

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, October 2, 2024
1:30 pm

Via Zoom Teleconference:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88647250277?pwd=NDRwQXVqMjZkVzN2Z0x5RkR3QmNDUT09>

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 June 5, 2024 WRAC Meeting Minutes	1:35pm
3.	Approval of June 25, 2024 WRAC Meeting Minutes	1:40pm
4.	Receive Presentation from County Staff regarding SB-552 (2018), County Drought Planning Requirements	1:45pm
5.	Consider forming an Ad-hoc Subcommittee to Review Draft Policy on State Water Project Priorities and Criteria for Use	2:15pm
6.	Provide Feedback to County Staff regarding Updates to the Rain and Reservoir Report	2:30pm
7.	Ongoing Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Rain & Reservoir Reportb. Drought Updatesc. Groundwater Basin Management Effortsd. Flood Control Zonese. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)f. Master Water Report (MWR) Updateg. State Water Project (SWP)h. Desalinationi. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinancesj. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information	2:40pm
8.	Future Agenda Items	2:50pm
9.	Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda	2:55pm
10.	Adjourn Meeting	3:00pm

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

Next Regular Meeting: November 6, 2024, 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 January 23, 2024

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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MINUTES (DRAFT)

Chairperson: Thomas Burhenn
Vice Chairperson: Jim Guthrie
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 **June 5, 2024** 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 14. Quorum met.

2) **Approval of May 1, 2024, WRAC Meeting Minutes**

Item start time ~ [00:02:36](#)

T. Burhenn introduces the item and asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

E. Greening requests a correction to his motion written on Page 5, noting that he did not move to approve, but to *recommend approval* of the FY 2024-25 Flood Control Budget.

L. Chipping moves to approve the May 1, 2024, meeting minutes, with corrections.

C. Mulholland seconds the motion. Motion carries 12-0-2-3.

3) **Receive Presentation on "Are We Ready?" from Dave Hovde from KSBY Chief Meteorologist**

[Click here to view the recording of this presentation \(start time ~ 00:03:52\)](#)

T. Burhenn introduces the item and D. Hovde presents on climate related topics, including water/weather, the environment, technology and others to the Committee.

D. Hovde asks for questions or comments from the Committee and members of the public.

E. Greening, D. Logan, A. Pease, P. Clark, C. Mulholland, and G. Grewal speak.

4) Receive Presentation on Regional Collaboration to Achieve Water Resilience from Jeff Szytel of Water Systems Consulting (WSC)

[*Click here to view the recording of this presentation \(start time ~ 00:39:38\)*](#)

T. Burhenn introduces the item and J. Szytel presents on Regional Collaboration to Achieve Water Resilience – Case Studies from Ventura and San Bernardino Counties.

J. Szytel asks for questions or comments from the Committee and members of the public. D. Crater, D. Roques, A. Pease, N. Teague, D. Chipping and C. Mulholland speak.

5) Ongoing Updates

Item start time ~ [01:26:47](#)

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comments.

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comments.

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

G. Grewal comments on outreach efforts in the Paso Basin to expand the well monitoring network, areas that could benefit from stormwater recharge, NWP pipeline repairs, and Paso Basin GSA outreach efforts on the GSP annual reports.

d) Flood Control Zones

No comments.

e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

No comments.

f) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

No comments.

g) State Water Project (SWP)

B. Clark comments that the next State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee meeting is on Friday, June 7th at 10am to discuss term sheet changes for potential water transfers. The item will go before the Board of Supervisors in August.

T. Burhenn comments that if there is interest from the WRAC, and if Members would be willing and available to meet, a special meeting could be scheduled to discuss the topic of State Water transfers before it goes to the Board of Supervisors.

Committee Members and staff discuss holding a special meeting towards the end of June to discuss as a single topic on the agenda. A link to the State Water Subcontractors

Advisory Committee meeting agenda will be distributed to interested WRAC Members and communication about a scheduled special meeting will follow.

G. Grewal asks about financial implications and who would be receiving the potential water transfers? T. Burhenn responds.

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

No comments.

i) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

No comments.

j) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

No comments.

6) Future Agenda Items

Item start time ~ [01:37:29](#)

C. Mulholland suggests a follow up on the Dana Reserve EIR and other water supply issues in south county.

D. Logan suggests a status update on the turnout of the Nacimiento State Pipeline.

M. van Ryn suggests an update on domestic wells in South county and the volume of water being pulled from the basin.

7) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda

B. Clark comments on the local Regional Water Quality Control Board's draft order regarding fuel reduction and sediment/vegetation management within waterways. Comments are due July 17th.

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District 4	Thomas Burhenn	M			X		X	X							
	David Crater	A						X							
District 5	Allen Duckworth	M					X	X							
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AT-LARGE															
Agriculture At-Large	Jon Winstead	M			X		X								
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	Jason Yeager	A						X							
Development At-Large	Taylor Simpson	M													
	Tim Walters	A			X										
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Water Resources Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form
Meeting Date: 6/05/2024

Organization	DISTRICT	Representative	ITEM 2: May Minutes																							
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QUORUM (MIN. 12): 14

Item #:	2	Pass/Fail?:	Pass
Motion Maker:	L Chipping	Second:	C Mulholland
AYE:	12	NO:	2
ABSTAIN:		ABSENT:	3
Approval of May 1, 2024 Minutes			

Item #:		Pass/Fail?:	
Motion Maker:		Second:	
AYE:		NO:	
ABSTAIN:		ABSENT:	

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Call to order at 11:00 AM

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

The number of voting Members present is 23. Quorum met.

2) **Receive Update from County Staff regarding Proposed 2024 State Water Transfer and Consider Actions**

[*Click here to view a recording of this item \(start time ~ 00:02:24\)*](#)

T. Burhenn introduces the item and W. Thomson, County of SLO Supervising Water Utilities Engineer, presents on the proposed 2024 State Water Transfer and the District's policy direction to staff.

T. Burhenn asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

E. Greening asks where does CCWA fit in with this? Would it lead to less water being moved through the Coastal Branch? Does it affect fixed costs for the operation of the Coastal Branch? W. Thompson responds.

