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 1, 2025 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 September 3, 2025 WRAC Meeting Minutes	1:35pm
3.	Receive Presentation on the DESAL project and Provide Feedback	1:40pm
4.	Ongoing Updates: a. Rain & Reservoir Report b. Drought Updates c. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts d. Flood Control Zones e. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) f. Master Water Report (MWR) Update g. State Water Project (SWP) h. Desalination i. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances j. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information	3:10pm
5.	Future Agenda Items	3:15pm
6.	Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda	3:20pm
7.	Adjourn Meeting	3:25pm

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

Next Regular Meeting: November 5, 2025, 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 WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

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Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 1:30PM

MINUTES (DRAFT)

Chairperson: Thomas Burhenn Vice Chairperson: Christine Mulholland

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 **September 3, 2025** 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

Call to order at 1:30 PM

1) Determination of a Quorum and Introductions

The number of voting Members present is 19. Quorum met.

2) Approval of June 4, 2025, WRAC Meeting Minutes

Item start time ~ 00:04:36

- T. Burhenn introduces the item and asks for questions or comments from the Committee.
- C. Mulholland notes a typo under Item 5 and asks for clarification on the listed voting record and attendance. B. Clark responds.

MOTION : Approve the	June 4, 2025 WF	RAC Meeting I	Minutes, with cor	rections
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SECOND BY: E. Greeni	ng			
Motion Carries	AYES: 16	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 3	ABSENT: 3

3) Receive Presentation from Stantec on the SB-552 Water System Consolidation Analysis

Item start time ~ 00:07:11

- T. Burhenn introduces the item; C. Poytress and G. Kasman present on the SB-552 Water System Consolidation Analysis Plan and related topics.
- J. Marx asks if the domestic well index used in the analysis begins in 1965, the year the County started recording that data. C. Poytress responds.

- D. Chipping asks if land acquisition is part of the cost estimate. C. Poytress responds.
- E. Greening asks if easement or severance costs are being considered. C. Poytress responds.
- J. Marx asks if capital cost estimates are based on prevailing wage. C. Poytress responds.
- J. Marx comments that public water policies should be taken into consideration throughout the consolidation analysis. C. Poytress responds.
- P. Brown highlights the distinction between a consolidation project, which merges two water systems, and a project to connect to a new water source.
- E. Greening asks for clarification on the areas highlighted on the "Joining State Small Water System" slide. C. Poytress and B. Clark respond.
- D. Crater asks what components are included in the SSWS water quality risk assessment, and also asks for clarification about the capital costs estimates. C. Poytress responds.
- B. Clark notes that DWR and Water Board staff are in attendance and have shared links to water quality information for SSWS and domestic wells in the chat: https://gispublic.waterboards.ca.gov/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?id=18c7d253f0a44fd2a5c7bcfb42cc158d.
- D. Chipping asks if risk would be transferred to domestic users in a consolidation project driven by agricultural users' overuse. C. Poytress responds.
- D. Crater asks if the aggregated domestic well groupings would be considered self-sustaining. C. Poytress responds.
- C. Mulholland asks if there have been discussions about balancing water contributions and usage when consolidating established systems? C. Poytress and P. Brown respond.
- E. Greening asks if a small district consolidates with a larger one, would the small district's board be dissolved? If so, what is the public process for this, aside from the procedures handled by LAFCO? C. Poytress responds.
- M. van Ryn asks if wells solely used for irrigation were excluded from the ungrouped wells. C. Poytress responds.
- D. Chipping asks about the role of SGMA in managerial consolidation. C. Poytress responds.
- J. Marx asks if this information will be integrated into the County's planning process as more homes are built in unincorporated areas. C. Howard responds.

- T. Walters asks about the next steps, including the creation of programs to help people choose to consolidate and get grant funding. C. Howard responds.
- D. Chipping asks if the presentation will be made available to WRAC members. B. Clark responds.
- M. Frederick comments on the informative presentation and offers to provide additional data or clarification if needed.

