

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 7, 2026
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 June 3, 2026 WRAC Meeting Minutes	1:35pm
3.	Approval of August 5, 2026 WRAC Meeting Minutes	1:40pm
4.	Receive Presentation from County Staff Regarding 2026-27 Winter Season Preparations	1:45pm
5.	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	2:30pm
6.	Future Agenda Items	2:45pm
7.	Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda	2:55pm
8.	Adjourn Meeting	2:55pm

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

Next Regular Meeting: November 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

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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 **June 3, 2026** 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**

T. Burhenn called the meeting to order. 17 voting Members were present, constituting a quorum.

2) **Approval of May 6, 2026, WRAC Meeting Minutes**

Item start time ~ 00:03:33

T. Burhenn introduced the item and opened the floor for questions or comments from the Committee.

C. Mulholland noted a typo on page 4 and suggested replacing "delusion" with "dilution" in reference to brine dilution.

E. Greening clarified his comment on page 5 and suggested replacing "treatment" with "chlorination."

M. van Ryn clarified her question on page 4 and suggested revising the language to better reflect her question about State Parks' involvement in the South County project buildout.

MOTION: Approve the May 6, 2026 WRAC Meeting Minutes as amended

MOTION BY: E. Greening

SECOND BY: C. Mulholland

MOTION CARRIES	AYES: 17	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: 0
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3) Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget for FY 2026/27 and Consider Actions

Item start time ~ 00:06:45

T. Burhenn introduced the item and Nick Teague presented on the proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) Budget for FY 2026/27.

C. Mulholland commented on labor and operating costs and asked whether the operating costs include expenses associated with data monitoring equipment. N. Teague responded.

J. Marx asked where the new stream gauge will be installed along SLO Creek. B. Clark responded.

M. van Ryn asked whether Zone 1/1A is the area in Oceano that has experienced flooding issues related to Arroyo Grande Creek. N. Teague responded.

C. Mulholland asked how confident County staff are in receiving the remaining FEMA reimbursement for storm-related damages. N. Teague and C. Howard responded.

An unidentified speaker asked whether tables showing the breakdown of budget costs by program will be made available. N. Teague responded.

D. Chipping commented on flood resiliency and asked whether current planning relies on the traditional 100-year floodplain concept or more modern modeling approaches. N. Teague responded.

E. Greening asked if staff could provide examples of what regional infrastructure partnerships might look like. N. Teague responded.

E. Greening asked whether Countywide Water Action Team conversations are held informally or through a more formal process subject to the Brown Act. N. Teague responded.

D. Roques noted that several projects in the 5-Year Projection are grant funded and asked whether grant funding supports County staff time or is primarily used for consultant and contracted work. N. Teague and C. Howard responded.

D. Crater asked whether the \$5 million FEMA reimbursement, once received, will be credited to the District's budget or the County's General Fund. C. Howard responded.

J. Marx asked how drought preparation and conservation efforts are reflected in the District's budget. N. Teague and C. Howard responded.

J. Marx asked whether the County conducts public outreach to encourage water conservation. N. Teague responded.

D. Chipping asked whether the Los Osos to Morro Bay pipeline is being considered as part of the budget, noting that the project appears to cross over County-owned land. N. Teague responded.

D. Roques asked to what extent the County is considering stormwater capture as a potential water resource. N. Teague responded.

E. Greening commented on a Paso Basin study that evaluated areas suitable for infiltration and asked whether that work is being built upon. N. Teague responded.

T. Burhenn asked the Committee to consider endorsing the proposed FY 2026–27 District Budget and to submit a letter to the District Board of Supervisors recommending its adoption.

M. van Ryn asked what other information would be included in the letter to the District Board of Supervisors. T. Burhenn responded.

C. Mulholland asked about the inclusion of the Board resolution in the agenda packet and its intended purpose. C. Howard responded.

M. van Ryn asked how the District will account for FEMA reimbursement funds once received, noting that they are not clearly reflected in the budget spreadsheet. N. Teague responded.

E. Greening asked whether FEMA reimbursement funds could potentially be used to update the Salinas Dam failure inundation maps. B. Clark responded.

MOTION: Endorse the proposed FY 2026–27 District Budget and to submit a letter to the District Board of Supervisors recommending its adoption

MOTION BY: C. Mulholland

SECOND BY: E. Greening

MOTION CARRIES

AYES: 16

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

4) Discuss Committee's Approach to Review of DESAL Plan and Board Communication

Item start time ~ 00:46:50

T. Burhenn introduced the item and opened the floor for Committee discussion on providing feedback on the DESAL Plan to the Project Team and advisement to the Board of Supervisors, noting that a special WRAC meeting will be held in August following publication of the draft DESAL Plan for review.

E. Greening asked about the anticipated review period for the WRAC to evaluate the draft DESAL Plan before providing feedback to the Project Team at the special meeting. T. Burhenn responded.

C. Mulholland commented on the Board's direction to pursue this planning effort and emphasized the importance of participation by the County's coastal communities in the project and review process. C. Howard responded.

E. Greening asked whether implementation of a future project would require a Proposition 218 vote and who would be voting on it. T. Burhenn responded.