G. Grewal asks how the money will benefit County taxpayers for the unsubscribed portion being sold.

C. Mulholland asks if the District sells surplus State Water, will the money go back to the taxpayers, and if not, where will those funds go. W. Thompson responds.

P. Brown comments on the direct benefits to the water utilities (subcontractors) to sell unused allocations and use the funds for CIPs, rate offsets, etc.

C. Mulholland asks if subsidizing water to the west side districts will result in the most beneficial use of the water. What will the water be used for? D. Chisam responds.

S. Carter asks how the price per AF is determined? W. Thompson and P. Brown respond.

P. Brown asks for clarification about when payment would be made. W. Thompson responds.

S. Carter comments that the District wouldn't be subsidizing water to the west side districts, clarifying that this would be a sale of available water to a willing buyer on the market. W. Thompson responds.

E. Greening asks about the validation of the CEQA exemption and asks if this will lead to more diversion to the west side as opposed to the side the salmon are migrating on. W. Thompson responds.

J. Guthrie asks as a one-time sale, would you have to go back to the Board for future occurrences? W. Thompson responds.

J. Guthrie comments on the Master Plan and asks for clarification on the policy of excess use allocation? W. Thompson responds.

E. Eby asks for clarification on where the money from the sale will go? W. Thompson and K. Franco respond.

C. Mulholland asks if excess water could be stored in Nacimiento Reservoir. Members of the audience respond.

S. Carter motions to endorse staff's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve a one-time sale and transfer of surplus State Water.

R. Shady seconds the motion.

Motion carries 21-1-1.

3) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda

Item starts – [00:45:55](#)

G. Grewal comments on Nacimiento Pipeline repairs and disruption in water deliveries/use.

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	Joey Steil	Staff			X		X	X	X						

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Water Resources Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form
Meeting Date: 6/25/2024

Organization	DISTRICT	Representative	ITEM 2: State Water Transfer																			
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California Men's Colony		Scott Buffice	M																			
California Men's Colony		Mike Schwartz	A																			
Camp SLO		(Vacant)	M																			
Camp SLO		Julius Salda	A																			
County Farm Bureau		John G. Smith	M																			
County Farm Bureau		Brian Burdett	A																			
Guesta College		(Vacant)	M																			
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Golden State Water		Matt Cook	M																			
Golden State Water		Mark Zimmer	A																			
Shandon-San Juan Water District		Stephen Sinton	M																			
Shandon-San Juan Water District		Ray Shady	A																			
Estrella El Pomar Creston Water District		Lee Nesbit	M																			
Estrella El Pomar Creston Water District		Halcy Graves	A																			
CITIES																						
City of Arroyo Grande		Jim Guthrie	M																			
City of Arroyo Grande		Kristen Bameleh	A																			
City of Alascadero		Charles Boutreau	M																			
City of Alascadero		Nick DeBar	A																			
City of Grover Beach		Clint Weirick	M																			
City of Grover Beach		Robert Robert	A																			
City of Morro Bay		Laurel Barton	M																			
City of Morro Bay		Cyndee Edwards	A																			
City of Paso Robles		Christopher Alakell	M																			
City of Paso Robles		Mark Edwards	A																			
City of Pismo Beach		Marco Gutierrez	M																			
City of Pismo Beach		Stacy Irman	A																			
City of San Luis Obispo		Andy Phease	M																			
City of San Luis Obispo		Emily Francis	A																			
CSDs																						
Avila Beach CSD		Brad Hagemann	M																			
Avila Beach CSD		(Vacant)	A																			
Cambria CSD		Jim Green	M																			
Cambria CSD		Tristan Reager	A																			
Hearings Ranch CSD		Scott Smith	M																			
Hearings Ranch CSD		David Goodall	A																			
Los Osos CSD		Chuck Owens	M																			
Los Osos CSD		Ron Mundis	A																			
Nipomo CSD		Ed Eby	M																			
Nipomo CSD		Phil Henry	A																			
Oceanco CSD		Alaine Villa	M																			
Oceanco CSD		Beverly Joyce-Sumner	A																			
San Miguel CSD		Kelly Dodds	M																			
San Miguel CSD		Dustin Palmer	A																			
San Simeon CSD		(Vacant)	M																			
San Simeon CSD		(Vacant)	A																			
Templeton CSD		Debra Logan	M																			
Templeton CSD		(Vacant)	A																			
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QUORUM (MIN. 12): 23

Item #:	2	Pass/Fail?:	Pass
Motion Maker:	S. Carter	Second:	R. Shady
AYE:	21	NO:	1
ABSTAIN:		ABSENT:	1
Motion to endorse staff's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve a one-time sale and transfer of surplus State Water			

Item #:		Pass/Fail?:	
Motion Maker:		Second:	
AYE:		NO:	
ABSTAIN:		ABSENT:	

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WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

GUEST LIST 2024

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	JUN*	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Aaron Floyd	City of SLO						X							
Alejandra Celio	County of SLO						X							
Angela Ford	County of SLO						X							
Ann Fletcher	County of SLO					X								
Anthony Cemo	Carollo						X							
Austin McCollum	Black & Veach			X			X							
Brian Nelson	City of SLO			X										
Charles Varni	OCSO						X							
David Crater	District 4					X								
Greg Grewal	Cattlemans Association					X	X	X						
Hank Krzciuk	Resident						X							
Harold Wright	County of SLO					X								
Heather Freed	Water Systems Consulting (WSC)						X							
Isabella Garrone	City of SLO					X	X							
Jeff Edwards	Resident			X		X	X							
Jeff Szytel	Water Systems Consulting (WSC)						X							
Jim Babcock	Water Systems Consulting (WSC)						X							
Josh Porter	County of SLO			X		X	X							
Julie Tacker	Resident						X							
Kate Ballantyne	County of SLO							X						
Katie Franco	County of SLO							X						
Kyle Anderson	City of SLO						X							
Leah Readal	Cambria CSD			X										
Louis Lafebvre	Carollo			X										
Matthew Scrudato	Santa Barbara County Water Agency			X			X							
Mike Chism	San Miguelito MWC							X						
Navid Fardanesh	TCSD							X						
Nick Teague	City of SLO			X		X	X	X						
Nola Engelskirger	County of SLO							X						
Paul Clark	SLO Farm Bureau						X	X						
Peter Brown	OCSO							X						
Rob Morrow	Water Systems Consulting (WSC)						X							
Shawna Scott	City of SLO						X							
Spencer Waterman	Water Systems Consulting (WSC)						X							
Tim Kershaw	Cleath-Harris					X								
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company					X	X							
Troy Barnhart	County of SLO						X							
Wes Thompson	County of SLO							X						
Zach Merkel	J. Lohr Vineyards							X						

