

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

Wednesday, November 6th, 2024
1:30PM

MINUTES (Approved)

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 **November 6, 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 20. Quorum met.

2) Approval of October 2, 2024, WRAC Meeting Minutes

Item start time ~ 00:02:10

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

C. Mulholland moves to approve the October 2, 2024 meeting minutes, as presented.

J. Guthrie seconds the motion.

Motion carries 18-2-1.

3) Receive Presentation on Mobile Irrigation Lab Program from Coastal San Luis and Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation Districts

Item start time ~ 00:02:57

T. Burhenn introduces the item. L. Danna from the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD and H. Richard from the Coastal San Luis RCD present on the Mobile Irrigation Lab Program.

G. Grewal comments on the need to evaluate the numerous irrigation ponds throughout the county. L. Danna responds.

C. Bourbeau asks if the members of the RCD Board of Directors are elected or approved, and how one would apply for any open vacancies if prerequisites were met. H. Richard responds.

D. Chipping asks about the use and availability of satellite data. L. Danna and H. Richard respond.

J. Guthrie asks if other RCD's have similar funding relationships with Counties and if they offer similar roles or programs. L. Danna and H. Richard responds.

T. Walters asks if the annual program will continue and if the District provides desired outcomes when the funding gets renewed.

J. Hendrickson asks if a the Upper-Salinas Las Tablas RCD could provide landscape audits with future funding. L. Danna responds.

M. van Ryn asks how people can learn more about the Mobile Irrigation Program. L. Danna and H. Richard respond.

L. Chipping asks if the RCDs are required to follow up after their audits are completed and when recommendations are made, or if they need approval to do so. L. Danna and H. Richard respond.

4) Receive Updates from Community Service Districts Members

Item start time ~ 00:54:45

T. Burhenn introduces the item and asks for updates from present Community Service Districts Members.

D. Logan provides updates on Templeton CSD.

S. Carter and J. Green ask for clarification on the term "water unit". D. Logan responds.

J. Green asks if "water unit" is similar or the same as an Equivalency Dwelling Unit (EDU). D. Logan responds.

J. Green provides updates on Cambria CSD.

E. Eby provides updates on Nipomo CSD.

P. Brown provides updates on Oceano CSD.

E. Greening asks about the status of the Central Coast Blue project. P. Brown responds.

G. Grewal comments on San Miguel CSD membership changes and an ongoing project.

E. Greening asks about the management status of San Simeon CSD. T. Burhenn and B. Clark respond.

5) Process for Review of Draft Policy on State Water Project Priorities and Criteria for Use

Item start time ~ 01:07:28

T. Burhenn introduces the item and B. Clark provides a brief update on the review process of the draft policy on SWP priorities and criteria for use.

G. Grewal comments on the use of State Water and the financial concerns tied to its uses.

E. Greening asks if the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) participates in the approval process. B. Clark responds.

6) Ongoing Updates

Item start time ~ 01:12:42

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

C. Mulholland comments on the early arrival and amount of rain recorded on her property.

E. Greening comments on the slight chance of more rain coming the following week.

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comments.

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

G. Grewal comments on the 10-year anniversary of SGMA, the volume of studies and management efforts in the Paso Basin, Nacimiento water usage and capacity loss, and lack of stormwater capture projects.

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)

No comments.

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

No comments.

i) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

E. Greening comments on Item 13 of the next Board of Supervisors agenda regarding Winter 2023 storm impacts to County Parks and the status of storm response efforts.

j) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

No comments.

7) Future Agenda Items

Item start time ~ 01:16:53

D. Roques suggests receiving an update or presentation from the Regional Water Control Board on their well testing program.

S. Carter concurs and would be interested in receiving an update on testing for both domestic wells and irrigation wells.

A. Pease suggests having more engagement and communication with the Regional Water Control Board to better understand their work efforts impacting the County.

8) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda

No comments.