

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

SLO City/County Library Community Room
995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA

Wednesday, May 3, 2023
1:30 pm

Via Zoom Teleconference:

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Call-in information: 1 (669) 900 6833, Meeting ID: 886 4725 0277, Passcode: 181580

Note: Members must be physically present in order to count toward the quorum and cast votes.

WRAC Agenda

1.	Introductions & Welcome	1:30pm
2.	Approval of April 5, 2023 WRAC Meeting Minutes	1:35pm
3.	Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget for FY 2023/2024 and Consider Actions (WRAC)	1:40pm
4.	Receive Presentation from City of San Luis Obispo Staff on Water Conservation Program updates	2:05pm
5.	Open Discussion on Water Conservation Programs	2:20pm
6.	Receive Update from Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws	2:40pm
7.	Ongoing Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Rain & Reservoir Reportb. Drought Updatesc. Groundwater Basin Management Effortsd. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)e. Master Water Report (MWR) Updatef. State Water Project (SWP)g. Desalinationh. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinancesi. Updates on AG Creek Leveej. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information	2:45pm
8.	Future Agenda Items	3:00pm
9.	Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda	3:05pm
10.	Adjourn Meeting	3:10pm

This agenda packet and attachments are available online at www.slocounty.ca.gov/wrac

Next Regular Meeting: June 7, 2023, 1:30 pm
SLO City/County Library Community Room
995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA

Please contact WRAC Secretary, Brendan Clark, with any questions. bclark@co.slo.ca.us

Purpose of the Committee:

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors specific water resource and water conservation programs with recognition of the economic and environmental values of the programs. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

Excerpts from WRAC By-Laws dated September 1, 2020

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WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

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MINUTES (Draft)

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 **April 5, 2023** 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 20; quorum met.

2) **Approval of February 1, 2023 WRAC Meeting Minutes**

Item start time ~ [00:04:35](#)

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

E. Greening comments on the minutes being the right balance of not too much but just enough.

T. Walters appreciates the addition of the recording links and timestamps to the meeting minutes.

E. Greening moves to approve the February 1, 2023 meeting minutes and C. Mulholland seconds the motion. Motion carries 20-0-0.

3) **Approval of Submitting 2022 Annual Report to the District Board of Supervisors**

Item start time ~ [00:06:05](#)

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

S. Sinton comments on a typo and correction to the name of the current Board Chair. B. Clark responds.

D. Chipping comments on vacant District seats and asks if the County Board of Supervisors will be filling these seats and sending representatives to the WRAC meetings. B. Clark responds.

E. Greening comments on the Environment At-Large Alternate vacancy that needs to be filled, now that Tom Burhenn is representing District 4.

A. Pease comments on the four Agriculture At-Large vacancies that need to be filled and asks the Committee to encourage potential candidates to apply.

C. Mulholland moves to approve the 2022 Annual Report to the District Board of Supervisors and E. Greening seconds the motion. Motion carries 20-0-0.

4) Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Item start time ~ [00:08:40](#)

A. Pease introduces the item and asks for Chair and Vice-Chair nominations from the Committee.

C. Mulholland moves to nominate A. Pease for Committee Chairperson and E. Greening seconds the motion. Motion carries 20-0-0.

T. Burhenn volunteers for the Vice-Chairperson position.

C. Mulholland moves to nominate T. Burhenn for Committee Vice-Chairperson and L. Chipping seconds the motion. Motion carries 20-0-0.

5) Consider forming Ad Hoc committee to Review the Committee Bylaws

Item start time ~ [00:12:10](#)

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

E. Greening asks if the scope of possible action of the WRAC can be included as a topic of the bylaw review. A. Pease and B. Clark respond.

D. Chipping asks if the bylaws can (or do) cover voting powers of members participating virtually, or if this is covered by state law. B. Clark, S. Inman, and A. Pease respond.

T. Burhenn comments on the Paso Basin Planting Ordinance and the previous direction provided to the WRAC about which items the Committee can and cannot take action on (as a body) and asks if there is something in the bylaws that prevents the Committee from providing input on certain items to the Board of Supervisors. B. Clark responds.

C. Mulholland comments in favor of forming an Ad Hoc review committee and suggests adding language to the bylaws to address hybrid meeting attendance, voting requirements, and communication between Members and their Alternates.

A. Pease, L. Chipping, C. Mulholland, C. Weirick, T. Burhenn, and D. Logan volunteer for the Ad Hoc review committee.

C. Mulholland comments that the committee could coordinate via email and asks staff to distribute the current bylaws to members of the Ad Hoc committee. A. Pease responds.

C. Weirick comments on the framework of the District that the WRAC advises and suggests adding specific codes/statutes to the bylaws that clarify the District's authority.

E. Greening volunteers to be part of Ad Hoc committee if correspondence will be done predominately through email and hopes to clarify whether or not the WRAC can submit comments on planning items to the District Board.

D. Chipping comments that there is no technical advisory committee on water to the Planning Department, that the WRAC represents the technical expertise on water in the county and should therefore be able to comment on Planning items, and requests that the Ad Hoc committee review ways to present input to the Board of Supervisors on a breadth of topics.

C. Mulholland moves to nominate members A. Pease, L. Chipping, C. Mulholland, C. Weirick, T. Burhenn, D. Logan and E. Greening for the Ad Hoc review committee and T. Burhenn seconds the motion. Motion carries 20-0-0.

6) Update from County Staff on the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee and repairs

Item start time ~ [00:23:54](#)

A. Pease introduces item and B. Clark presents updates to the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee.

L. Chipping asks if dunes were removed near Manual Breach Site #2 to allow water to flow out of the creek. B. Clark responds.

E. Greening asks if Union Pacific has expressed interest in their part of solving the issues at the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee. B. Clark responds.

T. Burhenn comments on the declining spill rates at Lopez Dam, peaking at 500 CFS and then dropping to 200 CFS, and asks if these rates will continue to decline. B. Clark responds.

D. Chipping asks how the flap gate at the Arroyo Grande Lagoon performed while the creek was flooding. B. Clark and L. Chipping respond.

L. Chipping asks if the channel met its designed objective/goals per the WMP, and if not, why didn't it and what are the lessons learned. A. Pease responds.

A. Villa asks that the creek be placed as a priority project to ensure future flooding issues are addressed; comments that Oceano residents are concerned, and some are even considering selling their properties and moving due to the recent storm events; asks if there is an area near Lopez Lake to divert water to before it causes flooding issues downstream.

T. Walter comments that most of the flooding issues in several areas of the county were related to debris accumulation, noting the importance of creek maintenance and the clearing of flood paths.

S. Wald comments (audio becomes unclear). A. Pease responds.

7) County Staff Presentation on the DESAL Plan

Item start time ~ [00:32:12](#)

A. Pease introduces the item and A. Ford presents on the DESAL Plan.

D. Chipping asks what types of water will be desalinated: ocean water, recycled water, or a mix of ocean water and recycled water. A. Ford responds.

C. Mulholland asks if Environmental Impact Reports will be included in phase 2 of the DESAL Plan, if the County is already committed to doing a desal project, or if this process is for investigating the best options for a potential project. A. Ford responds.

T. Burhenn asks if staff is only considering terrestrial options or if smaller scale projects, such as desalination buoys, are being considered. A. Ford responds.

S. Inman asks about the state's citing guide public draft and if it will include locations of recommended desalination sites. A. Ford responds.

A. Pease asks if there is specific feedback or direction being requested from the WRAC. A. Ford responds.

C. Weirick asks if the citing guidance is being produced by a single agency or multiple agencies. A. Ford responds.

D. Chipping asks if denitrification may be considered as part of a desalinization project. A. Ford responds.

J. Guthrie asks if partner agencies will be expected to help pay funding match for the grant if awarded to the District. A. Ford responds.

T. Simpson asks if using the Diablo Canyon desalination facility is still being considered as a potential option and asks what happens to the salt that is removed during the desalination process. A. Ford and T. Burhenn respond.

C. Bourbeau comments on the geographic distribution of participating agencies throughout the county and asks if the general premise is to deliver desalinated water via pipelines to those agencies. A. Ford responds.

E. Greening comments on the draft environmental impact report on Diablo Canyon decommissioning which will be released for public comment in the coming months.

T. Walters encourages hiring local consultants for the project due to their inherent local knowledge and expertise of the area's water resources.

A. Pease asks if local experience would be considered as part of the selection criteria for the RFP. A. Ford responds.

A. Pease comments on the City of San Luis Obispo's decision to participate in the next phases of the DESAL planning process.

C. Mulholland comments on the need to question and consider setting limits on water demand, similar to how limits have been considered for resources, etc.

D. Logan comments on Templeton CSD's approach to balancing water supply and demand.

E. Greening comments on the connotation of the word *demand* and asks if there is a reason the word *need* is not used instead. A. Pease, D. Logan, and T. Walters respond.