4) Ongoing Updates

Item start time ~ 01:02:57

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

B. Clark notes the final 2024/25 Water Year Report is included in the agenda packet.

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

B. Clark notes that the Hazard Mitigation plan has been submitted to CalOES for review and comments.

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

S. Carter comments on the failed Proposition 218 vote for the Paso Basin.

d) Flood Control Zones

No comments.

e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

- B. Clark notes that a call for projects will be issued to replace the Central Coast Blue Project under the IRWM grant.
- D. Chipping asks if the County anticipates losing state/federal grant funding for water projects. B. Clark responds.
- E. Greening comments on the extended time for grant processing being a result of having too few staff members to review project applications.

f) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

B. Clark summarizes the written update.

g) State Water Project (SWP)

B. Clark notes that the County Board of Supervisors adopted the SWP policy framework that was presented to the WRAC in July.

h) <u>Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)</u>

C. Howard notes that a public survey is now available and that a virtual community meeting for the DESAL Plan is scheduled for September 15th.

i) <u>Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances</u>

E. Greening shares that there will be an item to discuss the Salinas Pressure Pipeline Repair which has been agendized for the Tuesday Board of Supervisors meeting on September 9th.

j) <u>Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information</u> No comments.

5) <u>Future Agenda Items</u>

E. Greening requests a possible discussion on "First Flush" cleanup efforts and the potential for downstream monitoring.

B. Clark comments that the DESAL Plan project team will present to the WRAC in October.

6) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

No comments.

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WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) GUEST LIST 2025

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

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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: Angela Ford, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: October 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Item 3: Receive Presentation on the DESAL Project and Provide Feedback

Discussion

The DESAL Plan Feasibility Study team will present an update on progress, including the ocean desal site screening approach, project concept alternatives, site evaluation criteria and the screening process, follow-up from the September 15th virtual Community Engagement Session, and next steps for DESAL Plan Feasibility Study development.

Background

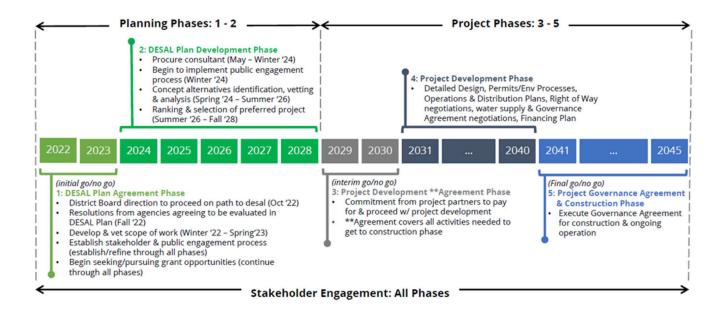
Desalination, the process of removing salt from saltwater to make it freshwater, can offer a safe, long term, droughtproof water supply. The District, in collaboration with partner agencies, is conducting a planning effort to explore the potential for a regional desalination project in San Luis Obispo County.

As a coastal region with the support of U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grant, our communities have a unique opportunity to explore ocean desalination as part of a broader strategy to ensure a reliable and resilient long-term water supply. The District and partners have begun developing the DESAL Plan Feasibility Study and, on September 15, held a kickoff virtual Community Engagement Session to inform the public about the study, gather input about regional water resources, and solicit perspectives on initial feasibility study elements and ocean desalination. A recording of the Community Engagement Session and the presentation slides are posted to https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/desal. The next Community Engagement Session is anticipated early in 2026.



For more information, to join the DESAL Plan email list, submit public comments, or view project materials as they become available, please visit the County's DESAL Plan webpage at: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/DESAL

Desalination Executable Solution And Logistics Plan DESAL Plan*



TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: September 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 4: Ongoing Updates

a) Rain & Reservoir Report. See attached 2025-26 current 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).
 - The Drought Task Force has been involved with and reviewing completion of the 2025
 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP).
 - The final draft MJHMP has been submitted to Cal OES. Once approved, it will be sent to FEMA and eventually adopted by the County, District and cities.