*Special Meeting

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

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TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: October 2, 2024

SUBJECT: Item 4: Receive Presentation from County Staff regarding SB-552 (2018), County Drought Planning Requirements

Discussion

Senate Bill 552 was signed in 2021 and places new requirements on county governments to better implement more proactive drought planning and preparation for rural communities supplied by domestic wells and state small water systems. This law, and DWR's associated guidance, allows for counties to reference and utilize existing plans for compliance. County staff is working on organizing the existing plans and supplemental efforts required to comply with SB-552. Staff has also been participating with the State and other California county staff in SB-552 workgroups (DRIP Collaborative, California County Café Series).

The PowerPoint Presentation will be shared after the meeting.

State Links for more SB-552 information:

[Senate Bill No. 552: California Legislative Information Webpage](#)

[Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities \(SB 552\) Webpage](#)

[Drought Resilience Interagency & Partners \(DRIP\) Collaborative Webpage](#)

[California County Café Series Launch CSAC Promotion May 30, 2024](#)

[County Drought Resilience Planning Assistance Program Webpage](#)

[County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook March 2023 PDF](#)

[Water Shortage Vulnerability \(State Smalls and Domestic Wells Analysis\) Tool](#)

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

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TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer
Wes Thomson, Supervising Water Utilities Engineer

DATE: October 2, 2024

SUBJECT: Item 5: Consider forming an Ad-hoc Subcommittee to Review Draft Policy on State Water Project Priorities and Criteria for Use

Discussion

As reported in the September 2024 ongoing updates and discussed at the September 13, 2024, regular meeting of the State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee meeting, County staff are preparing to take draft policies to the board for review in Q1 of 2025 with recommended updates concerning (1) priority of use and (2) criteria for use of State Water.

- The updates are intended to replace the existing 2003 policy and will be used to evaluate requests to establish new SWP water users within the County.
- They will also guide the County as it works to improve SWP water management and consider cost recovery opportunities.
- Staff anticipate taking advisory votes in December 2024, prior to presenting the proposed policy updates to the Board of Supervisors in 2025.
- See attachments for a copy of the latest draft, which is expected to be refined as it incorporates forthcoming comments from County stakeholders.

Ahead of the December 4 WRAC meeting, District staff would like to inform the WRAC that it can establish an ad hoc subcommittee to review the proposed policy updates. If the WRAC exercises this option, the subcommittee could report its findings to the entire WRAC at the December meeting in conjunction with a staff presentation.

Attachments

1. SWP Priorities and Criteria for Use (DRAFT)
2. 2003 Excess Entitlement Policies
3. Summary of District SWP Subcontracts

State Water Project Policies

State Water Project Allocation - Definition

The State Water Project Allocation is the total amount of State Water Project water that the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (“District”) is entitled to have delivered under its contract with the California Department of Water Resources (“Master Contract”) on an annual basis. The District has entered into subcontracts with a number of entities (collectively, “Subcontractors”) for the potential “Table A” benefit of up to 10,577 acre feet of the State Water Project Allocation on an annual basis.

Relationship to Previously Adopted Policies

These Policies replace / supersede the District’s 2003 Excess Entitlement Policies (Approved by Board of Supervisors January 14, 2003).

Purpose

The Purpose of these Policies is to establish policies that will guide both District staff and the Board in implementing the existing Subcontracts and / or preparing amendments to the Subcontracts that address ways in which water that is not needed under the Subcontracts can be utilized. These policies shall not be deemed to limit future discretionary actions by the District Board of Supervisors or be read as directing action that is any way contrary to existing contractual obligations.

Priority of Use

1. Domestic use shall be considered the highest priority use of water made available under the Master Contract. Domestic use is needed for sustenance, public health and safety, and welfare. State Water shall be used first to address public health, ensure reliable access to safe, affordable drinking water and sanitation.
2. Subcontractors with capacity in Phase II of the Coastal Aqueduct shall have the first right to utilize water made available under the Master Contract.
3. Preference will be given to uses that:
 - a) address a water shortage emergency pursuant to Water Code Section 350,
 - b) provide water supply resiliency,
 - c) store and/or put to beneficial use all available water for priority purposes such as:
 - i. municipal, ii. basin replenishment, iii. agricultural, and iv. environmental,
 - d) provide revenues that recover current costs and some or all of District’s past costs.

State Water Project Policies

4. Preference will be given to local agencies and water purveyors regardless of whether the use is on an annual, multi-year, or permanent basis.
5. Preference will be given to the use at the same (or upstream) financial reach in which the capacity for that allocation terminates. This avoids the “allocation without capacity” issue.
6. Uses terminating downstream of the original place of use (beyond financial reach with capacity for that allocation) would be on a “second priority” or short-term (year-to-year) basis. This ensures deliveries of transferred allocation do not detrimentally impact deliveries of existing allocation to subcontractors.
7. Uses must meet the Board-established Criteria for Use of State Water.

State Water Project Policies

Criteria for Use

The following criteria would be used to evaluate requests for use of State Water:

1. Water be available to existing public agencies, public water companies regulated by the PUC and existing mutual water companies with no water being contracted to individuals.
2. Water may be used as a supplemental supply within the service area of an established public water system only if the water purveyor approves or requests the use.
3. New uses should be consolidated with existing subcontractors, wherever possible.
4. Uses shall not compromise system reliability or reduce delivery capabilities to existing subcontractors.
5. All costs must be paid by the water user.
6. Uses shall not detrimentally impact existing subcontractors from a financial standpoint.
 - a. There shall be no increase in administrative costs to existing subcontractors. No new allocations of less than 20 acre-feet will be allowed.
 - b. There shall be an equitable investment recovery program for existing subcontractors that recover current costs and some or all of past costs.

