Robles formation, and the intention of the 25 AFY di minimis allowance in the Paso Basin Planting Ordinance.

E. Greening comments on how to most productively use this information and how DWR will respond to this information during the review of the Paso Basin GSP. D. Chipping responds.

[Unidentifiable participant] comments on recycled water from the City of Paso Robles that can be used in lieu of groundwater pumping.

M. Miller comments on the critique of the GSP not identifying specific projects, how the GSP identifies a need for projects, how the GSP drafting process did not allow for specific projects to be identified at the time, and how this would take place during the 5-year review of the GSP. A. Pease responds.

6) Ongoing Updates:

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comment

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comment

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

A. Pease comments on an upcoming Groundwater Sustainability Commission meeting for the SLO Basin to be held on Friday, November 4, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

- d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
B. Clark comments that the County Board of Supervisors authorized the District to apply for IRWM Proposition 1, Round 2 grant.
- e) Master Water Report (MWR) Update
No comment
- f) State Water Project (SWP)
No comment
- g) Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)
No comment
- h) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances
No comment
- i) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information
E. Greening encourages attendees to visit the SLO Beaver Brigade website for information and volunteer opportunities to help create beaver dam analogs which support water conservation efforts, adding that there is currently an executive order and a need to introduce state legislation to support beaver relocation and other efforts.
A. Pease responds.

A. Pease comments that the City of San Luis Obispo sent out a survey on water conservation incentives for businesses in the City.

N. Teague comments on the valuable nature of the responses and other recommendations received from the survey.

7) Future Agenda Items and Hybrid Meeting Format

- A. Pease comments on the Low Impact Development handbook updates to be received at the next WRAC meeting.
- A. Pease comments that the December WRAC meeting is to be in-person and the January meeting is not currently scheduled.

8) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

None