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 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. Los Osos Basin August 2025 Basin Management Committee (BMC) Update At its regularly scheduled August 20th, 2025 BMC Meeting: The Board received a presentation from Cleath-Harris Geologists (CHG) on the Transient Model Construction and Calibration and Baseline Scenario Technical Memorandums (TMs). The presentation slides are available on the BMC website. The Board provided direction for CHG to prepare written responses to the

 $^{^{1}\} https://water.ea.gov/Program\underline{s/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization}$

technical questions related to the model and TMs asked in public comment.

- The Board received and filed the technical memorandum "Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Data Results Summary for Los Osos Basin" prepared by Cleath-Harris Geologists.
- The Board approved of a \$2,500 quote from Twin Cities Surveying Inc. to survey the wellhead elevation for monitoring wells LA 16, LA 42, LA 43, and LA 44. The survey will be funded by remaining LA 14/16 budget.

September 2025 Basin Management Committee (BMC) Update

• The regularly scheduled September 17th, 2025, BMC meeting was canceled.

October 2025 Basin Management Committee (BMC) Update

- There is a Special BMC meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday,
 October 2nd, 2025 at 3pm. More information, including official noticing,
 will be available closer to the meeting date on the BMC's website:
 https://www.losososbmc.org/board-meetings.
- The next regularly scheduled BMC meeting will be on Wednesday,
 October 15th, 2025 at 1:30pm.

Meeting notices, minutes, and recordings are available on the BMC's website: https://www.losososbmc.org/.

Atascadero Basin

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 approved by DWR on April 14, 2025. The next EC meeting date has not been scheduled yet.

For more information or to view meeting material, visit: www.AtascaderoBasin.com

Santa Maria Basin

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). 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.

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.

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. All data collected as a part of the Statewide AEM Surveys will be made publicly available through the California Natural Resources Agency Open Data Portal.

For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/santamariabasin or www.slocounty.ca.gov/agbasin

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). In April 2025, the County of San Luis Obispo GSA, City of Paso Robles GSA, Estrella-El Pomar-Creston WD GSA, and Shandon San Juan WD GSA formed the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (Paso Authority) through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which supersedes the PBCC and is the new governing body of Paso Basin.

Paso Basin

- The Paso Authority held a regular meeting on September 24, 2025 regarding the following items:
 - o Presentation from DWR on State Role and GSP Implementation
 - o General Update from Interim Administrator
 - Approval of Conflict of Interest Code
 - o Update on DWR Grant Schedule, Expenditures, and Projects
- The next Paso Authority regular meeting is scheduled for **November 19**, 2025.

For more information or to view meeting materials, please visit: www.pasoroblesaga.org/

Cuyama

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.

- The Cuyama Basin GSA Board of Directors and Advisory Committee met on August 28, 2025, and September 3, 2025, respectively, regarding the following items:
 - o Plan and Timeline to Evaluate Allocations in the Ventucopa Management Area
 - o CMA Allocation Exchanges Policy (i.e. Water Market)

Basin

- Monitoring Network Consultant Contract for FY 25-26
- Standard Operating Procedures for Adaptive Management Process
- o Options to Address New Pumping Outside the Management Area
- The next regular Cuyama Basin GSA Advisory and Board meetings are scheduled for **October 30**, and **November 5**, **2025**, respectively.

For more information, please visit: www.cuyamabasin.org

San Luis Obispo Basin

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. 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. Moving forward, the County GSA will work with local stakeholders to receive relevant feedback on the implementation of the GSP.

No meetings are currently scheduled at this time.

For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/slobasin

Adelaida Area

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) on a hydrogeologic study to increase understanding of the groundwater conditions, availability, and sustainability in the fractured rock area. Currently, the USGS is working to integrate and analyze the hydrogeologic system using data gathered in the initial study tasks, which commenced in 2019, to produce an interpretive report that is anticipated late 2026.

