

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, December 3, 2025
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 October 1, 2025 WRAC Meeting Minutes	1:35pm
3.	Receive Update from County Staff regarding SB-552 (2018), County Drought Planning Requirements	1:40pm
4.	Receive Update from County Staff regarding IRWM Proposition 1, Round 2 Project Replacement Process and Consider Support	1:55pm
5	Consider Endorsing Environmental At-Large Alternate Application of Sara Sternberg	2:10pm
6.	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	2:20pm
7.	Future Agenda Items	2:35pm
8.	Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda	2:50pm
9.	Adjourn Meeting	2:55pm

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

Next Regular Meeting: February 4, 2026, 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

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WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

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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 **October 1, 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](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 September 3, 2025, WRAC Meeting Minutes**

Item start time ~ 00:04:42

T. Burhenn introduces the item and asks for questions or comments from the Committee.
No comments.

MOTION: Approve the September 3, 2025 WRAC Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY: E. Greening

SECOND BY: C. Mulholland

MOTION CARRIES

AYES: 17

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 2

ABSENT: 1

3) **Receive Presentation from County Staff on the DESAL Project and Provide Feedback**

Item start time ~ 00:04:52

T. Burhenn introduces the item and the Desal Plan Project team presents to WRAC.

Unidentified attendee asks for additional information about the site selection criteria and why the existing Diablo Canyon intake/outfall scored so low. L. Holmes responds.

E. Greening comments on the future of Diablo Canyon and the pending Decommissioning EIR. L. Holmes responds.

Z. Landrum asks for additional information regarding the scoring, zoning, and site selection criteria for the Morro Bay area. L. Holmes responds.

M. van Ryn asks if there are risk assessments the selection sites available for review. L. Holmes responds.

E. Eby asks if any alternative technology methods are being considered? L. Holmes responds.

E. Greening asks about the feasibility of exchanging inland North County purveyors' water for the full Salinas River flow instead of pumping water from coastal sites. Would Salinas drainage would benefit from not having its water taken? L. Holmes responds.

D. Chipping asks if Whale Rock is included in Alternative 6, as it is not listed under Morro Bay and has a pipeline. L. Holmes responds.

M. van Ryn asks how the estimated water needs for Nipomo was determined in the Alternatives. Did the requested amount take into consideration population estimates? L. Holmes responds.

P. Brown comments that surveys were conducted to provide the best estimates for future water requests.

C. Varni asks whether the Nipomo Alternative assumes County acquisition of the Phillips 66 property and whether future decisions regarding South County Sanitation operations and their outfall are being considered. L. Holmes responds.

C. Mulholland asks whether there are any estimates regarding the acreage required for a large-scale project. To make this project truly regional, are water exchanges going to be utilized? L. Holmes responds.

D. Chipping asks what requirements are being looked at for energy cost and power consumption. L. Holmes responds.

C. Mulholland asks about funding strategies and potential financial responsibility for non-benefiting communities. L. Holmes and C. Howard responded.

C. Mulholland asks at what stage the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) comes into consideration. L. Holmes responds.

L. Azeem asks if conveyance is expected to be the most expensive element of the project. L. Holmes responds.

T. Burhenn asks whether two smaller alternatives could be selected instead of a single large alternative. L. Holmes responds.

C. Varni comments that the Coastal Commission has indicated any new South County treatment plant must be state-of-the-art and provide tertiary treatment for all municipal wastewater, potentially creating a new water source for the area.

C. Mulholland asks if growth-inducing land and environmental impacts are accounted for in the project analysis.

D. Chipping comments that existing conservation easements on Hearst Ranch could limit its feasibility as an alternative location.

E. Greening asks whether there have been any consultations to date with local tribes and whether each autonomous tribe has been identified as an interested party. A. Ford and C. Berg respond.

J. Edwards asks about the estimated land area needed for a 5-MGD facility and whether an approximate range is available. A. Ford responds.

E. Greening asks if there is anything in the process for contacting agencies immediately that can elicit information on growth inducing impacts and area security/resiliency needs. L. Holmes, A. Ford, and C. Howard respond.

E. Greening asks how present needs versus future growth are being considered and whether relevant agencies are being contacted now, noting this should be reflected in scoring. L. Holmes and C. Howard respond.

P. Brown comments on the purpose and scope of the feasibility study.

D. Chipping asks if integrating recycled water with desalination has been considered, noting it may create a stronger project. L. Holmes responds.

C. Berg provides a summary of the September community engagement activities and the input received. WRAC members discussed the online survey, future community engagement opportunities, options for holding additional stakeholder meetings, and other public outreach alternatives.

C. Varni asks if the project provides a nexus for agricultural users. L. Holmes responds.

4) Ongoing Updates

Item start time ~ 01:19:56

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

E. Greening comments on rain observations with the recent storm, noting that we likely didn't get enough to activate the first flush.

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comments.

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

No comments.

d) Flood Control Zones

No comments.

e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

B. Clark notes that 4 projects were submitted with the recent call for projects solicitation. An update will be provided to the WRAC later this year.

f) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

No comments.

g) State Water Project (SWP)

E. Greening comments on an upcoming Board item regarding SWP transfers agendized for the October 7th BOS meeting.

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.