State Water Project
Excess Entitlement Policies
Approved by Board of Supervisors January 14, 2003

Excess Entitlement - Definition

The District State Water Project “Excess” Entitlement is the portion of the District’s total entitlement that is not contracted to others for their deliverable or drought buffer uses.

Priority of Use

1. Prior to transferring the excess entitlement for any other use, contractors of state water entitlement with capacity in Phase II of the Coastal Aqueduct shall have the first right to utilize the excess entitlement for “drought buffer” (reliability) purposes under the terms of a drought buffer agreement.
2. Preference shall be given to local agencies and water purveyors regardless of whether a transfer is on an annual, multi-year, or a permanent basis.
3. No permanent transfer of the excess entitlement for use outside District boundaries shall be made prior to a final update of the District’s Master Water Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and then only if the transfer is consistent with the then adopted Master Plan. (See ‘Note’ below)
4. No multi-year transfer for use outside District boundaries shall be made with a term in excess of five years prior to a final update to the District’s Master Water Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and then out of District transfers can only take place if the transfer is consistent with the adopted Master Plan.
5. On any out -of-District transfer, preference shall be given to those that provide: a) revenues that recover current costs and some or all of the District’s past costs, b)

maintain the District's right to use the water in the future, or c) which are used for environmental mitigation.

6. The Public Works Director is authorized to determine the annual amount of the excess entitlement to transfer to the State Water Project "Turnback Pools" established under the existing terms of State Water Agreements. In making that determination, the Public Works Director shall first consider local needs and how the use of the Turnback Pool might impact other potential transfers.

Note:

These policies were adopted by the Board of Supervisors "with the understanding there will be no permanent sales outside the District."

Subcontractor Delivery Contracts

9/29/2023 (REV), WT

SUBCONTRACTOR		Annual Water Service Contracted (AF)	Max. Monthly Delivery Contracted (AF)	Max. Flowrate Contracted (at Turnout) (cfs)	Drought Buffer Contracted (AF)	Water Service + Drought Buffer (AF)
<u>DISTRICT TURNOUT</u> SHANDON**	CSA 16 (Shandon)	100	8.33	0.14	0	100
	Subtotal	100	8	0.14	0	100
CHORRO VALLEY (CV Pipeline)	CMC	400	33.33	0.56	400	800
	County (Ops Center)	425	35.42	0.60	425	850
	Cuesta College	200	16.67	0.28	200	400
	City of Morro Bay	1,313	109.41	1.84	2,290	3,603
	Subtotal	2,338	195	3.28	3,315	5,653
LOPEZ (District Zone 3)	City of Pismo Beach	1,240	103.33	1.74	1,240	2,480
	Oceano CSD	750	62.50	1.05	750	1,500
	San Miguelito MWC	275	22.92	0.38	275	550
	Avila Beach CSD	100	8.33	0.14	100	200
	Avila Valley MWC	20	1.67	0.03	60	80
	San Luis Coastal USD	7	0.58	0.01	7	14
	Subtotal	2,392	199	3.35	2,432	4,824
Total Contracted*		4,830	402.49	6.77	5,747	10,577

* Contracted Capacity to Chorro Valley Turnout (AFY) <<<< **District has contracted capacity in Coastal Branch
* Contracted Capacity to Lopez Turnout (AFY) for Shandon's 100 AF all the way to the CV Turnout.

District's "Table A" Allocation (AF)	
Total "Table A" Subcontracted (AF)	25,000
Unsubscribed (Excess) "Table A" Allocation (AF)	10,577
	<u>14,423</u>

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

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TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: October 2, 2024

SUBJECT: Item 6: Provide Feedback to County Staff regarding Updates to the Rain and Reservoir Report

Discussion

Staff would like to discuss the format of the Rain and Reservoir report and entertain ideas to revamp, enhance, etc.

To this end, attached is a draft refresh of the formatting, with an emphasis on the sites managed by the SLO County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

This report is intended to be connected to our wr.slocountywater.org system. The next phase of this effort will include getting a live- (or semi-live) updated version on the District website for more-up-to-date reporting.

Attachments

1. Draft Rain & Reservoir Report

San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Rainfall and Reservoir Report

Generated: 9/24/2024

Notes

- All data from automated sensors and preliminary (subject to verification and/or revision).
All rainfall data in inches.
* denotes data not available at time of generation.
- 1 SLO County FCWCD defines each Water Year from July 1 to the subsequent June 30.
 - 2 Rainfall data for month of generation is partial (only to time of generation).
 - 3 Water Planning Areas as defined by 2018 County IWRM update.
 - 4 Per County Standard Drawing H-1, calculated over 42 year period from WY1955-56 to 1997-98.
 - 5 Elevation datums vary; refer to operating agency materials for detail.
 - 6 Salinas Reservoir was resurveyed in April 2024, with max storage decreasing from 23,843 in 1991. In May 2024, the elevation datum was updated along with the storage-elevation curve. 2023 values use previous datum and storage-elevation
 - 7 n/a (no elevation) is reported for Twitchell when the pool elevation is below 535 feet.