A. Pease asks if a motion or recommendation is being requested from the WRAC for this item. A. Ford responds.

D. Logan comments on the consultant selection process for the RFP and suggests including local knowledge as part of the consultant selection criteria to be considered.

A. Pease comments that the Committee is generally supportive of the action being brought to the Board of Supervisors for the DESAL Plan RFP and the suggestion to include local knowledge as part of the consultant selection criteria to be considered.

8) **Ongoing Updates**

Item start time ~ [00:59:58](#)

a) Rain & Reservoir Report
None

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

B. Clark comments that a drought related Board of Supervisors item has been scheduled for late April, adding that future updates from the Board or the standing drought committee will be provided in this section of the report.

E. Greening asks if the purpose of the Board item is for the Board to determine if they will cease making emergency drought declarations every 60 days. B. Clark responds.

N. Teague comments that the Governor has rescinded several drought emergency provisions, such as the voluntary conservation and the requirement that local water agencies implement level 2 of their drought contingency plans, adding that the drought declaration is still in effect for agencies to continue conservation efforts.

E. Greening comments on the collapse of the cattle industry in the 1860s which was caused by catastrophic drought after a severe winter, highlighting how quickly conditions can change.

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

S. Sinton comments on two upcoming Board of Supervisors items, one being an item to establish the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the other to review the letter of opposition for the Shandon-San Juan Water District's request for water allocation from the Nacimiento and Salinas Reservoirs.

T. Burhenn asks for clarification on the Cuyama Basin update regarding the status of GSP approval from the state and status of an adjudication. B. Clark responds.

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

B. Clark comments that the grant submittal took place February 1st and we are now waiting for a response from DWR.

D. Chipping comments on the lack of reaction from the county regarding the state's demand for more housing and asked if that effort was part of the IRWM. B. Clark responds.

E. Greening comments that the deadline for comments on the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy must be submitted to the SLOCOG website by April 6th.

A. Pease comments that water demand for regional housing is also being tied to the efforts of the Master Water Report.

e) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

B. Clark comments that a focused Master Water Report agenda item will be provided at a future Committee meeting, that the data information audit phase of the project has been completed, that methods for organizing and updating the data are currently being evaluated along with the proof of concept, and how these efforts will provide input to Planning for the housing needs assessment.

C. Mulholland comments on the need for additional opportunities for the WRAC to provide specific input on the development of the Master Water Report. B. Clark responds.

J. Guthrie asks if there is a pre-existing plan with all the older data that is already available for review and when the new plan is expected to be completed. B. Clark responds.

A. Pease comments on how much the MWR will be a beneficial tool once completed.

S. Wald asks if there will be a call for specific data sets. B. Clark responds.

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

No comment

9) Future Agenda Items

Item start time ~ [01:13:25](#)

B. Clark comments that the draft of the County's Low Impact Development (LID) Manual was released on April 4th and will be distributed to the Committee via email for review.

L. Chipping asks if there is a deadline for comments on the County's LID Manual and suggests consideration of a subcommittee to review the content. B. Clark responds.

S. Sinton comments on the Governor's suspension of Mutual Waters Rights and Procedures and pending future updates (audio becomes unclear on discussion).

A. Pease comments on the different types of state legislation that WRAC would like to advocate for to the County and encourages advocacy from WRAC members.

A. Pease comments on the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget and water conservation program updates that will be provided at May's meeting.

T. Burhenn suggests a future agenda item to discuss the potential for groundwater contamination caused by the runoff of agriculture operations and sewage during flood events.

E. Greening, D. Chipping, T. Burhenn and A. Pease discuss the use, application, limits, processing, and water quality impacts of application of activated sludge.

E. Eby comments that the ASCE recently presented on the Doheny Desalination Project which included design, funding, and other elements that would be of interest to the WRAC.

10) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda

Item start time ~ [01:25:10](#)

E. Greening comments on the Turlock Irrigation District's installation of solar panels over their canals to increase water quality and produce power and suggests the project may be similarly adaptable for water areas in San Luis Obispo County.

D. Chipping comments on energy storage development projects that were recently included in the New Times (audio becomes unclear).

C. Mulholland comments on efforts to place solar panels on canals in the San Joaquin Valley and ongoing water quality concerns with flooding throughout the state.

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2023

Organization	Representative	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT														
District 1	Melanie Blankenship	M												
	Elizabeth Covert	A												
District 2	(Vacant)	M												
	Neal MacDougall	A												
District 3	Michael Nordstrom	M		X										
	Natalie Risner	A												
District 4	Thomas Burhenn	M				X								
	Erika Bylund	A		X										
District 5	Allen Duckworth	M		O										
	Fred Hoey	A												
AT-LARGE														
Agriculture At-Large	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Agriculture At-Large	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Development At-Large	Taylor Simpson	M				X								
	Tim Walters	A		X		X								
Environmental At-Large	Christine Mulholland	M		X		X								
	Dolores Howard	A		X		O								
Environmental At-Large	Eric Greening	M		X		X								
	(Vacant)	A												
Environmental At-Large	David Chipping	M		X		X								
	Stephnie Wald	A												
RCDs														
Coastal San Luis RCD	Linda Chipping	M		X		X								
	Jessica Crutchfield	A												
Upper Salinas RCD	George Kendall	M												
	Tom Mora	A												
OTHERS														
Atascadero Mutual	John Neil	M												
	Jaime Hendrickson	A												
California Men's Colony	Scott Buffaloe	M												
	Mike Schwartz	A												
Camp SLO	(Vacant)	M												
	Jubilee Satele	A												
County Farm Bureau	Steve Carter	M				X								
	Brent Burchett	A		X		X								
Cuesta College	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Golden State Water	Matt Cook	M				X								
	Mark Zimmer	A		O										
Shandon-San Juan Water District	Stephen Sinton	M		O		X								
	Marshall Miller	A												
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District	Lee Nesbit	M		X		X								
	Hilary Graves	A												
CITIES														
City of Arroyo Grande	Jim Guthrie	M				X								
	Kristen Barneich	A												
City of Atascadero	Charles Bourbeau	M				X								
	Nick DeBar	A												
City of Grover Beach	Clint Weirick	M				X								
	Robert Robert	A												
City of Morro Bay	Laurel Barton	M		O		X								
	Cyndee Edwards	A												
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M												
	Kirk Gonzalez	A												
City of Pismo Beach	Marcia Guthrie	M												
	Stacy Inman	A				X								
City of San Luis Obispo	Andy Pease	M		X		X								
	Emily Francis	A				X								
CSDs														
Avila Beach CSD	Brad Hagemann	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Cambria CSD	Ray Dienzo	M		X										
	Melissa Bland	A												
Heritage Ranch CSD	Scott Duffield	M				X								
	Doug Groshart	A				X								
Los Osos CSD	Chuck Cesena	M												
	Ron Munds	A				X								
Nipomo CSD	Ed Eby	M		X		X								
	Richard Malvarose	A												
Oceano CSD	Allene Villa	M				X								
	Beverly Joyce-Suneson	A												
San Miguel CSD	Kelly Dodds	M		X										
	Dustin Pittman	A												
San Simeon CSD	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Templeton CSD	Debra Logan	M		X		X								
	Tina Mayer	A												
STAFF														
Planning and Building	Kylie Hensley	Staff												
	Claire Momburger	Staff												
	Airlin Singewald	Staff												
Public Works	Courtney Howard	Staff												
	Brandon Zuniga	Staff		X										
	Angela Ford	Staff				X								
	Brendan Clark	Staff		X		X								
	Joey Steil	Staff		X		X								
	Jenny Williamson	Staff		X										
	May Thiri Kyaw	Staff		X		X								
Stormwater	Ann Gillespie	Staff		X										

Notes: M = Member; A = Alternate Member, (O) = attended virtually

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Water Resources Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form

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WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

GUEST LIST 2022

Signing-in is voluntary. You may attend the meeting regardless of whether you sign-in.

NAME	AFFILIATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Ann Gillespie	SLO County Public Works	/	X	/	X			/	/				
Beverly Joyce-Suneson	OCSD	/	X	/				/	/				
Blaine Reely	SLO County Groundwater Sustainability	/	X	/	X			/	/				
Greg Grewal		/	X	/				/	/				
Greg Hulburd	Wallace Group	/	X	/				/	/				
Gwen Kellas	San Simeon CSD	/	X	/				/	/				
Hank Krzuick		/	X	/				/	/				
Jeff Edwards		/	X	/				/	/				
Jim Babcock		/	X	/				/	/				
Julie Ridgeway		/	X	/	X			/	/				
Kellie Fortner	City of SLO	/	X	/	X			/	/				
Lauren Gordon	GEI	/	X	/				/	/				
Matthew Scrudato	Santa Barbara County Water Agency	/	X	/				/	/				
Nick Teague	City of SLO	/	X	/	X			/	/				
Patricia Wilmore	Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	/	X	/	X			/	/				
Stacy Inman	Pismo Beach Resident	/	X	/	X			/	/				
Tim Rainey	Cleath-Harris	/		/	X			/	/				
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company	/	X	/				/	/				
Willy Cunha	Shandon San-Juan Water District	/	X	/				/	/				

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Division Manager

DATE: May 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #3: Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget for FY 2023/2024 and Consider Actions

Recommendations

Receive a presentation (Attachment 1) from Public Works Department Staff on the proposed Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24 budget request and consider taking related actions.