5) Future Agenda Items

No comments.

6) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

No comments.

Water Resources Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form
Meeting Date: 10/01/2025

Organization	DISTRICT	Representative	ITEM #2: September 2025 Meeting Minutes											
			AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
District 1		Melaine Blankenship	M											
District 2		Elizabeth Covert	A											
District 3		Neil MacDougall	M											
District 3		Matthew Williams	A	X										
District 4		Thomas Burhenn	M	X										
District 5		David Craler	A											
District 5		Allen Duckworth	M											
District 5		(Vacant)	A											
AT-LARGE														
Agriculture At-Large		Jon Winstead	M	X										
Agriculture At-Large		Patricia Wilmore	A											
Agriculture At-Large		Mary van Ryn	M	X										
Development At-Large		Jason Yeager	M											
Development At-Large		Tim Walters	A	X										
Environmental At-Large		Christine Mulholland	M	X										
Environmental At-Large		Dobores Howard	A											
Environmental At-Large		Eric Greening	M	X										
Environmental At-Large		(Vacant)	A											
Environmental At-Large		David Chipping	M	X										
Environmental At-Large		Stephane Wadd	A											
RCDs														
Coastal San Luis RCD		Dominic Roques	M											
Coastal San Luis RCD		Linda Chipping	A		X									
Coastal San Luis RCD		George Kendall	M											
Upper Salinas RCD		Tom Mora	A											
OTHERS														
Alascadero Mutual		John Neil	M											
Alascadero Mutual		Jaime Hendrickson	A											
California Men's Colony		Scott Buffaloe	M											
Camp SLO		Mike Schwartz	A											
Camp SLO		(Vacant)	M											
County Farm Bureau		Julius Salda	A											
County Farm Bureau		Shirley Grier	M		X									
County Farm Bureau		Paul Clark	A											
Cuesta College		(Vacant)	M											
Cuesta College		(Vacant)	A											
Golden State Water		Matt Cook	M											
Golden State Water		(Vacant)	A											
Shandon-San Juan Water District		Mark Zimmer	M											
Shandon-San Juan Water District		Stephen Sinton	A											
Shandon-San Juan Water District		Ray Shady	M				X							
Shandon-San Juan Water District		Lee Nesbit	A											
Shandon-San Juan Water District		Harry Graves	M											
CITIES														
City of Arroyo Grande		Allen Lee	M	X										
City of Arroyo Grande		Jim Guthrie	A											
City of Alascadero		Seth Peak	M											
City of Alascadero		Nick DeBar	A											
City of Grover Beach		Julius Tuggle	M											
City of Grover Beach		Robert Robert	A											
City of Morro Bay		Zara Landrum	M	X										
City of Morro Bay		Mark Edwards	A											
City of Paso Robles		Christopher Alakell	M											
City of Paso Robles		Kirk Gonzales	A											
City of Pismo Beach		Marco Gutierrez	M											
City of Pismo Beach		Stacy Imman	A	X										
City of Pismo Beach		Jan Marx	M											
City of San Luis Obispo		Emily Francis	A	X										
CSDs														
Avila Beach CSD		Brad Hagemann	M											
Avila Beach CSD		(Vacant)	A											
Cambria CSD		Jim Green	M	X										
Cambria CSD		Tristan Reager	A											
Heritage Ranch CSD		Scott Duffield	M											
Heritage Ranch CSD		Doug Goshart	A	X										
Los Osos CSD		Chuck Cesena	M											
Los Osos CSD		Ron Mundis	A											
Nipomo CSD		Ed Eby	M											
Nipomo CSD		Phil Henry	A											
Ocoteno CSD		Allene Villa	M	X										
Ocoteno CSD		Peter Brown	A											
San Miguel CSD		Kelly Dodds	M											
San Miguel CSD		Laward Parent	A											
San Simeon CSD		(Vacant)	M											
San Simeon CSD		(Vacant)	A											
Templeton CSD		Jeff Britz	M											
Templeton CSD		Lori Azeem	A	X										
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QUORUM (MIN. 12): 19

MOTION 1			
Item #:	2	Pass/Fail?:	Pass
Motion Maker:	E. Greening	Second:	C. Mulholland
AYE:	17	NO:	2
ABSTAIN:		ABSENT:	1
Approve the September 3, 2025 WRAC Meeting Minutes			

MOTION 2			
Item #:		Pass/Fail?:	
Motion Maker:		Second:	
AYE:		NO:	
ABSTAIN:		ABSENT:	

MOTION 3			
Item #:		Pass/Fail?:	
Motion Maker:		Second:	
AYE:		NO:	
ABSTAIN:		ABSENT:	

MOTION 4			
Item #:		Pass/Fail?:	
Motion Maker:		Second:	
AYE:		NO:	
ABSTAIN:		ABSENT:	

MOTION 5			
Item #:		Pass/Fail?:	
Motion Maker:		Second:	
AYE:		NO:	
ABSTAIN:		ABSENT:	