SLO County FCWCD Rain Stations

WPA ³	Station	Water Year 2023-24 ^{1,2}														Average Annual ⁴	Water Year 2022-23	
		July 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25	Year-to-Date	% of Year Average		% of Year Average	Total
North County	Hog Canyon	0	0	0.02										0.02	0%	16	104%	16.70
	Rocky Butte	0	0	0										0	0%	40	181%	72.30
	Shandon	0	0	0										0	0%	12	105%	12.65
	Templeton	0	0.01	0										0.01	0%	18	99%	17.77
	Creston	0	0	0										0	0%	12	135%	16.17
	Atascadero	0	0	0.20										0.20	1%	18	86%	15.56
	Santa Margarita	0	0	0.04										0.04	0%	24	103%	24.78
San Simeon / Cambria	Salinas Dam	0	0	0.08										0.08	0%	22	129%	28.47
	San Simeon	0.05	0.03	0.04										0.12	1%	24	95%	22.84
	Santa Rosa at Main	0	0.01	0.02										0.03	0%	22	114%	25.10
Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	Hwy 46 W 7 Mile	0.02	0.01	0.06										0.09	0%	30	80%	23.94
	Morro Toro	0	0	0.04										0.04	0%	28	118%	33.17
	Canet	0	0.01	0.03										0.04	0%	22	96%	21.10
	Camp San Luis	0	0	0										0	0%	20	127%	25.45
	Los Osos Landfill	0.02	0.05	0.05										0.12	1%	18	120%	21.63
SLO / South County	Davis Peak	0	0	0										0	0%	18	140%	25.22
	South Portal	0	0.03	0.05										0.08	0%	28	116%	32.43
	SLO Reservoir	0	0	0										0	0%	24	102%	24.37
	Gas Company	0	0	0										0	0%	22	99%	21.83
	Upper Lopez	0	0	0										0	0%	30	89%	26.68
	Lopez Rec Area	0	0	0										0	0%	22	107%	23.43
	Lopez Dam	0	0	0										0	0%	20	145%	28.90
	Lopez WTP	0	0	0										0	0%	20	105%	20.93
	Arroyo Grande	*	*	*										0	0%	18	116%	20.91
	Los Berros	0	0	0.12										0.12	1%	20	136%	27.22
	Oceano	0	0.01	0.01										0.02	0%	16	109%	17.43
	Nipomo East	0.07	0.06	0.09										0.22	1%	18	135%	24.29
	Nipomo South	0	0.01	0.01										0.02	0%	14	131%	18.40

Non-County Rain Stations

WPA ³	Operating Agency	Station	Water Year 2023-24 ^{1,2}														Average Annual	Water Year 2022-23	
			July 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25	Year-to-Date	% of Year Average		% of Year Average	Total
North County	City of Paso Robles	Paso Robles	*	*	*										0	0%	14	151%	21.20
	Atascadero Mutual Water Company	Atascadero MWC	0	0	0.06										0.06	0%	17.5	131%	22.87
Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock	0	0	*										0	0%	16	119%	18.96

Reservoirs

WPA ³	Operating Agency	Facility	Spillway Elevation ⁵	Data Date	Pool Elevation ⁵	Capacity	Storage [acre-feet]	Max Storage [acre-feet]
North County	Monterey County Water Agency	Nacimiento Reservoir	787.75 - 800.0 (gate-dependent)	9/23/2024	768.3	58%	220,225	*
				9/28/2023	772.3	63%	237,520	
		San Antonio Reservoir		9/23/2024	762.45	74%	246,880	
	SLO County FCWCD	Salinas Reservoir / Santa Margarita Lake ⁶	780.0	9/28/2023	756.1	66%	219,960	*
				9/23/2024	1301.44	93%	20,814	
				9/28/2023	1297.54	90%	21,576	
Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock Reservoir	218.3	9/3/2024	212.2	94%	36,788	*
				9/28/2023	213.5	96%	37,525	
SLO / South County	SLO County FCWCD	Lopez Reservoir	522.66	9/23/2024	519.54	95%	46,721	*
				9/28/2023	520.66	96%	47,705	
Cuyama	Santa Barbara County FCD	Twitchell Reservoir ⁷	651.5	9/23/2024	n/a	n/a	n/a	194,971
				9/28/2023	582.99	19%	36,131	

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: October 2, 2024

SUBJECT: 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, counties are required to have a 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 very-low 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">• At its June 12, 2024, meeting, the BMC performed the following activities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed and approved the submission of the Final Draft 2023

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

	<p>Los Osos Basin Annual Monitoring Report to the Court to meet the requirements of the Stipulated Judgement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and voted 3-0, with S&T Mutual Water Company's representative abstaining, to concur with the May 9, 2024 Joint Purveyor Letter to the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building regarding the proposed draft Growth Management Ordinance implementation strategy. Approved BMC Staff to prepare an application to pursue a grant from the Rose Foundation's Central Coast Community-Based Water Quality Program to obtain funding for a new lower aquifer monitoring well, potentially located at the intersection of Ramona Ave and 4th Street. The July 2024 BMC meeting was cancelled. At its August 21, 2024, meeting, the BMC performed the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received a presentation by County Planning on the Los Osos Growth Rate Implementation Approach. Receive an update on the Draft Spring 2024 Los Osos Basin Lower Aquifer Water Quality Monitoring Results and Updated Chloride Metric. The regularly scheduled meeting for September 18, 2024, is canceled. The next BMC meeting is a special meeting on September 25, 2024. <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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EC met on March 20, 2024 and passed a resolution to file the Water Year 2023 Annual Report with the California Department of Water Resources. The next EC meeting will be announced once set. <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 County is implementing wellhead improvements at coastal monitoring well cluster 11N/36W-12C (Dunes Well 12C).</p>

	<p>The main purpose of the work is to raise the wellhead, which is covered by dune sand, and to re-equip the well with new, dedicated pumps for water quality monitoring.</p> <p>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 conducted Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Surveys over the Arroyo Grande Subbasin in November 2023 and the resultant data is anticipated late 2024. 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>
Paso Basin	<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, City of Paso Robles GSA, Estrella-El Pomar-Creston WD GSA, San Miguel CSD GSA, and Shandon San Juan WD GSA, entered into an agreement to develop and implement a single GSP for the basin and coordinate via the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PBCC met on July 24, 2024 regarding the following items: updates on 1) the Blended Irrigation Water Supply Project engineering and feasibility study, 2) basin rate study project, 3) grant spending plan and schedule, 4) quarterly expense report, 5) fully-executed amendment No. 2 to the MOA, and 6) Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget approval. • The next Regular PBCC meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2024. <p>For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p>
Cuyama Basin	<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. The final approval with proposed corrective actions was received on May 25, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cuyama Basin GSA met on September 4, 2024, to review and provide direction on improvements to the data management system, the updated Central Management Area boundary and groundwater allocations for 2025-2030 (including an implementation timeline), direction on allocation