Discussion

The proposed FY 2023/24 budget for "Flood Control Zone General" (Attachment 2) has been prepared in accordance with the District policies adopted by the Board on November 1, 2016 (Attachment 3) and is in the form of an updated 5-year plan. Attachment 4 provides a general description of the work programs included in the budget request. In the past, the WRAC has opined on whether it supports the proposed budget, sometimes through an ad-hoc subcommittee.

The budgeting practices implemented last year have been continued, including:

- Request funding consistent with 5-year plan rather than on solely a case-by-case basis
- Provide information on regional commitments and services, organizational needs and specific efforts in water planning areas
- Designation of two reserves – one to isolate \$3.1M for emergencies and one to isolate the balance of reserves that are available for special projects and/or additional priorities

Unused funds return to reserves for future allocation to support District needs.

While not likely, please note that the proposed budget may be subject to modification to address any unanticipated needs prior to Board budget hearings that are scheduled for June 12-14, 2023.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. FCD FY 2023/24 proposed budget request/5-year plan
3. FCD Policy
4. FCD Work Programs



Proposed Flood Control District FY 2023/24 Budget

Water Resources Advisory Committee
May 3, 2023

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Overview

- Budget Management Policy
- Priority Efforts
- FY 2023/24 Proposed Budget and 5-Year Plan



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The Budget Management Policy calls for funding activities that support the following:

- Understanding Conditions
- Establishing Sustainability Goals
- Identifying Opportunities
- Supporting Solution Start-Up



Existing Needs, Resiliency, and the Future



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The Budget Management Policy calls for the following funding priority order:

First Funding Priority:

Existing **regional** programmatic services and commitments

Second Funding Priority:

District **financing needs** and other County-provided services related to water resources

Third Funding Priority:

Other **sub-regional** projects and programs



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District services are organized into the following programs:

Flood Control District Programs

Management

Program Management, Public/Partner Engagement, Conservation & WRAC

Regional

IRWM Program & Grants, Master Water Report & Regional Resiliency

Stormwater Resources Plan and Flood Mapping

Subregional

Water Supply & Groundwater Studies

Flood Management, Watershed & Drainage Studies

Technical

Hydrological Monitoring & Data Management

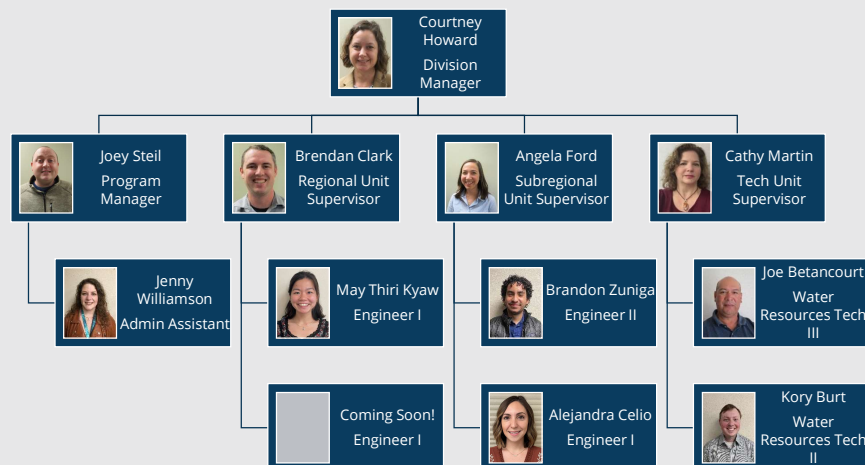
Priority Special Projects
Consultants, Equipment, Cost Match, etc.



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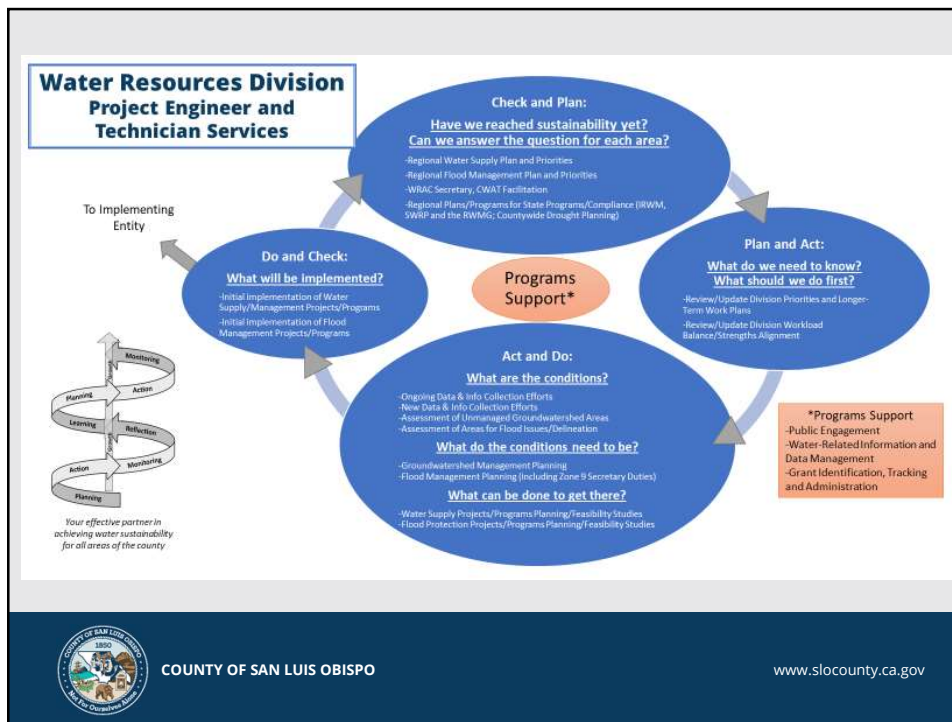
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Priority Efforts



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**The following slides summarize efforts for
Fiscal Year 2023/24 based on:**

- Existing contractual obligations and commitments
- Board of Supervisors direction
- Grant eligibility requirements
- Increase in flood/drainage planning efforts
- Staffing levels



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**Management, Regional Services and
Commitments**

- Ongoing Coordination Activities (e.g. monitoring/data program, budget, WRAC, interagency discussions, public requests, conservation, etc.)
- Continue IRWM Program
- Continue Master Water Report Update
- Continue Desalination Planning
- Continue Salinas Dam Planning



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Organizational Needs

- Cash Flow for Zones of Benefit/County System Needs
 - Need to update assessments
- Grant Pass-Through Accounting
 - Integrated Regional Water Management Grants



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Water Planning Areas

- Monitoring Program
 - Stream Level Data Collection
 - Rain Gauges
 - CIMIS Station Maintenance
 - Groundwater Levels in Unmanaged Areas
- Flood Management Planning
- Adelaida Study
- Avila Drainage Issue on First Street Parking Area (ARPA)



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FY 2023/24 Proposed Budget and 5-Year Plan



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Several documents have been provided to communicate budget information and work efforts.

- Budget Summary and 5-Year Plan
- Budget Management Policy
- Description of District Work Programs



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A Regional Resiliency Reserve has been established to support:

- Water Planning Area studies
 - Drainage study
 - Groundwater area study
 - Supply project alternatives study
- Cash-flow loans for other County efforts
- Future cost match for regional infrastructure partnerships

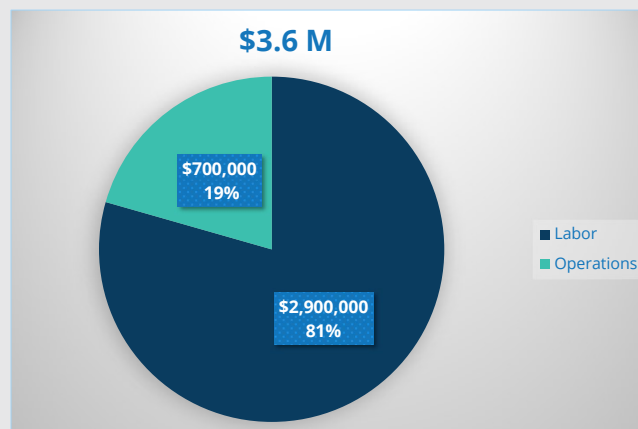
One-time money



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District Annual Revenue Estimate and Use:



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Thank You!