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2025

Organization	Representative	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT														
District 1	Melanie Blankenship	M			O		O							
	Elizabeth Covert	A												
District 2	(Vacant)	M												
	Neal MacDougall	A												
District 3	Jim Marderosian	M				O	X	X			O	X		
	Matthew Watkins	A									O	O		
District 4	Thomas Burhenn	M		X	X	X	X	X			X	X		
	David Crater	A		X	X	X	X	X			X			
District 5	Allen Duckworth	M		X	X									
	(Vacant)	A												
AT-LARGE														
Agriculture At-Large	Jon Winstead	M		X	X	X					X	X		
	Patricia Wilmore	A		O	O		X	O			O			
Agriculture At-Large	Mary van Ryn	M		X	X	X		X			X	X		
	Jason Yeager	A			X		O	O						
Development At-Large	(Vacant)	M												
	Tim Walters	A		X	X			X			X	X		
Environmental At-Large	Christine Mulholland	M		X	X	X		X			X	X		
	Dolores Howard	A												
Environmental At-Large	Eric Greening	M		X	X	X	X	X			X	X		
	(Vacant)	A												
Environmental At-Large	David Chipping	M		X	X	X	X	X			X	X		
	Stephnie Wald	A												
RCDs														
Coastal San Luis RCD	Dominic Roques	M		X	X	X	X	X				X		
	Linda Chipping	A					X	O			X			
Upper Salinas RCD	George Kendall	M												
	Tom Mora	A												
OTHERS														
Atascadero Mutual	John Neil	M												
	Jaime Hendrickson	A		X			X	X			X			
California Men's Colony	Scott Buffaloe	M												
	Mike Schwartz	A												
Camp SLO	(Vacant)	M												
	Jubilee Satele	A												
County Farm Bureau	Steve Carter	M		X		O	X	X				X		
	Paul Clark	A			X						X			
Cuesta College	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Golden State Water	Matt Cook	M		O	X	X	X	X			X			
	Mark Zimmer	A		O	O	O	O	O			O	O		
Shandon-San Juan Water District	Stephen Sinton	M		X		X		X			X			
	Ray Shady	A			X							X		
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District	Lee Nesbit	M		O	X	O	X	O			X	X		
	Hilary Graves	A												
CITIES														
City of Arroyo Grande	Aileen Loe	M		X	X		X	X			X	X		
	Jim Guthrie	A				X								
City of Atascadero	Seth Peek	M				O					O			
	Nick DeBar	A		X										
City of Grover Beach	Jules Tuggle	M		X	X	X		O			O	O		
	Robert Robert	A												
City of Morro Bay	Zara Landrum	M		X	X							X		
	Cyndee Edwards	A												
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M												
	Kirk Gonzalez	A												
City of Pismo Beach	Marcia Guthrie	M						X			X			
	Stacy Inman	A					X	X				X		
City of San Luis Obispo	Jan Marx	M		X	X	X		X			X			
	Emily Francis	A					X					X		
CSDs														
Avila Beach CSD	Brad Hagemann	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Cambria CSD	Jim Green	M		O	X	X	O					X		
	Tristan Reaper	A						X			X	O		
Heritage Ranch CSD	Scott Duffield	M		X	X	X	X	X			X			
	Doug Groshart	A		X				X				X		
Los Osos CSD	Chuck Cesena	M						X						
	Ron Munds	A		X	X	O	X				X	O		
Nipomo CSD	Ed Eby	M		X	X	X	X	X			X			
	Phil Henry	A												
Oceano CSD	Allene Villa	M			O	O		O				X		
	Peter Brown	A				X	X	X			X			
San Miguel CSD	Kelly Dodds	M		O	O									
	Tamara Parent	A									O			
San Simeon CSD	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Templeton CSD	Jeff Britz	M			X			X						
	Lori Azeem	A		O		X	X				X	X		
STAFF														
Public Works	Courtney Howard	Staff		X	X	O	X	O			X			
	Brendan Clark	Staff		X	X	X	X	X				X		
	Jenny Williamson	Staff		O	O	O	O	O			O	O		
	Joey Steil	Staff		X	X	X	X	X			X	X		

Notes: M=Member; A=Alternate Member, O=attended virtually, *=Special Meeting

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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.