For more information, please visit:

- 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

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:
	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. The District continues to clear woody vegetation from inside the channel in preparation for the winter season. Additionally, construction activities are
	anticipated to begin in late September, including sediment removal around and beneath the Union Pacific Railroad bridge and re-stabilization of the levee slope at the 2023 breach site.
	The District signed an agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to voluntarily purchase a property located on the south side of the Arroyo Grande Creek and remove existing structures to restore the floodplain to its natural functioning condition. Demolition activities have been completed, and the Contractor is preparing to hydroseed the disturbed areas.
Zone 1/1A Arroyo Grande Creek Channel	The District has selected a preferred alternative for the Meadow Creek Lagoon Habitat Restoration Project, which was developed as mitigation under the National Marine Fisheries Service's biological opinion for the Arroyo Grande Creek Waterway Management Program. The selected alternative will improve connectivity between the Meadow Creek and Arroyo Grande Creek lagoons and enhance steelhead rearing habitat by excavating pools and incorporating engineered wood structures to increase habitat complexity. Development of the 30% design is underway, with completion anticipated by mid-December 2025.
	The Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee cancelled their advisory committee meeting for September 2025. Ongoing updates were distributed via email.
	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
	The next meeting of the Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th, 2025, at 3:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Sheriff's South Patrol Station, 1681 Front Street, Oceano, CA.
	For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone1-1A
Zone 9	Flood Control Zone 9 provides flood control data and planning for the area encompassing San Luis Obispo Creek and its tributaries. City and County staff are currently planning an update to the Waterway Management Plan, installation of new stream gages and more.
San Luis Obispo Creek	The next meeting of the Zone 9 Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 8, 2025, 1:30 PM, at the SLO Vets Hall Lounge Room, 801 Grand Ave, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
	For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone9

e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

On July 8th, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to return to the Board with a proposed project or suite of projects to replace Central Coast Blue in the Prop. 1, Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant. The RWMG met on September 3rd to review the replacement Call for Projects materials. Subsequently, the Call for Projects was officially opened on September 8th and closes on September 29th. The next RWMG Meeting is scheduled for Friday October 10th at 10am.

To be notified of the upcoming meetings, 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	
Prop 84 Implementation Grant (2011)	\$10,401,000	Complete	
Prop 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement 2017	\$877,563	Complete	
Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 1	\$2,782,130	Complete	
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:

Brendan Clark, IRWM Program Manager

Email: bclark@co.slo.ca.us Phone: (805) 788-2316

f) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

October 2025 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 after having started with the Morro Bay Watershed. Focus areas this year have been developing and refining methodologies for integration with SMGA annual reports, the Planning Department's annual housing projections and vulnerability scoring related to SB-552 and the 2021 Regional Water Infrastructure Resiliency Plan. We anticipate the next WRAC update to be Fall 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 2025 SWP Water Supply & Demand:

2025 SWP Supply		
The District's "Carryover" water in storage at San Luis	6,294 AF	Carryover
Reservoir on January 1, 2025 (the start of the new SWP		water
delivery year) was:		
The current SWP allocation % (and date) set by DWR:	<u>50%</u>	(4/29/2025)
The Table A water amount based on the current SWP	12,500 AF	Table A water
allocation % applied to the District's 25,000 AF "Table A"		
contract translates to:		
Total Project Water available to the District:	18,794 AF	Total Supply
2025 SWP Demand		
Total Project Water scheduled for delivery to the	2,855 AF	Scheduled
District within the Coastal Branch (under the District's		Deliveries
4,830 AF capacity share):		
2025 SWP Transfer		
Potential temporary water transfer (short-term, less	Up to	Table A water
than one year) – pending District Board review and	7,000 AF	
authorization:		

- **State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee (SWSAC):** The next regular SWSAC meeting is scheduled for <u>Friday, November 14, 2025</u>. More information, once available, will be posted to the SWSAC website: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/State-Water-Project-and-Subcontractors-Advisory-Co.aspx

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

Please see Item 3 of today's agenda for a detailed update.