Please send comments to: choward@co.slo.ca.us

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Flood Control Zone General

Budget and 5-Year Plan

SUMMARY: PAGE 1 OF 2

		2022/23 Budgeted	2023/24 Proposed	2024/25 Projected	2025/26 Projected	2026/27 Projected
<u>REVENUES</u>						
Operations	Beginning Balance	\$ 13,432,745				
	Property Taxes	\$ 3,413,935	\$ 3,617,820	\$ 3,726,355	\$ 3,838,145	\$ 3,953,290
	Other Revenue (e.g. interest)	50,000	50,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 3,463,935	\$ 3,667,820	\$ 3,751,355	\$ 3,863,145	\$ 3,978,290
Other	From Other Funds (e.g. ARPA)	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Loan Reimbursements	2,088,019	2,088,644	2,086,782	2,086,782	2,086,782
	Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted)	3,383,184	-	-	-	-
	Grants Pass-Through (Anticipated)	-	-	3,782,130	-	-
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 5,571,203	\$ 2,088,644	\$ 5,868,912	\$ 2,086,782	\$ 2,086,782
Total Revenues		\$ 9,035,138	\$ 5,756,464	\$ 9,620,267	\$ 5,949,927	\$ 6,065,072
<u>EXPENSES</u>						
Priorities (Use Comparison)	A) Management, Regional Services and Commitments	\$ 3,085,092	\$ 3,768,844	\$ 2,457,286	\$ 2,580,151	\$ 2,709,158
	B) Organizational Needs	11,761,269	1,613,000	5,395,130	1,613,000	1,613,000
	C) Water Planning Areas	1,103,674	1,122,812	1,178,953	1,237,900	5,520,344
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 15,950,035	\$ 6,504,656	\$ 9,031,369	\$ 5,431,051	\$ 9,842,502
Total Expenses		\$ 15,950,035	\$ 6,504,656	\$ 9,031,369	\$ 5,431,051	\$ 9,842,502
<u>RESERVES SUBTOTAL</u>		\$ 6,517,848	\$ 5,769,656	\$ 6,358,554	\$ 6,877,430	\$ 3,100,000
Maintain \$3.1M Minimum Threshold (BOS 11/1/16)		(3,100,000)	(3,100,000)	(3,100,000)	(3,100,000)	(3,100,000)
<u>PROJECTED AVAILABLE RESERVES PER POLICY</u>		\$ 3,417,848	\$ 2,669,656	\$ 3,258,554	\$ 3,777,430	\$ (0)

**Flood Control Zone General
Budget and 5-Year Plan
EXPENSE DETAIL: PAGE 2 OF 2**

PRIORITY	PROJECT	2022/23 Budgeted	2023/24 Proposed	2024/25 Projected	2025/26 Projected	2026/27 Projected
[A] Management, Regional Services and Commitments						
	FCD General Management (Budgeting, Public Information Requests, Interdepartment Coordination, ISF Contributions to New Equipment, Countywide Overhead, SB2557)	422,259	400,219	420,230	441,241	463,304
	Water Resources Advisory Committee	51,071	59,801	62,791	65,931	69,227
	Water Info System/Master Water Report Update	276,977	307,088	322,442	338,565	355,493
	Desalination Feasibility	112,044	1,188,666	248,099	260,504	273,529
	Salinas Dam Expansion/Retrofit Feasibility	171,014	656,405	189,225	198,687	208,621
	IRWM Program	288,427	220,436	231,458	243,031	255,182
	Countywide Water/Flood Planning and Monitoring Program Management	1,572,952	836,997	878,847	922,789	968,929
	Monititoring Equipment ALERT 2 Upgrade	97,608				
	Conservation Outreach and Mobile Irrigation Lab Programs	92,740	99,232	104,194	109,403	114,873
	Subtotal	\$ 3,085,092	\$ 3,768,844	\$ 2,457,286	\$ 2,580,151	\$ 2,709,158
[B]	Organizational Needs					
[D]	To Other Funds To FCZ16 for Basin Maintenance	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500
[D]	To Other Funds To FCZ4 for Basin Maintenance	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
[D]	To Other Funds To FC 536 - Delta Reconveyance	223,662				
[D]	To Other Funds To FC 537 - Delta Reconveyance	9,482				
[D]	To Other Funds To FC 536 - Mid year BOS per Grand Jury	6,510,450				
[E]	Loans issued 1617 Los Osos cash flow loan (pending)	1,580,000	1,580,000	1,580,000	1,580,000	1,580,000
[F]	Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted) IRWM Prop 84 Implementation Grant 2011: To FCZ1/1A	241,583				
[F]	Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted) IRWM Prop 84 Flood Emergency Response Grant	83,736				
[F]	Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted) IRWM Prop 84 Flood Emergency Response Grant - w/Ventura	14,223				
[G]	Grants Pass-Through (Mid-Year) IRWM Prop 1 Implementation Grant 2020	2,782,130				
[G]	Grants Pass-Through (Mid-Year) REAP Grant	283,003				
[G]	Grants Pass-Through (Anticipated) IRWM Prop 1 Implementation Grant 2022			3,782,130		
	Subtotal	\$ 11,761,269	\$ 1,613,000	\$ 5,395,130	\$ 1,613,000	\$ 1,613,000
[C]	Water Planning Area Needs					
Initial Implementation Funding	TBD (e.g. Prop 218s, Cost Match, Cash Flow, etc.)		-	-	-	4,220,549
WPA 1 - San Simeon/Cambria	Stakeholder engagement, monitoring, special water supply and/or flood management studies	106,670	125,069	131,322	137,889	144,783
				-	-	-
WPA 2 - Cayucos/Morro Bay/Los Osos	Stakeholder engagement, monitoring, special water supply and/or flood management studies	183,927	176,181	184,990	194,240	203,952
				-	-	-
WPA 3 - San Luis Obispo/South County	Stakeholder engagement, monitoring, special water supply and/or flood management studies	412,203	468,122	491,528	516,105	541,910
				-	-	-
WPA 4 - Cuyama River	Stakeholder engagement, monitoring, special water supply and/or flood management studies	55,394		-	-	-
				-	-	-
WPA 5 - North County	Stakeholder engagement, monitoring, special water supply and/or flood management studies	290,086	326,906	343,251	360,414	378,435
				-	-	-
WPA 6 - Carrizo Plain	Stakeholder engagement, monitoring, special water supply and/or flood management studies	55,394	26,534	27,861	29,254	30,716
	Subtotal	\$ 1,103,674	\$ 1,122,812	\$ 1,178,953	\$ 1,237,900	\$ 5,520,344
	ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	\$ 15,950,035	\$ 6,504,656	\$ 9,031,369	\$ 5,431,051	\$ 9,842,502

NOTES:

1. This Plan identifies funding needs that are timed in accordance with prioritization of needs and available staff time. Advancing efforts may require additional staff.
2. Projection includes a 3% annual increase in tax revenue and a 5% payroll inflation factor per year for step increases, compensation increases, and equity adjustments after original estimate.
3. Difference between Grant Pass-Through in the Revenue section and the Grant Pass-Through in the Expense section is the amount anticipated to be retained by Public Works to fund internal administration costs (labor).

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

of the

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

PRESENT: Supervisors Frank R. Mecham, Bruce S. Gibson, Adam Hill, Debbie Arnold,
and Chairperson Lynn Compton

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-281

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND RESERVES

The following resolution is now offered and read:

WHEREAS, in 1968, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 68-223 which established a policy regarding surveillance of potential drainage problems within the District and the manner in which any necessary remedial measures (planning, design, construction, financing and maintenance of drainage facilities) would be funded (1968 Policy); and

WHEREAS, consistent with the objects and purposes of the District set forth in the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act, the District provides services that extend beyond drainage and flood control services, including, without limitation, services related to the prevention of waste or diminution of the water supply in the District; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being narrowly focused, the 1968 Policy contains provisions, particularly provisions related to financing, that have not been updated to reflect changes in law, including, without limitation, Proposition 218; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the District has determined that the 1968 Policy should be replaced with an updated policy that reflects the broad range of services provided or anticipated to be provided by the District to help achieve sustainable water resources in all areas of the District and that is consistent with public financing laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDERED AND DETERMINED by the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, State of California, that the District General Fund budget and reserves shall be managed in accordance with the following principles:

1. The District shall use available funds for services intended to result in the following:
 - a. Development of a common understanding of conditions (e.g. regional data collection, technical studies);
 - b. Definition of sustainability goals (e.g. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program implementation);
 - c. Identification of feasible solutions to meet goals (e.g. feasibility studies); and
 - d. Facilitation of the initial implementation of identified solutions (e.g. District zones of benefit)
2. In its determination of the manner in which various services falling within Section 1 will be funded through the development of the annual District General Fund budget, the District shall allocate funding in accordance with the following priority order:
 - a. Existing regional programmatic services and commitments;
 - b. District financing needs and other County-provided services related to water resources; and
 - c. Other projects and programs that come forward through the IRWM project solicitation and grant application process or are otherwise identified by regional and/or sub-regional stakeholder groups and are financially supported by entities other than the District (e.g. cost-shared, grant-funded or otherwise cost-recoverable area-specific services such as basin characterizations/models and drainage studies).
3. When a long-term solution(s) is identified for implementation, such as an infrastructure project, management of a shared source of supply or management of flood and/or storm waters, use of the annual District General Fund budget shall be limited to facilitating services related to its initial implementation, including institutional structure formation (e.g. creation of a zone of benefit of the District) and funding processes (e.g. establishment of a fee, assessment or tax), preliminary project

development and cash flow/start-up costs. If such services become funded, the District shall seek reimbursement (e.g. from a successfully formed and funded zone of benefit of the District) to the extent possible.