NAME	AFFILIATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Aaron Floyd	City of SLO						X						
AJ Maul	County of SLO			X		X							
Alejandra Celio	County of SLO			X	X					X			
Angela Ford	County of SLO						X						
Ann Fletcher	County of SLO						X						
Brian Neff	WSP			X									
Carolyn Berg	Koble Collaborative		X			X							
Carrie Poytress	Stantec				X					X			
Charlotte Arnao	Confluence Engineering Solutions				X		X			X			
Dan Heimel	Confluence Engineering Solutions					X							
Douglas Twisselmann	Attendee										X		
Eric Johnson	Cambria CSD				X	X					X		
Gabrille Kasman	Stantec												
Greg Grewal	SLO County Cattlemans Association		X	X	X								
Harold Wright	County of SLO			X		X				X			
Heather Merenda	Attendee										X		
Jane Gray	Central Coast Water Board						X						
Jeff Brislawn	WSP			X									
Jeff Edwards	Resident		X	X	X	X	X			X	X		
Jessica Sucheki	County of SLO			X									
Jim Marderosian	Bee Sweet Citrus		X										
John Hollenbeck	Hollenbeck Consulting				X	X	X						
Josh Porter	County of SLO		X	X	X	X	X						
Juliana Prosperi	WSP			X									
Julie Eckstrom	CA DWR												
Julie Tacker	Resident		X										
Kellie Fortner	City of SLO		X			X							
Kyle Anderson	City of SLO		X										
Lauren Gauschi	County of SLO			X	X	X	X						
Louis Lefebvre	Carollo		X		X		X						
Lydia Homes	Carollo					X							
Marcus Henderson	Cal Poly						X						
Mark Battany	Resident			X									
Mark Madison	Edna Valley Growers MWC				X								
Mathew Scrudato	County of Santa Barbara					X				X			
Matt Watkins	Bee Sweet Citrus		X		X	X	X						
Melissa Baum	WSP			X									
Michelle Frederick	SWRCB												
Nick Teague	City of SLO		X	X	X	X	X			X			
Nola Engelskirger	County of SLO			X			X						
Paul Donnelly	Resident		X	X									
Peter Brown	Oceano CSD		X	X									
Peter Hague	County of SLO			X									
Ramy Wahba	County of SLO			X									
Ray Dienzo	Nipomo CSD		X	X		X							
Rosemarie Gaglione	City of Pismo Beach			X			X						
Ryan Lodge	Central Coast Water Board						X						
Sarah Ko	DWR				X						X		
Sara Sternberg	Creek Lands Conservation									X			
Scott Milner	County of SLO			X									
Shawna Scott	City of SLO										X		
Tim Kershaw	Cleath-Harris		X		X	X	X			X			
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company										X		
Troy Barnhart	County of SLO		X			X							
Wes Thompson	County of SLO		X	X			X						

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: December 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Item 4: Receive Update from County Staff regarding IRWM Proposition 1, Round 2 Project Replacement Process and Consider Support

Recommendation

Consider Supporting the Recommended Suite of Projects to the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion

Following the June 4, 2025 update from Staff to the WRAC, on July 7, 2025 the Board of Supervisors directed Staff to return to the Board with a project or suite of projects to consider as an amendment request to DWR to replace Central Coast Blue in the Proposition 1, Round 2 Implementation Grant.

After this direction, staff engaged the RWMG for the replacement process. Funding available for amendment is the full award to Central Coast Blue, which was \$1,000,000. The steps for soliciting, reviewing, evaluating, and recommending projects for funding opportunities to the Board are described in the program MOU and the adopted IRWM Plan. This included 5 public meetings and a 22-day window for submitting projects. The scoring committee, known as the RWMG Working Group, was selected by the entire RWMG and included agencies who had previously been awarded IRWM grants, but did not submit projects for consideration in this opportunity. The RWMG Working Group was comprised of Los Osos CSD, Oceano CSD and San Miguel CSD. A detailed description of how staff and the RWMG accomplished this process is described in Attachment 1.

The table below summarizes the projects submitted for consideration in the amendment, scores, and funding recommendation.

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Score	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested	RWMG Funding Recommended
Heritage Ranch CSD	Disinfection Byproduct Reduction Project	8	\$1,499,300	\$492,930	\$492,930
City of San Luis Obispo	Groundwater Cleanup Project	8	\$9,839,372	\$1,000,000	\$507,070
Nipomo CSD	Eureka Well Project	6	\$3,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
City of Pismo Beach	Well 23 Replacement	4	\$2,117,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
Total			\$16,955,672	\$3,492,930	\$1,000,000

Summaries of the projects recommended for the amendment are included as Attachment 2.

All files related to the project selection process can be accessed here:

1. 2025 Call for Projects website: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/committees-programs/integrated-regional-water-management-\(irwm\)/p1r2-call-for-projects-\(2025\)](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/committees-programs/integrated-regional-water-management-(irwm)/p1r2-call-for-projects-(2025))
2. 10/24/2025 RWMG Working Group Meeting: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/committees-programs/integrated-regional-water-management-\(irwm\)/meetings/10-24-2025-rwmg-working-group](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/committees-programs/integrated-regional-water-management-(irwm)/meetings/10-24-2025-rwmg-working-group)
3. All Documents for 2025 Call for Projects: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/forms-documents/committees-programs/integrated-regional-water-management-\(irwm\)/documents-p1r2-call-for-projects](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/forms-documents/committees-programs/integrated-regional-water-management-(irwm)/documents-p1r2-call-for-projects)

Attachments:

1. Detailed Summary of the Project Selection Process
2. Summary of Recommended Projects

DETAILED TIMELINE OF PROCESS, SUBMITTED PROJECTS, SCORES AND SCORING RUBRICDetailed Timeline of Project Selection Process:

1. *September 3, 2025.* RWMG Meeting to review local project selection process procedures.
2. *September 8 – 29, 2025.* Call for projects is open (22 days).
3. *October 10, 2025.* Project Showcase @ RWMG Meeting. Applicants presented projects to members and public stakeholders. Additionally, an RWMG Working Group was selected
4. *October 24, 2025.* RWMG Working Group met to finalize scores and prepare an amendment recommendation.
5. *November 5, 2025.* RWMG Meeting met to consider the Working Group recommendation.
6. *December 3, 2025.* WRAC Meeting to consider supporting the RWMG recommendation.