	<p>baseline options, and review of the amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) public comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public workshop presenting the amended GSP is set for October 10, 2024, at the Cuyama Valley High School District at 6 p.m. and a public hearing to consider adoption of the amended GSP is set for November 6, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. • The next regular Cuyama Basin GSA Advisory and Board meetings are scheduled for October 31, 2024, and November 6, 2024, respectively. <p>For more information, please visit: www.cuyamabasin.org</p>
San Luis Obispo Basin	<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 stakeholders, formed the Groundwater Sustainability Commission (GSC) to develop and submit a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the SLO Basin to DWR by the January 31, 2022 statutory deadline. The GSP was approved by DWR on April 27, 2023, and per the GSC MOA, the GSC terminated on March 18, 2024. Moving forward, the County GSA will work with local stakeholders to receive relevant feedback on the implementation of the GSP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On April 27, 2023, DWR issued an “approved” determination for the SLO Valley GSP. DWR recommended four corrective actions and the County GSA and City GSA will be addressing these ahead of the next GSP periodic evaluation due January 26, 2027. • No meetings are currently scheduled at this time. <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/slobasin</p>
Adelaida Area	<p>The Adelaida Area is not a DWR designated groundwater basin; however, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) has been coordinating with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resources Conservation District (RCD) on a hydrogeologic study within the Adelaida area. The goal of the study is to provide a better understanding of the groundwater conditions in the Adelaida area so that informed decisions can be made about managing local water resources. USGS, the RCD and District Staff have been working on Task 2 which consists of new data collection, including but not limited to: groundwater level data, water quality sampling, and surface-water monitoring. As Task 2 nears completion, District staff are preparing to return to the Board this fall with recommendations for next steps which may include USGS tasks to integrate and analyze the hydrogeologic system, produce an interpretive report and data release, and continue technical outreach and project coordination.</p> <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

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) County Flood Control Zones

The San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District is a resource to help individuals and communities in San Luis Obispo County identify and address flooding problems with the purpose *"to provide for control, disposition and distribution of the flood and storm waters of the district and of streams flowing into the district..."*

Updates by Zone:

Zone	Update:
<u>Zone 1/1A</u> Arroyo Grande Creek Channel	<p>Flood Control Zone 1/1A includes the maintenance and operations of the Arroyo Grande and Los Berros Channels to provide flood protection within the Zone located near the City of Arroyo Grande and the community of Oceano.</p> <p>The Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee last met on September 17, 2024. County staff provided key updates to the Committee on Phases 2A and 2B of the Levee Rehabilitation Project, the Meadow Creek Lagoon Habitat Restoration Project, the Emergency Watershed Protection Program - Property Buyout Option, annual maintenance, and other flood planning efforts.</p> <p>The staff report for these topics can be viewed here: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Flood-Control-Zones/Zone-1-1A-Arroyo-Grande-Creek-Channel/Meeting-Calendar.aspx</p> <p>The next meeting of the Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 3:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Sheriff's South Patrol Station, 1681 Front Street, Oceano, CA.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone1-1A</p>
<u>Zone 9</u> San Luis Obispo Creek	<p>Flood Control Zone 9 provides flood control data and planning for the area encompassing San Luis Obispo Creek and its tributaries.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Zone 9 Advisory Committee is scheduled for December 11, 2024, at the City of San Luis Obispo Community Development Conference Room 1, 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone9</p>

e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

The District and State completed the Prop. 1, Round 2 Grant Agreement in December 2023. District Staff is currently working with awarded agencies for grant startup.

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	Complete	
Flood Control Zone 1/1A – Modified 3a Project	\$2,797,000	Complete	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 Design & Water Master Plan Update	\$177,750	Complete	City of Grover Beach
WRRF Value Engineering at 60% Design	\$78,125	Complete	City of SLO
Reservoir Exp. Project & Water Master Plan Update	\$177,750	Complete	San Simeon CSD
Wastewater Plant Upgrade & Recharge Basin Studies	\$177,750	Complete	San Miguel CSD
Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 1	\$2,782,130	Complete	
Grant Administration	\$155,000	Complete	Flood Control District
One Water SLO, MBR/UV Component	\$1,314,530	Complete	City of SLO
8th Street Well Construction	\$238,100	Complete	Los Osos CSD
Supplemental Water Project, Final Phase	\$800,000	Complete	Nipomo CSD
Water Resource Reliability Program, Projects 1-1, 1-9	\$274,500	Complete	Oceano CSD
Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 2	\$3,782,129	In Progress	
Grant Administration	\$132,374	In Progress	Flood Control District
Indirect Potable Reuse	\$1,200,000	In Progress	City of Morro Bay
Central Coast Blue, Phase 1	\$1,000,000	TBD	City of Pismo Beach
Master Water Report Information System	\$549,755	In Progress	Flood Control District
Water Resource Reliability Projects	\$600,000	In Progress	Oceano CSD
Water Reliability Projects	\$300,000	In Progress	San Miguel CSD

For questions, contact:

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f) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

October 2024 Update:

County staff and the consultant team are planning the expansion of the Master Water Report Data and Information Management System (DIMS) to the rest of the County. We anticipate the next WRAC update to be early 2025.

Background:

On June 7, 2022, the District Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc. to develop the Master Water Report Update and Information System. Board Item:

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

For more information, please visit the project website:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Current-Public-Works-Projects/Master-Water-Report-and-Data-Information-System.aspx>

g) State Water Project (SWP)

- **Current SWP delivery allocation** – The 2024 SWP allocation remains at 40%, which is expected to hold until the end of the year, and it amounts to 10,000 AF of new “Table A” water in 2024 (40% applies to the 25,000 AF “Table A” contract).
- **State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee (SWSAC):** The next SWSAC meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. For more information, please visit the SWSAC website: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/State-Water-Project-and-Subcontractors-Advisory-Co.aspx>
- **Upcoming SWP Policy Updates (early 2025)** – See item 5 of today’s agenda for details about the upcoming SWP policy updates.