4. The annual District General Fund budget shall be developed and managed in a manner that builds reserves in times while needs beyond existing regional programmatic services are still being identified so that funding is available when services to address such needs are ready for implementation.
5. For annual budgeting and emergency preparedness purposes, the minimum threshold for District reserves shall be \$3,100,000.
6. This policy shall supersede the 1968 Policy.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gibson, seconded by Supervisor Mecham, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Gibson, Mecham, Hill, Arnold and Chairperson Compton

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted on the 1st day of November, 2016.

Lynn Compton
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Tommy Gong

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Sandy Currens
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

By: /s/Erica Stuckey
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: October 14, 2016

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of San Luis Obispo, ss.

I, Tommy Gong, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this 15th day of November, 2016.

Tommy Gong
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of Supervisors

By Sandy Currens
Deputy Clerk



San Luis Obispo County
Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Zone General
Work Programs

A. Management Program

Efforts in this program include supporting the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC), District strategic planning and budgeting efforts, public and partner engagement and inter/intra-department coordination. Staff has created a multi-department water “superteam” that meets monthly to discuss key interrelated water management efforts such as community plan development, groundwater sustainability plan implementation, data collection and organization efforts and other projects and programs with water resources implications. Its mission is to influence and create consistency amongst water-related policies and programs for the purpose of achieving sustainable communities in alignment with the County’s values.

a. Water Conservation Education

A condition of obtaining an IRWM grant includes compliance with AB 1420, which requires implementation of certain conservation best management practices (BMPs) by wholesalers. Certain BMPs are best implemented by the District on a regional basis, while others should be addressed in the Lopez Zone 3 Funds. For example, BMPs 1.11, 2.1, 2.2 – Conservation Coordinator, Public Information and School Education should be implemented regionally, while BMP 1.13– Wholesale Agency Assistance Programs and BMP 1.2 – System Water Audits, Leak Detection/Repair are specific to the wholesale operations. In addition to labor, funding is included to cover the cost of outreach materials and programs, and supporting the Resource Conservation Districts’ mobile lab irrigation audit programs.

b. Public and Partner Engagement

This effort includes communicating about program and project activities through meetings, web postings and other methods; tracking and communicating about water-related grant opportunities; and supporting the effort to improve storage of and access to water-related data and information.

B. Regional Program

a. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program

IRWM Program efforts include implementing and updating the Plan, coordinating with the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), monitoring State and funding area activities relevant to IRWM, administration of the implementation and planning grant agreements with the State and project proponents, and the development of implementation grant applications. The District is the lead agency for the program in accordance with State regulations and the Memorandum of Understanding between the RWMG member organizations. Participation in the IRWM Program has resulted in over \$32M in grant awards for local needs.

b. Master Water Report and Regional Resiliency Planning

This effort includes updating the compilation of analyses that communicates the current and projected future ability of water supplies to meet demands on a county-wide basis. A data and information system will be developed and maintained and updated on a regular basis to ensure that these analyses can be kept up to date which will support timely decision making. The reporting system will also include information on the status of resiliency project implementation and the potential for future strategies to address needs, and address county-wide drought planning requirements.

c. Stormwater Resources Plan Program

This effort includes maintaining the countywide stormwater resources plan, which identifies stormwater strategies, programs and projects. Stormwater projects need to be in the plan to qualify for applicable State grants.

d. Flood Mapping

This effort includes coordinating with FEMA, and local entities implementing projects that may influence the floodplain, to keep local floodplain maps updated.

C. Technical Program

Overall, the Program, as described below, includes ongoing Hydrologic Data collection and management efforts, California Statewide Groundwater Elevation

Monitoring (CASGEM) Program compliance efforts and a contract with the US Geological Survey to share the cost of 3 stream gauges. The data is used by entities charged with water resource management and technical analysis, including the State, Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, and other local entities.

Hydrologic Data Management. This includes processing and entering all historical hydrologic data into the data management software and web interface, developing standardized reports for the data to support water conditions reporting efforts, and utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to report and organize the information. Other efforts include trouble shooting data errors as well producing guidance manuals for the overall program.

Groundwater Data. This includes groundwater data collection efforts in unmanaged areas which involves groundwater level measuring, records management, and both field and office work related to groundwater sites and the associated data.

Stream Data. This includes stream data collection efforts including stream calibrating, management, and analysis, and both field and office work related to stream gauging sites and the associated data.

Precipitation Data. This includes rain data collection efforts including rain gauge maintenance, management, and rainfall/intensity analysis, and both field and office work related to rain sites and the associated data.

Office Technical Support. This includes technical support of computer software and equipment related to the automated collection and reporting of groundwater data, stream data, or precipitation, and other office-related efforts such as maintenance and enhancement of the SLOCountyWater website.

CIMIS (California Irrigation Management Information System) Stations. This includes working on existing CIMIS station maintenance efforts.

D. Subregional Program

a. Water Supply Studies

Work efforts under this component include studying the feasibility of specific water

supply strategies such as stormwater capture, desalination and optimizing the use of Salinas Reservoir to meet needs in various areas of the county.

b. Groundwater Studies

Work efforts under this component include coordination with stakeholders in unmanaged groundwater basins/areas to understand conditions by conducting technical studies.

c. Watershed Studies

This allocation supports general drainage and flood control efforts in 25 watersheds including responding to constituents, investigating drainage issues, programs, and flooding problems for all County areas, consistent with the Board of Supervisors adopted policy on surveillance of drainage and flood control problems. Efforts to update drainage studies are anticipated to involve consideration of integrated water management objectives of supply enhancement and water quality improvement. The intent of the program is to provide the technical support needed should communities wish to pursue grants and/or establish Zones of Benefit that would fund maintenance, design, and implementation of watershed/drainage/flood management projects.

Zones of Benefit

The following is a brief description of the various funding efforts for the established Zones of Benefit. Please note that Water Resources Division staff are assigned to support Zone 1/1A and Zone 9, which may impact the availability of staff for District Zone General efforts.

- a) *Zone 1/1A* - This zone's budget includes annual vegetation and maintenance for the 3.5 miles of the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee system.
- b) *Zone 3* - This budget includes all tasks related to Lopez dam maintenance, the Lopez water treatment plant, water deliveries, and associated water distribution system.
- c) *Zone 4* - Funding transferred to Santa Barbara County for the maintenance of the Santa Maria levee system.
- d) *Zone 9* - Funding for the San Luis Obispo Creek Watershed. The City

of San Luis Obispo and County coordinate on vegetation and sediment management of San Luis Obispo Creek and its tributaries as well as project development of flood control improvement projects such as the Mid-Higuera By-Pass project.

- e) *Zone 16* – Provides for maintenance of thirty-five (35) drainage basins throughout the District.
- f) *Zone 18* – Funding for maintenance of the Cambria detention basin. The basin was constructed with FEMA grant funding and is required to have separate funding for its maintenance and environmental compliance measures.

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: April 5, 2023

SUBJECT: Item 7: Ongoing Updates

Recommendation

Receive updates on various ongoing efforts.

Discussion

- a) **Rain & Reservoir Report.** See attached report.
- b) **Drought Updates.**
- As part of SB-552, County's are required to have standing Drought Task Force. Ours is led by the County of SLO Office of Emergency Services (OES).
 - OES last went to the Board on April 18, 2023.
 - The Board terminated the Drought Declaration.
 - The Staff report can be found here:
<https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/agendaitem/details/15621>
- c) **Groundwater Management Efforts**

On December 18, 2019, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) 2019 Prioritization¹ that designates each groundwater basin and subbasin (collectively, basins) as high, medium, low or very low priority. Groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) are required to develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) for each high or medium priority basin.