Submitted Projects and Scores:

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Eligible (y/n)	Project Score	Notes
Heritage Ranch CSD	Disinfection Byproduct Reduction Project	Y	8	1 prior Implementation award
City of San Luis Obispo	Groundwater Cleanup Project	Y	8	2 prior awards: 1 planning 1 implementation
Nipomo CSD	Eureka Well Project	Y	6	2 prior implementation awards
City of Pismo Beach	Well 23 Replacement	Y	4	no awards besides Central Coast Blue

Brief Summary of RWMG Project Selection:

The RWMG Working Group, as established at the 10/10/25 joint RWMG meeting, met on October 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting was open to the public and noticed per the Brown Act.

The Working Group went project-by-project, point-by-point to assign points based on the submitted answers and subsequent clarifications provided by project proponents present (in-person). At the conclusion of this effort, a finalized score for each eligible, submitted project was determined and a ranked list was prepared. The scoring rubric used for the exercise is on the next page.

After a brief break, the meeting was reconvened to select projects for funding. The Working Group agreed to recommend the top 2 scoring projects – Heritage Ranch CSD and the City of San Luis Obispo.

The following table details the recommended projects, scoring, requested funding, recommended funding, and the type of funding.

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Score	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended
Heritage Ranch CSD	Disinfection Byproduct Reduction Project	8	\$492,930	\$492,930
City of San Luis Obispo	Groundwater Cleanup Project	8	\$1,000,000	\$507,070
Total			\$1,492,930	\$1,000,000

Attachment 1

Scoring Rubric Used for Each Project:



San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

9/8/2025

Scoring Metrics for the P1R2 Call for Projects

The "Screening Criteria" section is intended to filter projects that are not able or not likely to meet the narrow reimbursement schedule of this funding opportunity. For the source of "DWR Scoring" and "Prop 1 / Readiness Scoring", please see the Prop 1, Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Guidelines, Project Solicitation Package (PSP) and associated attachments. The "Other Factors" are derived from the 2019 IRWM Plan, Sections 1, 2, 4 and 6.

All files are available at: (click "2025 P1R2 Call for Projects" on the left pane)

www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm

Screening Criteria	y/n?	Comment
Construction completed by 12/31/2026?		If "no", the project is ineligible.
CEQA & NEPA?		Multiple "no" responses may affect the project's ability to be considered
Access and Permits?		
Funding Secured?		

DWR Scoring	Points	Comment
AB 1249 Contaminant(s)	1	Per Project Solicitation Package, see pages 30-31 of Draft PSP
Leveraged funds	1	
Claimed Benefit logical and reasonable?	1	
Does project benefit more than one region?	1	
AB 1249 & Small DAC?	1	
Employ new or innovative technology?	1	
Or, is project a decision support tool?		
Total	6	

Prop 1 / Readiness Scoring	Points	Comment
Other funding secured (i.e. grants, loans, etc.)	1	Per PSP Attachment 7
Multiple quantifiable benefits	1	
CEQA Complete? (pts awarded if N/A)	1	
NEPA Complete? (pts awarded if N/A)	1	
Access Complete? (pts awarded if N/A)	1	
Permits Complete? (pts awarded if N/A)	1	
Total	6	

Other Factors	Comments
Highest Readiness Scoring	Prioritize projects farther along in Permits, CEQA, Funding, and access.
Geographical Equity	Maximize areas of the County (North, South, Coastal, etc.) with grant funding
Previous Awards	Take into account previous awards under the IRWM Program.

Note: per DWR, because the City of Morro Bay, Oceano CSD, San Miguel CSD and the SLO County Flood Control and Water Conservation District have projects remaining in the Prop. 1, Round 2 Agreement, if these entities want to submit a project, or increased benefits for a funded project, these projects will be considered only if the general call for projects cannot meet the screening and eligibility requirements.

SUMMARY OF SELECTED PROJECTS

Project 1: Disinfection Byproducts Reduction Project

Project Proponent: Heritage Ranch Community Services District (CSD)

To develop a more reliable, clean water supply, the CSD is implementing a granular activated carbon project. The project will improve consistency in meeting current and future regulatory standards. Additionally, the project allows the CSD to treat potentially lower quality water in the future due to lower lake levels, wildfires, etc. to a higher, more consistent standard.

The project includes piping, valving, pumps, granular activated carbon pressure vessels, and associated equipment, along with associated electrical, instrumentation, and controls modifications to accommodate flows of up to 800 gpm (current full flow for the water treatment plant).

The project will be designed in such a way that if other treatment methods arise that could provide higher levels of treatment, additional equipment could also be installed in the same area as the granular activated carbon pressure vessels, providing more flexibility to adjust treatment protocols.

Project 2: Groundwater Cleanup Project

Project Proponent: City of San Luis Obispo (City)

The Groundwater Cleanup Project safeguards municipal drinking water wells in the groundwater basin. The project includes a groundwater fate and transport model, installing at least 8 monitoring wells, and constructing 2 new extraction wells with granular activated carbon treatment systems. This system will prevent PCE contaminant migration into the City's supply wells. Once online, the project diversifies the City's water portfolio and provides flexibility during droughts, emergencies, and treatment plan disruptions. In addition, new monitoring and modeling data will guide adaptive groundwater management and long-term planning.