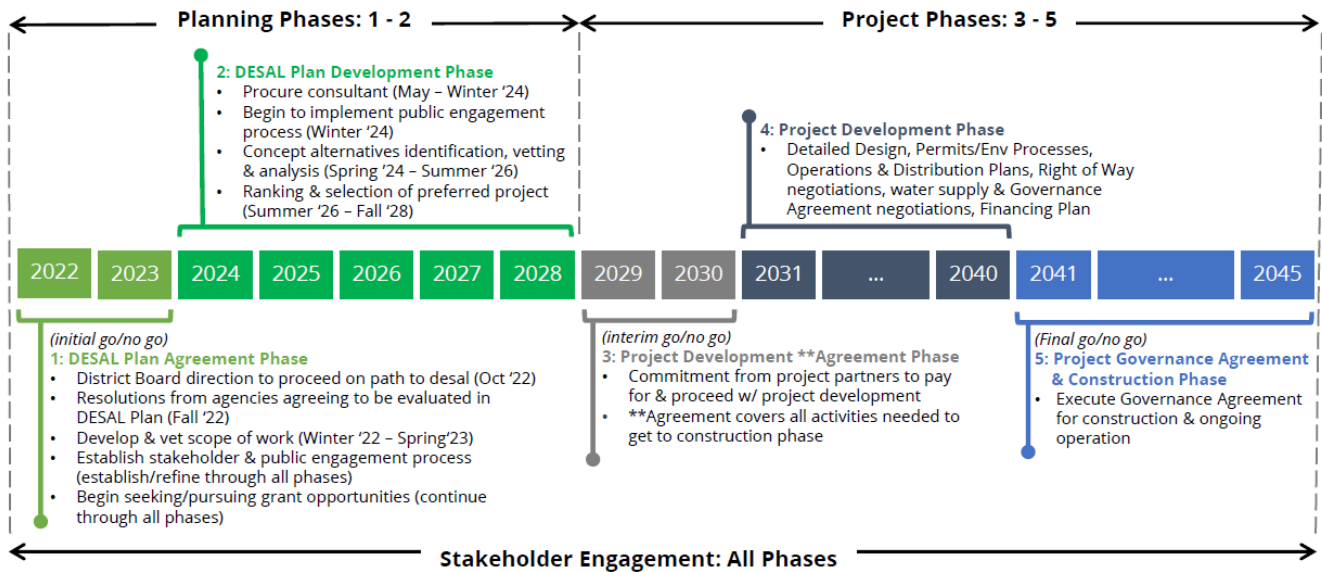
h) Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)

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. The District Board of Supervisors authorized staff to proceed with a planning effort, in coordination with partner agencies who have agreed to be considered in the DESAL Plan, to identify a desalination project in San Luis Obispo County.

The District was recently awarded a grant by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) WaterSMART: Water Recycling and Desalination Planning program to support development of the DESAL Plan and District staff is currently in the consultant procurement process. Anticipated next steps include returning to the Board of Supervisors in late 2024 with a recommended consultant contract for DESAL Plan development.

For more information, including a graphic laying out the potential timeline and phase descriptions, is available at the County’s DESAL Plan webpage at <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/DESAL>.

Desalination Executable Solution And Logistics Plan DESAL Plan*



i) 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 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).

Los Osos

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>

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>

Los Osos Community Plan Update:

On June 13th, 2024, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) unanimously certified an amendment to the Estero Area Plan (EAP) with suggested modifications, based on the Los Osos Community Plan. The new policies and regulations of the amendment do not take effect unless the Board of Supervisors takes action to accept the suggested modifications and the CCC subsequently takes final action, recognizing the Board of Supervisors' acceptance of the suggested modifications.

Key policies and regulations from CCC's June 13th action:

- Residential growth rate cap to be 1% of total residential dwelling units
- Requirement for development to comply with the community-wide Los Osos Habitat Conservation Plan (LOHCP) and Incidental Take Permit
- Requirement for development to be served by a sustainable wastewater treatment system (such as the Los Osos sewer)

On October 29th, the County Board of Supervisors is anticipated to hold a hearing to consider acceptance of California Coastal Commission's suggested modifications, the amendment to the Los Osos Community Plan, establishment of Los Osos growth rate and protocols for implementation of the "Los Osos Waitlist to Build", and implementation of the Los Osos Habitat Conservation Plan.

Los Osos Growth Rate Implementation Approach

At a public hearing (anticipated on October 29th, 2024), the County Board of Supervisors will consider the below approach to the implementation of a growth rate in Los Osos through an amendment to the County Code Title 26 Growth Management Ordinance. County staff (i.e., the Department of Planning & Building) coordinated with the Los Osos Basin Management Committee staff on the below approach. The most recently available public draft of the recommended amendments to the Title 26 Growth Management Ordinance can be found here: [Los Osos Community Plan Update \(ca.gov\)](#)

The Los Osos Basin Management Committee (LOBMC) published the Los Osos Basin Plan in 2015 and produces annual monitoring reports of the Los Osos Groundwater Basin (Basin). The Basin Plan created a process to establish the sustainable yield estimate for the Basin based on infrastructure and pumping distribution combinations and aims to maintain groundwater production at 80 percent or less of the sustainable yield estimate to provide a conservative buffer to account for uncertainty in the groundwater modeling assumptions. The sustainable yield estimate is the maximum amount of water that may be extracted from the Basin in a given year (a) using available infrastructure, (b) without causing seawater to intrude further than the current extent, and (c) without active wells producing water with a chloride concentration exceeding 250 mg/L (BMC Annual Report, 2022). This method for determining the sustainable yield estimate was first implemented in calendar year 2022.

The Basin Yield Metric (BYM) is another metric used to annually monitor basin conditions and compares annual groundwater production with the sustainable yield estimate in a given year. The BYM is the primary indicator of sustainable pumping volume.