BASIN UPDATES:

Basin	Update:
Los Osos Basin	<p>Los Osos Area Subbasin (adjudicated area) is designated as a very low priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. SGMA does not apply to the portions of Los Osos Basin that are adjudicated provided that certain requirements are met (Water Code §10720.8). The fringe areas of the Los Osos Area Subbasin are not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization. The Los Osos Basin Management Committee (BMC) oversees implementation of the Los Osos Basin Plan for the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Draft Fall 2022 Los Osos Basin Lower Aquifer Water Quality Monitoring Results and Updated Chloride Metric was distributed to basin stakeholders

¹ <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization>

	<p>on January 26, 2023. The Draft Fall 2022 Los Osos Basin Lower Aquifer Water Quality Monitoring Results and Updated Chloride Metric were reviewed at the February 15, 2023 BMC Meeting and final results, including water levels and results from the first water and upper aquifer monitoring, were included in the 2022 Annual Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The April 19, 2023 BMC meeting was cancelled, and the next BMC meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2023. <p>Warden Creek Subbasin is designated as a very low priority and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/losososbasin</p>
Atascadero Basin	<p>Atascadero Basin is designated as a very low priority basin and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization; however, the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Executive Committee (EC) elected to develop, and submit to DWR, a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by January 31, 2022. The GSP was submitted on January 30, 2022 and is currently under review by DWR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EC met on March 22, 2023 to 1) approve the Water Year 2021-2022 Annual Report which was submitted to DWR by the April 1st deadline, and 2) receive and file a brief update on the groundwater model refinement. No additional meetings are scheduled at this time. <p>For more information or to view meeting material, visit: www.AtascaderoBasin.com</p>
Santa Maria Basin	<p>Santa Maria Area Subbasin (adjudicated area) is designated as a very low priority basin. The adjudicated areas of the Santa Maria Basin are managed by the Northern Cities Management Area, Nipomo Mesa Management Area, and Santa Maria Valley Management Area. The Santa Maria Basin Fringe Areas – County of San Luis Obispo GSA is the GSA for the non-adjudicated fringe areas of the basin within the County. This subbasin consists of an adjudicated area and other non-adjudicated fringe areas. However, only the priority of the non-adjudicated fringe areas was assessed, which include the Ziegler Canyon Fringe Area in San Luis Obispo County and other fringe areas in Santa Barbara County.</p> <p>Arroyo Grande Subbasin is designated as a very low priority basin and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization; however, the County and City of Arroyo Grande as GSAs in the basin have prepared a GSP. DWR plans to fly Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Surveys over the Arroyo Grande Subbasin to collect geophysical data in April. More information can be found at the following website: https://water.ca.gov/programs/sgma/aem</p> <p>For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/santamariabasin or www.slocounty.ca.gov/agbasin</p>

<p>Paso Basin</p>	<p>Paso Basin is designated as a high priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. The Paso Basin – County of San Luis Obispo GSA and three other GSAs within the basin entered into an agreement to develop a single GSP for the basin and coordinate via the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PBCC and Paso Basin GSAs submitted the amended GSP to DWR by the July 20, 2022 deadline which addresses deficiencies identified in DWR's initial assessment of the Paso Basin GSP. On March 3, 2023, DWR issued its recommended "approval" of the GSP and the final approval is expected in the next few months. • The Annual Report for Water Year 2022 was approved at the March 16, 2023, Special PBCC meeting and was submitted to DWR by the April 1, 2023 deadline. • The following Technical Advisory Committees (TAC) were set at the March 16, 2023, PBCC meeting and have begun meeting in April 2023: 1) Expanded Monitoring Network, 2) Blended Irrigated Water Supply, 3) Multibenefit Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program. These TACs will provide guidance and feedback on implementation of grant-funded projects and programs and will report progress at subsequent PBCC meetings. • The County submitted an application for grant funds under the California Department of Conservation (DOC) Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program block grant to develop and implement a MILR Program, and a follow up interview with the DOC has been scheduled. • Spring groundwater levels were measured during April 2023 and will be reported on at the upcoming April 26, 2023, PBCC meeting. • The next PBCC meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2023. <p>For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p>
<p>Cuyama Basin</p>	<p>Cuyama Basin is designated as a high priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. The Cuyama Basin GSA was formed through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and is an independent agency governed by a Board of Directors for Cuyama Basin. An amended GSP was submitted to DWR on July 20, 2022 and on March 3, 2023, DWR issued a recommended "approval" of the GSP. Final approval is expected in the coming months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GSA is finalizing policies to implement pumping reductions for 2023 and 2024 in the Central Management Area and is presenting final allocations for consideration of Board approval at its May 3, 2023 Board meeting. • New well permit policies have been approved by the Board and are available on the GSA's website. • A Groundwater Extraction Fee Public Hearing to set the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 fee is scheduled for May 3, 2023. • The next Cuyama Basin GSA Advisory and Board meetings are scheduled for April 27, 2023 and May 3, 2023, respectively. <p>For more information, please visit: www.cuyamabasin.org</p>

<p>San Luis Obispo Basin</p>	<p>San Luis Obispo Basin is designated as a high priority basin. The County and City of San Luis Obispo GSAs, in coordination with other basin partners through the Groundwater Sustainability Commission (GSC) developed and submitted a GSP for the SLO Basin to DWR by the January 31, 2022 statutory deadline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A \$7.6 million application for grant funds was successfully submitted to the California Department of Water Resources for grant implementation round 2; draft award announcements expected in April/May 2023. • The GSC approved the Annual Report for Water Year 2021-2022 which was submitted to DWR by the April 1st deadline. • Spring groundwater levels were measured during April 2023 and will be reported on at the next GSC meeting. • The next GSC meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023. <p>Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the basin specific efforts by attending workshops and meetings of the GSC for the San Luis Obispo Basin.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/slobasin</p>
<p>Adelaida Area</p>	<p>The Adelaida Area is not a DWR designated groundwater basin; however, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is coordinating with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resources Conservation District (RCD) to conduct a hydrogeologic study within the Adelaida area. The goal of the study is to provide a better understanding of the of the groundwater conditions in the Adelaida area so that informed decisions can be made about managing local water resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On June 8, 2021, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to proceed with Task 2 which consists of new data collection, including but not limited to: groundwater level data, water quality sampling, and surface-water monitoring. • Staff returned to the Board on January 25, 2022 to authorize a Joint Funding Agreement between the District and USGS to begin work on Task 2. • County Staff, USGS, and the RCD are currently working with landowners in the study area to complete Task 2, which includes establishing a groundwater level monitoring network, water quality sampling, and surface water monitoring. • USGS has established the initial groundwater level monitoring network, installed a stream gage along the Paso Robles Creek, and will continue to collect groundwater and surface water data. <p>For more information, please visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/adelaidastudy • https://www.usgs.gov/centers/ca-water/science/evaluation-groundwater-resources-adelaida-area-san-luis-obispo-county?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

County SGMA website – The County has a SGMA website with an interactive mapping tool available for each medium and high priority basin in the county. Residents can verify whether a specific parcel is within a priority basin boundary and, therefore, whether the parcel is subject to SGMA requirements. The following websites include other informative materials, such as SGMA fact sheets and recent presentation materials. Visit the websites and basin-specific page links to learn more and to sign up for the County's SGMA email list.

WRAC members and interested stakeholders are encouraged to join the various mailing lists for groundwater basin management efforts:

San Luis Obispo County's SGMA Website and Mailing List Sign-up

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/sgma>

California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Website and Mailing List

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management>

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

The RWMG recommended and WRAC supported Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Application was approved by the Board of Supervisors for submittal at the November 1st, 2022 meeting. The recommended suite of projects is shown below:

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Funding Recommendation
City of Morro Bay	Indirect Potable Reuse	\$8,709,715	\$1,200,000
City of Pismo Beach	Central Coast Blue, Phase 1	\$54,469,000	\$1,000,000
Oceano CSD	Water Resource Reliability Projects	\$1,160,530	\$600,000
SLOCFC&WCD	Master Water Report Information System	\$1,645,729	\$549,755
San Miguel CSD	Water Reliability Projects	\$4,497,000	\$300,000*
SLOCFC&WCD	Grant Admin	\$ 132,374	\$ 132,374
Total		\$70,614,348	\$3,782,129

* San Miguel's project had 3 components; this covers the entire estimated cost of one specific component.

We are expecting draft awards to be announced in the next 1-2 months. The application was submitted on 1/31/2023.

At this time, additional IRWM-related grant opportunities are not anticipated. To be notified of the upcoming meetings or any project-related documents, visit www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm.