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

Current Los Osos Happenings

In order for the Community of Los Osos to develop, two programs need to be running: the Allocation Program and the Los Osos Habitat Conservation Plan (LOHCP). While there are 25 allocations available to the community of Los Osos in 2025 (19 allocations available within the Community Sewer Service Area, 6 allocations available outside the Community Sewer Service Area), there have been delays with implementation of the LOHCP. This ultimately means Los Osos development is on hold until LOHCP Mitigation Credits are available. Those who own vacant lots can work towards obtaining a Title 19 Retrofit-to-Build certificate (available at title-19-logwb-retrofit-to-build-requirement 1230 2024-update). This certificate does not expire and is tied to the parcel it is applied for. This certificate is not a requirement to apply, but is a requirement prior to permit issuance.

Additionally, the Waitlist to Build (available to vacant parcels within the Community Sewer Service Area) closed at the end of November. There are 361 parcels on the single-family waitlist and 180 requested units on the multi-family waitlist.

On December 16, 2025, Planning staff will present an annual review of the County Growth Management Ordinance (GMO) allocation and a recommendation for 2026 Los Osos growth rate to the Board of Supervisors. Timelines for permitting and additional information can be found on the Planning and Building website at <u>Los Osos</u>.

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: <a href="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.

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:

The adopted Los Osos Community Plan can be found here: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/planning-building/grid-items/communities-villages/lososos

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

j) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

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

Generated: 9/25/2025 10:00

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.

- SLO County FCWCD defines each Water Year from July 1 to the subsequent June 30.
- Rainfall data for month of generation is partial (only to time of generation).
- Water Planning Areas as defined by 2018 County IWRM update.
- $Per \ County \ Standard \ Drawing \ H-1, calculated \ over \ 42 \ year \ period \ from \ WY1955-56 \ to \ 1997-98.$
- Elevation datums vary; refer to operating agency materials for detail.

 Salinas Reservoir was resurveyed in April 2024, with max storage decreasing from 23,843 in 1991. In late May 2024, the
- elevation datum was updated along with the storage-elevation curve. 2023 values use previous datum and storage-elevation
- $\mbox{n/a}$ (no elevation) is reported for Twitchell when the pool elevation is below 535 feet.