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: December 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Item 5: Membership: Consider Endorsing Environmental At-Large Alternate Application of Sara Sternberg

Recommendation

Consider endorsing application by Sara Sternberg for selection by the Board of Supervisors for the vacant Environmental At-Large Alternate position.

Discussion

An application has been received by Sara Sternberg to replace Steph Wald as one of the Environmental At-Large Alternate Members. Ms. Wald has requested this update.

As stated in the Bylaws (Article 2.8):

Applications submitted for members or alternates representing [Environmental, Development and Agriculture At-Large] shall be agendized for consideration and input by the Committee prior to selection by the Board of Supervisors.

Additionally, regarding the Environmental At-Large Position, from our bylaws (Article 2.6):

Members (and alternates) representing m. identified above shall be selected by the Board of Supervisors from applicants with a record of membership in one or more environmental groups and/or independent environmental activism. Their terms shall be for two years, to be replaced or reaffirmed in February of odd numbered years.

It is anticipated the applications will go before the Board prior to the February WRAC meeting.

Attachments:

1. Application from Sara Sternberg



**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE**

Date 11/21/2025

Applying for appointment to Water Resource Advisory Committee

(Name of Board, Commission or Committee)

General Information

Name Sara Sternberg

Address _____

Business Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Supervisory District 4 Years resided in County 3

Employment & Education

Employer Name (if retired/unemployed list previous employer) Creek Lands Conservation

High School Graduate or General Education (GED) Test passed? Yes ☒ No ☐
If no, list the highest grade completed _____

List any/all College, Business School, and/or Military experience (most recent first)

Masters of Science in Hydrology - Cal Poly SLO

Bachelors of Science in Biology - Eckerd College

Qualifications

List work experience, training, volunteer activities, and skills relevant to this appointment

Restoration Hydrologist - Creek Lands Conservation

Watershed Restoration Specialist - Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County

Low-Water irrigation Business Owner and Professional Installer

List dates/names of positions you have held on any advisory body or elected office

n/a

List Membership to Organizations

n/a

Please explain why you would like to serve in this capacity

As a restoration hydrologist working across multiple Central Coast watersheds, I'm motivated to serve on the County Water Resources Advisory Committee to help bridge science, policy, and on-the-ground implementation.

My work in streamflow enhancement, groundwater-surface water interactions, and various watershed restoration techniques has shown me how critical collaborative, watershed-scale decision-making is for building long-term water resilience.

I hope to contribute technical insight, practical experience, and a solutions-oriented perspective to support the County's efforts to manage water resources sustainably while protecting ecological function and community needs.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year, and if necessary, in numerous related meetings or subcommittees?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments _____

If appointed, are you willing to file a Statement of Disclosure as a Public Official Under the standards of the Fair Political Practice Commission?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Comments _____

If appointed, do you want to have your address or telephone number(s) published?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Comments _____

Please mail this application to:

Board of Supervisors
1055 Monterey St., Rm. D430
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: December 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5: 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 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 scheduled November 12, 2025, Special Meeting, the BMC discussed the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Draft Los Osos Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP) Study Supply Alternatives Analysis • Calendar Year 2026 Budget and Consultant Services Proposals • The regularly scheduled BMC meeting Wednesday, November 19, 2025, was cancelled.

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next regularly scheduled BMC meeting will be on Wednesday, December 17th, 2025. <p>Meeting notices, minutes, and recordings are available on the BMC's website: https://www.losososbmc.org/.</p>
Atascadero Basin	<p>Atascadero Basin is designated as a very low priority basin and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization; however, the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Executive Committee (EC) elected to develop, and submit to DWR, a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by January 31, 2022. The GSP was submitted on January 30, 2022 and approved by DWR on April 14, 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EC met on March 19, 2025, regarding the following item: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of WY 2024 Annual Report The next EC meeting date has not been scheduled yet. <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). 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. All data collected as a part of the Statewide AEM Surveys will be made publicly available at: https://data.cnra.ca.gov/dataset/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</p>

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Paso Authority held a regular meeting on October 22, 2025, regarding the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation from Regional Groundwater Stakeholders Group ○ Approval of 2026 Meeting Calendar ○ Appoint Hallmark Group as Executive Director through June 30, 2026 • The regular meeting scheduled for November 22, 2025, was cancelled. The next Paso Authority special meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2025. <p>For more information or to view meeting materials, please visit: www.pasoroblesaga.org/</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 Board of Directors and Advisory Committee met on October 30, 2025, and November 5, 2025, respectively, regarding the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval of 2026 Meeting Calendar ○ Plan and Timeline to Evaluate Allocations in the Ventucopa Management Area ○ Tri-County Pistachio Variance Request ○ CMA Allocation Exchanges Policy ○ Adaptive Management Processes ○ Options to Address New Pumping Outside the Management Area • The next regular Cuyama Basin GSA Advisory and Board meetings are proposed for January 8, 2026, and January 14, 2026, 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. 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</p>

	<p>County GSA will work with local stakeholders to receive relevant feedback on the implementation of the GSP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 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.</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