The recommended amendments to the Title 26 Growth Management Ordinance as it relates to Los Osos include the following:

- Requirement of annual review of the best available groundwater monitoring data;
- Establishment of an annual growth rate that may not exceed a rate of 1%, including accessory dwelling units and deed-restricted affordable dwelling units;
- Utilization of the Los Osos Waitlist to Build to determine the priority of allocation within the community sewer service area;
- Coordination with the Los Osos Basin Management Committee on an annual basis, in accord with the annual review of the growth rate;
- Establishment of a metered approach to allowable development based on recent available groundwater data where,
 - Remainder of Calendar Year 2024: Growth rate of 0%,
 - Calendar Year 2025: Annual growth rate of 0.4%,
 - Calendar Year 2026: Annual growth rate of 0.6%,
 - Calendar Year 2027: Annual growth rate of 0.8%,
 - Calendar Year 2028 and beyond: Annual growth rate shall be established based on a 5-year rolling average of the BYM (see Table 1).

Table 1. Los Osos Growth Rate Implementation Approach

<u>5-Year Rolling Average of Annual Basin Yield Metric</u>	<u>Annual Growth Rate</u>
<u>≤80%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>
<u>>80% to 81%</u>	<u>0.8%</u>
<u>>81% to 82%</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
<u>>82% to 83%</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
<u>>83% to 84%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
<u>>84%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>

The purpose of recommending a 5-year rolling average of the BYM as the basis for determining the annual growth rate is to provide a safeguard against any irregularities in annual basin conditions that could misrepresent the Basin sustainable yield (for example, high precipitation values). The BYM average for years 2019 through 2024 (despite the sustainable yield methodology change in 2022) reports a 5-year average below 80% (LOBMC Annual Reports, 2019-2023) and could allow for a 1.0% growth rate in Calendar Year 2025. However, it is recommended that a growth rate of 0.4% be applied in Calendar Year 2025, 0.6% in Calendar Year 2026, and 0.8% in Calendar Year 2027 until Calendar 2028 when a 5-year dataset of the BYM, based on the updated sustainable yield methodology, is available.

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

Rainfall and Reservoir Updates

Sub-Region	Area / Rain Station	Average Annual Rainfall	2023-24 Water Year Total Rainfall	2024-25 Water Year												Cumulative Total	% of Total Average
				July 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25		
North Coast	Cambria Area (ALERT #717)	22.0	25.09 (114%)	0	0.01	0.02 ^A										0.03	0%
	Whale Rock Reservoir (County Site #186.1)	16.0	18.96 (118%)	0	0	C										0	0%
Inland	Paso Robles (County Site #10.0)	14.1	21.20 (150%)	C	C	C										0	0%
	NE Alascadero (ALERT #711)	17.0	15.48 (91%)	0	0	0.20 ^A										0.20	1%
	Alascadero MWC (County Site #34.0)	17.5	22.87 (131%)	0	0	0.06 ^A										0.06	0%
	Santa Margarita (ALERT #723)	24.0	24.75 (103%)	0	0	0.04 ^A										0.04	0%
	Salinas Dam (ALERT #719)	20.9	28.44 (136%)	0	0	0.08 ^A										0.08	0%
	Rocky Butte (ALERT #703)	40.0	72.18 (180%)	0	0	0 ^A										0	0%
South Coast	SLO Reservoir (ALERT #749)	24.0	24.35 (101%)	0	0	0 ^A										0	0%
	Lopez Dam (ALERT #737)	21.0	28.89 (138%)	0	0	0 ^A										0	0%
	Nipomo South (ALERT #730)	16.0	18.37 (115%)	0	0.01	0.01 ^A										0.02	0%
	Nipomo East (ALERT #728)	18.0	24.27 (135%)	0.07	0.06	0.08 ^A										0.21	1%

A - Report generated at 4:30 PM on 09-23-2024
B - Due to 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.

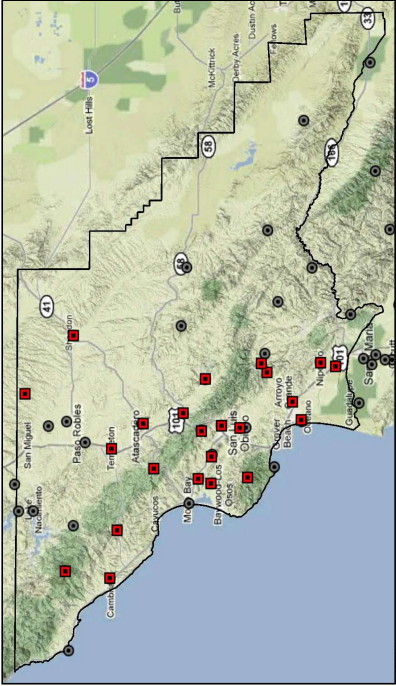
Reservoir Update

Reservoir	Date	Water Elevation (ft)	Spillway Elevation (ft)	Storage (acre-feet)	Capacity (%)
Nacimiento Reservoir	September 23, 2024	768.30	787.75 - 800.0 (Average July Volume)	220,225	58%
	September 28, 2023	772.30		237,520	63%
San Antonio Reservoir	September 23, 2024	762.45	780.0	246,880	74%
	September 28, 2023	756.10		219,960	66%
Lopez Reservoir	September 23, 2024	519.54	522.7	46,721	95%
	September 28, 2023	520.66		47,508	96%
Salinas Reservoir (Santa Margarita Lake)	September 23, 2024	1,301.44	1300.7	20,814	93%
	September 28, 2023	1,297.54		21,576	90%
Whale Rock Reservoir	September 3, 2024	212.20	216.3	36,788	94%
	September 28, 2023	213.50		37,525	96%
Twitchell Reservoir	September 23, 2024	n/a	651.5	0	0%
	September 28, 2023	582.99		36,131	19%

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



TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: October 2, 2024

SUBJECT: Future Agenda Items

Fall 2024 Anticipated topics:

- State Water Policy Updates
- Mobile Irrigation Lab Program

Areas of Interest – Future

- Phase II MS4 Permit Updates – County Staff
- Considering Recreational use of water resources as part of the District's policies.
- 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 January 23, 2024

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.