A summary of open and pending IRWM grants is below:

Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Mgmt Grant (2011)	\$2,797,000	Close-out	
Flood Control Zone 1/1A – Modified 3a Project	\$2,797,000	Close-out	Flood Control District
Prop 84 Implementation Grant (2011)	\$10,401,000	Complete	
Los Osos Wastewater Project	\$5,945,444	Complete	County of SLO

Flood Control Zone 1/1A – Modified 3c Project	\$2,200,000	Complete	Flood Control District
Nipomo Supplemental Water Project	\$2,200,000	Complete	Nipomo CSD
Grant Administration	\$55,556	Complete	Flood Control District
Prop 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement 2017	\$877,563	Complete	
FCD Funding Administration	\$20,700	Complete	Flood Control District
Disadvantaged Community Needs Assessment	\$67,738	Complete	Flood Control District
Water Resource Reliability Program, Phase 2	\$177,750	Complete	Oceano CSD
Turnout Pump Station Design & Water Master Plan Update	\$177,750	Complete	City of Grover Beach
Water Res. Recovery Facility, SLO Value Engineering at 60% Design	\$78,125	Complete	City of SLO
Reservoir Expansion Project & Water Master Plan Update	\$177,750	Complete	San Simeon CSD
Wastewater Plant Upgrade Study and Recharge Basin Study	\$177,750	Complete	San Miguel CSD
Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 1	\$2,782,130	In Progress	
Grant Administration	\$155,000	In Progress	Flood Control District
One Water SLO, MBR/UV Component	\$1,314,530	In Progress	City of SLO
8th Street Well Construction	\$238,100	In Progress	Los Osos CSD
Supplemental Water Project, Final Phase	\$800,000	Close-out	Nipomo CSD
Water Resource Reliability Program, Projects #1-1, #1-9	\$274,500	Close-out	Oceano CSD
Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 2 (est. award date: mid 2023)	\$3,782,129		
TBD	TBD	TBD	Project Sponsors

For questions, contact:

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e) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

Last summer, the District Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc. to develop the Master Water Report Update and Information System. This occurred on June 7, 2022:

<https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/agendaitem/details/14655>

Task Three, the Data and Information Audit, is, for all intents and purposes, complete. The Carollo team is currently compiling and reviewing the feedback from County Staff, other agencies, and the public. Task Four, the Alternatives Analysis and Selection and Task 5, Development, have started. Internal stakeholder outreach has continued as it relates to water data and the County's requirements for hosting the completed software solution. This outreach has included County IT/GIS, County Planning & Building, County Groundwater Sustainability, SLOCOG and LAFCO.

Staff expects to provide WRAC a more detailed update in June.

f) State Water Project (SWP)

- The 2023 SWP allocation increased on 3/24/23 to 75%. This amounts to 18,750-AF for SLO County.
- The next State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee (SWSAC) meeting will be held on May 5, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the County Government Center, Room D361, San Luis Obispo, CA.

For more information, please visit <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/State-Water-Project-and-Subcontractors-Advisory-Co.aspx>

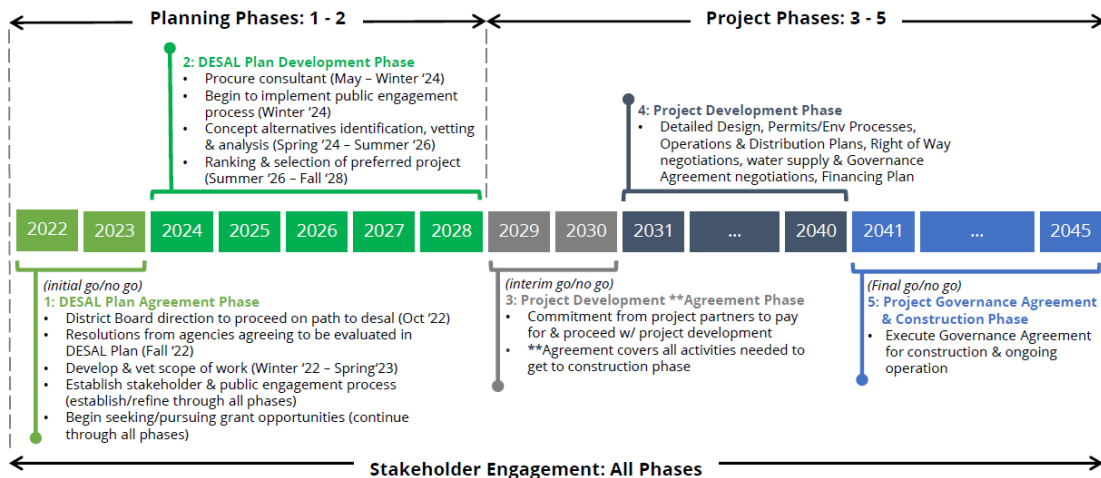
g) Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)

Desalination, the process of removing salt from seawater and/or brackish water to create freshwater, can provide a safe, long term, drought-proof and resilient water supply. On October 18, 2022, the District Board of Supervisors authorized staff to kickoff a DESAL Planning effort in coordination with other participating water-purveying agencies and stakeholders. Over the following months, partner agencies adopted resolutions agreeing to be considered in the DESAL Plan and District staff pursued grant funding to help offset project costs. On April 18, 2023, the Board adopted a resolution designating the Director of Public Works, or designee, as the authorized representative to prepare, review, approve and file a grant application and execute agreements with the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), should a grant be awarded in October, 2023.

The next step in the effort to identify and implement a desalination project in San Luis Obispo County is for District staff to return to the Board with a consultant contract for DESAL Plan Development.

The following graphic lays out a potential timeline and phase descriptions for a desalination project. For more information, please visit the County's new DESAL Plan webpage at <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/DESAL>.

Desalination Executable Solution And Logistics Plan **DESAL Plan***



h) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

The County Department of Planning & Building's website for the water conservation programs in Nipomo Mesa, Paso Basin, and Los Osos: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Countywide-Water-Conservation-Program.aspx>

Nipomo Mesa

Offset Programs. The County is continuing to process building permits subject to the County's water offset fees at a 1:1 ratio to fund the Cash for Grass, Washer Rebate, and Plumbing Retrofit Programs, available for both residential and commercial uses. Funding is currently limited for the rebate programs and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants in the Nipomo CSD service area may pay the CSD's supplemental water fee to meet the County's offset requirement. For more information, visit: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Nipomo-Mesa-Water-Conservation-Area-\(NMWCA\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Nipomo-Mesa-Water-Conservation-Area-(NMWCA).aspx)

Paso Basin

Offset Programs. In the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, there are limited funds available for the Cash for Grass, Washer Rebate, and Plumbing Retrofit Programs, available to both residential and commercial property owners. A well meter is required for compliance with Title 19.

The Ag Offset ordinance requires property owners to verify that new and expanded irrigated commercial crops are not increasing their existing water use on-site, based on a 5 year look back period, with a 5 AFY exemption for sites that do not have existing irrigation and are outside of the area of severe decline. For more information, visit:

[https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin-\(PRGWB\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin-(PRGWB).aspx).

The recent Executive Order N-7-22 does not inhibit the agricultural offset clearance program, with the exception that new well applications must be reviewed by Environmental Health (EHS) and the relevant GSA, per the requirements of the EO.

Los Osos

Updated Guide to Planning Information for Development in Los Osos. This website is currently the best resource for FAQ concerning what type of development is currently allowed within Los Osos: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Grid-Items/Community-Engagement/Communities-Villages/Los-Osos.aspx>. Topics covered include but are not limited to:

- Which types of permit applications are currently being accepted for processing;
- Status of the building moratorium and waitlist for undeveloped parcels in the sewer service area (still in place); and
- Status of the Communitywide Habitat Conservation Plan.

Offset Requirement. The retrofit-to-build program within the community of Los Osos is allowing property owners to retrofit washers and/or hot water recirculation pumps within and outside the

prohibition zone to acquire retrofit credits to offset water use for new development at a 2:1 ratio. Program information is available at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture-Water-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Los-Osos-Groundwater-Basin-Plumbing-Retrofit-to-Bu.aspx>

Water Offset Study. The County has hired [Maddaus Water Management Inc.](#) to prepare a study to update water usage estimates for urban and rural residences sourcing water from the Los Osos Groundwater Basin, propose new water conservation measures for the retrofit-to-build program, and estimate remaining water savings potential for the community. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of June 2023. Updates are posted at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Grid-Items/Community-Engagement/Active-Planning-Projects/Los-Osos-Water-Offset-Study.aspx>

Los Osos Community Plan. The Los Osos Community Plan ("LOCP") is being reviewed by the California Coastal Commission and a hearing date has not yet been scheduled. On December 15, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors adopted the Los Osos Community Plan ("LOCP") update and Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR"). The LOCP policies are still subject to change based on California Coastal Commission review. The LOCP and FEIR considered by the Board on December 15th are available at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LosOsosPlan-1.aspx>.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). On February 11, 2022, the California Coastal Commission voted to approve the County's Coastal ADU Ordinance with staff suggested modifications, including not allowing ADUs in Los Osos and Cambria, outlined in the staff report available at: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/#/2022/2> (agenda item #16d).