SLO County FCWCD Rain Stations

								Water \	ear 202	5-26 ^{1,2}						Average	Water Yea	ar 2024-25
WPA ³	Station	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Year-to-	% of	Annual ⁴	% of	Total
		25	25	25	25	25	25	26	26	26	26	26	26	Date	Year Avg	Ailliuai	Year Avg	Total
	Hog Canyon	0	0	0.71										0.7	4%	16	40%	6.3
	Rocky Butte	0	0	0.39										0.4	1%	40	87%	34.9
5	Shandon	0	0	0.96										1.0	8%	12	55%	6.6
North	Templeton	0	0	0.25										0.3	1%	18	52%	9.4
County	Creston	0	0	0.11										0.1	1%	12	26%	3.1
County	Atascadero	0	0	0.24										0.2	1%	18	50%	9.1
	Santa Margarita	0	0	0.42										0.4	2%	24	55%	13.1
	Salinas Dam	0.01	0	0.04										0.1	0%	22	68%	14.9
1	San Simeon	0.02	0.01	0.38										0.4	2%	24	51%	12.1
San Simeon	Santa Rosa at Main	0.03	0	0.50										0.5	2%	22	60%	13.2
/ Cambria	Hwy 46 W 7 Mile	0.08	0	0.37										0.5	2%	30	45%	13.4
2	Morro Toro	0	0	0.28										0.3	1%	28	68%	19.2
Cayucos /	Canet	0.09	0.02	0.70										0.8	4%	22	51%	11.3
Morro Bay /	Camp San Luis	0.04	0	0.59										0.6	3%	20	73%	14.5
Los Osos	Los Osos Landfill	0.17	0.08	0.60										0.9	5%	18	67%	12.0
L03 O303	Davis Peak	0.12	0	0.35										0.5	3%	18	78%	14.1
	South Portal	0.13	0.03	0.51										0.7	2%	28	76%	21.4
	SLO Reservoir	0.02	0.01	0.50										0.5	2%	24	61%	14.6
	Gas Company	0	0	0.40										0.4	2%	22	58%	12.8
	Upper Lopez	0	0	0.51										0.5	2%	30	52%	15.5
3	Lopez Rec Area	0	0	0.71										0.7	3%	22	67%	14.7
SLO /	Lopez Dam	0	0	0.55										0.6	3%	20	76%	15.2
South	Lopez WTP	*	*	*										0.0	0%	20	52%	10.4
County	Arroyo Grande	*	*	*										0.0	0%	18	52%	9.3
	Los Berros	0.16	0.08	0.51										0.8	4%	20	66%	13.2
	Oceano	0	0	0.55										0.6	3%	16	57%	9.1
	Nipomo East	0	0.09	0.94										1.0	6%	18	63%	11.3
	Nipomo South	0	0.02	0.58										0.6	4%	14	58%	8.1

Non-County Rain Stations

									Water \	ear 202	5-26 ^{1,2}						Average	Water Yea	ar 2024-25
WPA ³	Operating Agency	Station	July 25	Aug 25	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Year-to- Date	% of Year Avg	Annual	% of Year Avg	Total
5 North	City of Paso Robles	Paso Robles	0	0	0.15										0.2	1%	14	69%	9.7
County	Atascadero Mutual Water Company	Atascadero MWC	0	0	0.31										0.3	2%	17.5	69%	12.0
2 Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock	0	*	*										0.0	0%	16	*	*

Reservoirs

WPA ³	Operating Agency	Facility	Spillway Elevation⁵	Data Date	Pool Elevation ⁵	Capacity	Storage [acre-feet]	Max Storage [acre-feet]
		Nacimiento	787.75 - 800.00	9/25/2025	746.80	37%	140,270	377,900
	Monterey County	Reservoir	(gate-dependent)	9/25/2024	767.90	58%	218,530	377,900
North	Water Agency	San Antonio	780.00	9/25/2025	742.85	51%	170,783	335,000
County		Reservoir	760.00	9/25/2024	762.30	73%	246,220	333,000
	SLO County FCWCD	Salinas Reservoir /	1303.59	9/25/2025	1298.65	85%	18,966	22,320
	SEO County PCWCD	Santa Margarita Lake ⁶	1303.39	9/25/2024	1301.41	93%	20,794	22,320
Cayucos / Morro Bay /	City of SLO	Whale Rock	216.00	9/25/2025	206.3	86%	33,557	38,967
Los Osos	City of 3EO	Reservoir	210.00	9/25/2024	211.2	93%	36,228	30,307
SLO / South	SLO County FCWCD	Lopez Reservoir	522.66	9/25/2025	512.84	83%	40,968	49,476
County	SEO County PCWCD	Lopez Reservoir	322.00	9/25/2024	519.48	94%	46,668	49,470
Cuyama	Santa Barbara County	Twitchell Reservoir ⁷	651.50	9/25/2025	n/a	n/a	n/a	194,971
Cuyama	FCD	i witchen Reservoir	051.50	9/25/2024	*	*	*	194,971



TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: October 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5: Future Agenda Items

Anticipated Topics This Fall:

Master Water Report

- SB-552 Follow-up
- Update discussions from agencies/other member groups

Areas of Interest - Future

- 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
- Nacimiento and San Antonio Lake Tunnel Project
- 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.