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 District completed annual maintenance activities in October per the Arroyo Grande Creek Channel Waterway Management Program (WMP) permit conditions; goat grazing for managing invasives, levee mowing to maintain access, and woody vegetation management to reduce the risk of debris jams.</p> <p>Fall construction activities have also been completed. These included the re-stabilization of the levee slope at the 2023 breach site, extension of turf reinforcement matt into the UPRR right-of-way, and removal of excess sediment built up near and beneath of UPRR bridge.</p> <p>To prepare for the winter season, the District has conducted Emergency Response Planning by training response personnel on various emergency scenarios, purchasing and staging emergency response materials, identifying</p>

	<p>appropriate emergency notification triggers, calibrating field gages, and establishing contracts with emergency response contractors where feasible.</p> <p>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 improve habitat complexity. 30% design is underway, with completion anticipated by mid-December 2025.</p> <p>The District has been awarded funding under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program to support the District's AG Creek channel flood protection efforts, and the first step will be to procure a consulting team to conduct an alternatives analysis to evaluate feasible flood mitigation solutions to improve flood protection for properties surrounding the channel.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone1-1A</p>
<p><u>Zone 9</u> San Luis Obispo Creek</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Zone 9 Advisory Committee is scheduled for December 10, 2025, 1:30 PM, at the SLO Vets Hall Lounge Room, 801 Grand Ave, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone9</p>

e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

See item 4 for a detailed IRWM Update. 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

December 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 Spring 2026.

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 (NO CHANGE SINCE UPDATE ON 9/3/25)		
The District's "Carryover" water in storage at San Luis Reservoir <u>on January 1, 2025</u> (the start of the new SWP delivery year) was:	6,294 AF	Carryover water
The current SWP allocation % (and date) set by DWR:	50%	(4/29/2025)
The Table A water amount based on the current SWP allocation % applied to the District's 25,000 AF "Table A" contract translates to:	12,500 AF	Table A water
Total Project Water available to the District:	18,794 AF	Total Supply
2025 SWP Demand (NO CHANGE SINCE UPDATE ON 9/3/25)		

Total Project Water scheduled for delivery to the District within the Coastal Branch (under the District's 4,830 AF capacity share):	<u>2,855 AF</u>	Scheduled Deliveries
<u>2025 SWP Transfer (UPDATE)</u>		
- Surplus water transfer (temporary/short-term) – District Board authorized on 10/7/25.	<u>Up to 7,000 AF</u>	Table A water
- Pilot stored water transfer (temporary/short-term) – District Board authorized on 11/18/25.	<u>500 AF</u>	Table A water

- **State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee (SWSAC):** The next regular SWSAC meeting is being planned for February 2026. 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>

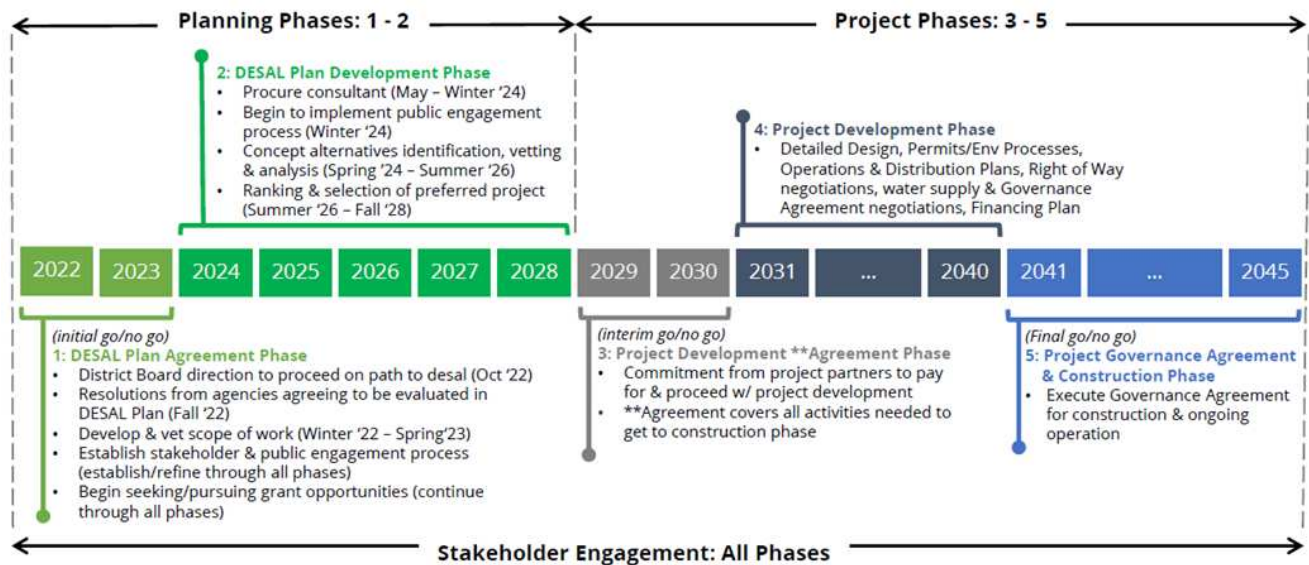
h) Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)

Desalination, the process of turning seawater into fresh drinking water, can offer a safe, long-term, droughtproof water supply. With funding support from a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grant, the District is collaborating with partner agencies, engaging stakeholders, and working with Carollo Engineers to explore the potential for a regional desalination project in San Luis Obispo County.