On April 4, 2023, the County BOS heard the California Coastal Commission's suggested modifications to the Coastal ADU Ordinance. The most significant of the modifications was the exclusion of Los Osos and Cambria from the areas of the Coastal Ordinance where ADUs are an allowable use. Please find the meeting recording and staff report here: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Home/Meetings-Calendar.aspx>.

Please contact waterprograms@co.slo.ca.us for further information or questions.

i) Updates on AG Creek Levee

Below are responses to questions posed at the 4/5/23 Meeting. For future AG Creek Levee discussion, staff directs interested parties to the Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Flood-Control-Zones/Zone-1-1A-Arroyo-Grande-Creek-Channel.aspx>

- Were dunes removed near Manual Breach Site #2 to allow water to flow out of the creek?
 - No dunes were removed as part of the Manual Breach action on January 10th.
- Has Union Pacific expressed interest in participating/engaging to solve some of the issues?
 - Union Pacific did remove some debris from the UPRR bridge this winter, and County staff will continue to engage with Union Pacific to find solutions to hydraulic issues near the bridge.

- How did the flap gate at Arroyo Grande Lagoon perform while the creek was flooding?
 - To the County's knowledge, the flap gate worked as intended and prevented flow from going into the Meadow Creek lagoon area during the various storm events. Staff did occasionally observe some small vegetative debris in the flap-gates and cleared those promptly.
- Did the channel meet its designed objective/goals per the WMP? If not, why didn't it and what are the lessons learned?
 - Evaluation of the performance targets of the WMP is ongoing between County staff and the regulatory agencies. County Staff will continue to work to achieve the performance targets described in the WMP in regards to Vegetation and Sediment Management while simultaneously evaluating additional projects to restore capacity and permanently repair compromised sections of levee.
- How did debris contribute to issues on Jan. 9?
 - Downed trees and debris did contribute to flooding issues on January 9th by decreasing channel capacity and causing a backwater effect downstream of the UPRR railroad bridge. The County has removed downed trees that pose a hazard to the levees, and will conduct additional vegetation management this summer to restore capacity.

Rainfall and Reservoir Updates

Sub-Region	Area / Rain Station	Average Annual Rainfall	2021-22 Water Year Total Rainfall	2022-23 Water Year													
				July 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Cumulative Total	% of Total Average
North Coast	Cambria Area (ALERT #717)	22.0	14.65 (67%)	0	0	1.10	0	1.55	10.01	10.94	4.12	12.36 ^A	0.02 ^A			40.10	182%
	Whale Rock Reservoir (County Site #166.1)	16.0	11.64 (73%)	0	0	0.76	0.03	0.99	5.78	8.47	3.41	9.16 ^A	^C			28.60	179%
Inland	Paso Robles (County Site #10.0)	14.1	11.66 (83%)	0	0	0.29	0	0.89	6.77	10.46	3.13	7.17 ^A	0 ^A			28.71	203%
	NE Atascadero (ALERT #711)	17.0	8.51 (50%)	0	0	0.47	0	1.26	7.09	10.56	3.39	5.99 ^A	0 ^A			28.76	169%
	Atascadero MWC (County Site #34.0)	17.5	12.07 (69%)	0	0	0.63	0	1.70	7.67	15.12	4.19	8.13 ^A	0 ^A			37.44	214%
	Santa Margarita (ALERT #723)	24.0	11.97 (50%)	0	0	1.22	0	1.56	11.02	15.03	6.86	11.55 ^A	0 ^A			47.24	197%
	Salinas Dam (ALERT #719)	20.9	13.94 (67%)	0	0	1.24	0	1.74	13.08	15.59	7.45	11.59 ^A	0 ^A			50.69	243%
	Rocky Butte (ALERT #703)	40.0	30.02 (75%)	0	0	3.23	0	4.09	26.83	26.95	8.04	27.00 ^A	0 ^A			96.14	240%
South Coast	SLO Reservoir (ALERT #749)	24.0	13.48 (56%)	0	0	1.34	0	1.16	13.19	15.66	5.52	15.28 ^A	0.01 ^A			52.16	217%
	Lopez Dam (ALERT #737)	21.0	12.94 (62%)	0	0	2.70	0.01	2.16	10.59	12.88	5.89	12.99 ^A	0 ^A			47.22	225%
	Nipomo South (ALERT #730)	16.0	8.35 (52%)	0	0	1.36	0	0.93	5.77	7.45	4.47	6.01 ^A	0.02 ^A			26.01	163%
	Nipomo East (ALERT #728)	18.0	10.43 (58%)	0	0	0.94	0	0.83	8.10	10.91	5.68	10.67 ^A	0.04 ^A			37.17	207%

A - Report generated at 2:00 PM on 4-26-2023

B - Due to an equipment malfunction, not all rain was recorded at this site.

C - Information not available at time of update

D - Missing data

E - Planned maintenance outage; data to be included in future update.

Notes:

This table contains provisional data from automated gauges and has not been verified.
All units reported in inches.

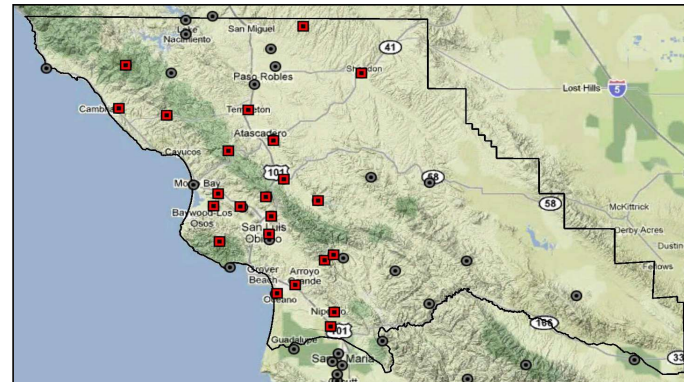
Reservoir Update

Reservoir	Date	Water Elevation (ft)	Spillway Elevation (ft)	Storage (acre-feet)	Capacity (%)
Nacimiento Reservoir	April 26, 2023	796.85	787.75 - 800.0 (wigates fully inflated)	360,018	95%
	April 25, 2022	733.80		101,888	27%
San Antonio Reservoir	April 26, 2023	758.20	780.0	228,590	68%
	April 25, 2022	681.50		38,018	11%
Lopez Reservoir	April 26, 2023	522.77	522.7	49,545	100%
	April 25, 2022	466.70		14,152	29%
Salinas Reservoir (Santa Margarita Lake)	April 26, 2023	1,300.91	1300.7	23,972	101%
	April 25, 2022	1,286.0		14,614	61%
Whale Rock Reservoir	April 19, 2023	216.00	218.3	38,967	100%
	April 27, 2022	198.70		29,564	76%
Twitchell Reservoir	March 31, 2023	623.1	651.5	108,273	56%
	April 25, 2022	n/a		0	0%

Note 1: Historically, Twitchell Reservoir elevation gauge does not report values below 539 ft. Twitchell Reservoir was designed for protection from flood and drought. Excess rain runoff is stored in the reservoir protecting the valley from flood, then water is released as quickly as possible while still allowing it to recharge the groundwater basin.

Note 2: In May 2014, the Whale Rock Commission adopted a new Bathymetric Study and Volumetric Analysis with new lake capacity and spillway elevation values. Those new values are reflected in this report.

Select Real-Time Rain Gauges in SLO County



Notes:

Sites maintained by County staff are identified with red squares.
Sites maintained by other agencies are identified with black circles.
For more information, please email PW.WR.TechUnit@co.slo.ca.us.

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: May 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Item 8: Future Agenda Items

Upcoming Meetings

June 7:

- Presentation from County Staff on Lopez Lake
- Presentation from County Staff on Master Water Report Update

Areas of Interest – Future

- Consider Recreational use of water resources to be under purview of WRAC
- Update on policies and studies related to groundwater in fractured rock
- Update on Salinas Reservoir Dam Project
- Well permitting regulation as a tool for groundwater management
- Mater Water Report Update
- Desalination opportunities / DESAL Plan
- Nacimiento and San Antonio Lake Tunnel Project
- Regional Water Quality Control Board – Stormwater Capture
- Biosolids Updates (i.e. barriers, regulations, etc.)
- City and/or Sector panel discussions
- Nursery & landscape panel discussion

Excerpt from WRAC By-laws dated September 1, 2020

Administration: The Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, shall prepare the agenda for each regular and special meeting of the WRAC. Any WRAC member may contact the Secretary and Chairperson and request that an item be placed on the regular meeting agenda no later than 4:30 p.m. twelve calendar days prior to the applicable meeting date. Such a request must be also submitted in writing either at the time of communication with the Secretary or delivered to the County Public Works Department within the next working day. Consideration of the request by the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, for inclusion on the agenda will be limited to include review for consistency with District and Board of Supervisors priorities, the mandate of the WRAC, and available time.