This desalination planning effort, which kicked off in early 2025, will result in a DESAL Plan Feasibility Study that is anticipated to be completed in late 2026. Public outreach is planned throughout development of the study; previous presentations (including at the WRAC's May and October meetings and a Community Engagement Session in September) and the timeline for future engagement opportunities are available at the website below.

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***



i) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

No planning updates for December

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>

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: 11/25/2025 7:00

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 late May 2024, the elevation datum was updated along with the storage-elevation curve. 2023 values use previous datum and storage-elevation assumptions.
 - 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 2025-26 ^{1,2}													Average Annual ⁴	Water Year 2024-25	
		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	% of Year Avg	Total
5 North County	Hog Canyon	0	0	0.72	1.54	3.46								5.7	36%	16	6.3
	Rocky Butte	0	0	0.47	3.00	7.17								10.6	27%	40	34.9
	Shandon	0	0	0.96	1.75	3.27								6.0	50%	12	6.6
	Templeton	0	0	0.25	1.50	2.89								4.6	26%	18	9.4
	Creston	0	0	0.11	1.67	3.10								4.9	41%	12	3.1
	Atascadero	0	0	0.24	1.45	2.84								4.5	25%	18	9.1
	Santa Margarita	0	0	0.42	1.94	4.43								6.8	28%	24	13.1
	Salinas Dam	0.01	0	0.38	2.03	4.25								6.7	30%	22	14.9
1 San Simeon / Cambria	San Simeon	0.02	0.01	0.38	1.23	4.68								6.3	26%	24	12.1
	Santa Rosa at Main	0.03	0	0.50	1.49	3.74								5.8	26%	22	13.2
	Hwy 46 W 7 Mile	0.08	0	0.43	1.83	4.86								7.2	24%	30	13.4
2 Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	Morro Toro	0	0	0.35	2.60	4.10								7.1	25%	28	19.2
	Canet	0.09	0.02	0.70	1.87	3.33								6.0	27%	22	11.3
	Camp San Luis	0.04	0	0.59	1.58	4.53								6.7	34%	20	14.5
	Los Osos Landfill	0.17	0.08	0.61	1.75	3.77								6.4	35%	18	12.0
	Davis Peak	0.12	0	0.39	1.42	4.65								6.6	37%	18	14.1
3 SLO / South County	South Portal	0.13	0.03	0.56	1.70	6.22								8.6	31%	28	21.4
	SLO Reservoir	0.02	0.01	0.51	1.66	5.86								8.1	34%	24	14.6
	Gas Company	0	0	0.40	1.69	4.81								6.9	31%	22	12.8
	Upper Lopez	0	0	0.51	1.34	5.28								7.1	24%	30	15.5
	Lopez Rec Area	0	0	0.71	1.56	4.60								6.9	31%	22	14.7
	Lopez Dam	0	0	0.55	1.60	5.52								7.7	38%	20	15.2
	Lopez WTP	0	0	0.57	1.34	5.10								7.0	35%	20	10.4
	Arroyo Grande	0.01	0	0.56	1.39	5.21								7.2	40%	18	9.3
	Los Berros	0.16	0.08	0.55	1.53	5.52								7.8	39%	20	13.2
	Oceano	0	0	0.55	1.21	4.13								5.9	37%	16	9.1
	Nipomo East	0	0.09	0.94	1.76	4.90								7.7	43%	18	11.3
	Nipomo South	0	0.02	0.58	1.36	4.27								6.2	45%	14	8.1

Non-County Rain Stations

WPA ³	Operating Agency	Station	Water Year 2025-26 ^{1,2}													Average Annual	Water Year 2024-25	
			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	% of Year Avg	Total
5 North County	City of Paso Robles	Paso Robles	0	0	0.15	1.47	3.03								4.7	33%	14	9.7
	Atascadero Mutual Water Company	Atascadero MWC	0	0	0.32	*	2.77								3.1	18%	17.5	12.0
2 Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock	0	*	*	*	*								*	*	16	*

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 - 800.00 (gate-dependent)	11/25/2025	744.60	35%	133,430	377,900
				11/25/2024	764.05	54%	202,936	
		San Antonio Reservoir		11/25/2025	742.45	51%	169,403	335,000
				11/25/2024	759.55	70%	234,288	
	SLO County FCWCD	Salinas Reservoir / Santa Margarita Lake ⁶		11/25/2025	1298.24	84%	18,697	22,320
				11/25/2024	1300.44	90%	20,138	
Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock Reservoir	216.00	11/25/2025	206.1	86%	33,450	38,967
				11/25/2024	208.9	90%	34,958	
SLO / South County	SLO County FCWCD	Lopez Reservoir	522.66	11/25/2025	511.44	80%	39,821	49,476
				11/25/2024	518.09	92%	45,441	
Cuyama	Santa Barbara County FCD	Twitchell Reservoir ⁷	651.50	11/25/2025	n/a	n/a	n/a	194,971
				11/25/2024	*	*	*	

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: December 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #7: Future Agenda Items

Anticipated Topics in Early 2026:

- Master Water Report
- DESAL Plan
- Salinas Dam
- 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

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