M. van Ryn asked if there are other committees or organizations who are involved in the DESAL Plan. E. Greening.

M. van Ryn commented on the regional and environmental aspects of the DESAL Plan and asked what other committees are involved in the planning process. C. Howard responded.

E. Eby commented that the WRAC is likely to provide numerous comments on the DESAL Plan and asked how the Committee's feedback will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. T. Burhenn responded.

P. Willmore noted the distinction between providing feedback to the DESAL Project Team and providing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the WRAC.

E. Greening suggested, as one possible approach, bringing a draft letter to the next meeting for Committee review and revision, with individual WRAC Member comments included as an attachment. T. Burhenn responded.

J. Marx commented that it may be more effective for individual entities to provide their own feedback on the Draft DESAL Plan rather than developing multiple sets of comments through the WRAC.

E. Eby commented that the current timeline will likely make it difficult for individual entities to formally review and provide official comments on the DESAL Plan.

D. Crater noted that part of the WRAC's role is for members to represent their respective entities in good faith and in a nonbinding capacity, and commented that not providing feedback would be a missed opportunity.

D. Chipping commented that a technical review cannot be completed during a single meeting and noted that members would need at least two weeks to review the document prior to the special meeting in order to provide meaningful feedback. T. Burhenn responded.

C. Mulholland commented that while individual members can provide their own feedback to the Board of Supervisors, the WRAC could focus on developing a general letter reflecting broader topics, interests, and concerns reviewed by the Committee.

E. Greening noted that individual and jurisdictional comments may be submitted to the Board of Supervisors through August 31, providing an opportunity to submit feedback

outside of the WRAC process, and that additional public comment may be provided at the September 1 Board meeting.

T. Burhenn supported C. Mulholland's suggestion of developing a general letter that could incorporate additional feedback and be brought back for discussion and a vote by the Committee.

A. Ford confirmed that the draft DESAL Plan is scheduled for release on July 22, with a presentation to the WRAC on August 5.

5) Ongoing Updates

Item start time ~ 01:13:06

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comments.

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)

No comments.

f) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

No comments.

g) State Water Project (SWP)

No comments.

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

A. Ford highlighted that a public survey will be distributed to those subscribed to the DESAL Plan email list and encouraged interested parties to sign up at slocounty.gov/desal.

i) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

No comments.

j) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

No comments.

6) Future Agenda Items

D. Chipping commented on a recent study completed for the Los Osos Groundwater Basin and suggested a future presentation on the study results.

An unidentified attendee suggested a focused discussion on water conservation efforts and opportunities.

7) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

C. Mulholland commented on the potential benefits of emerging desalination technologies, such as the deep-sea desalination pods.

T. Burhenn commented on an LA Times article highlighting OceanWell's testing of new desalination technology, including the successful deployment of a reservoir demonstration unit and plans to move forward with an ocean-based unit. Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2026-06-02/california-desalination-tech-oceanwell-testing>

Water Resources Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form
Meeting Date: 6/3/2026

Organization	DISTRICT	Representative	ITEM R2: May 2026 Meeting Minutes										Item R3: Recommend Approval of FY26-27 Budget to BOS									
			AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
District 1		Melanie Blankenship	M																			
District 2		Elizabeth Covert	A																			
		(Vacant)	M																			
District 3		Ned MacDougall	A																			
		Jim Mandrosian	M																			
		Michael Madaris	A																			
District 4		Thomas Burdum	M																			
		David Crailer	M																			
District 5		Allen Duckworth	A																			
		(Vacant)	A																			
AT-LARGE																						
Agriculture At-Large		Jon Winstead	M																			
		Patricia Wilmore	A																			
Agriculture At-Large		Mary van Ryn	M																			
		Jason Yeager	A																			
Development At-Large		John V. Smith	M																			
		Tim Wilkins	A																			
Environmental At-Large		Christine Mulholland	M																			
		Dolores Howard	A																			
Environmental At-Large		Eric Greening	M																			
		(Vacant)	A																			
Environmental At-Large		David Chipping	M																			
		Sara Gault	A																			
RCDs																						
Coastal San Luis RCD		Dominic Roques	M																			
		Chris Chipping	A																			
Upper Salinas RCD		Gregory Morrell	M																			
		Tom Meza	A																			
OTHERS																						
Alacranero Mutual		John Neil	M																			
		Jaime Hendrickson	A																			
California Men's Colony		Scott Bufflobe	M																			
		Mike Schwartz	A																			
Camp SLO		(Vacant)	M																			
		Julius Salda	A																			
County Farm Bureau		Michael Miller	M																			
		Paul Clark	A																			
Ouesta College		(Vacant)	M																			
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Golden State Water		Matt Cook	M																			
		Mark Zimmer	A																			
Shandon-San Juan Water District		Stephen Sinton	M																			
		Ray Shady	A																			
Estrella El Pomer Creston Water District		Lee Neubit	M																			
		Harley Graves	A																			
CITIES																						
City of Arroyo Grande		Allen Lee	M																			
		Jim Guthrie	A																			
City of Alacranero		Seth Peak	M																			
		Nick DeBar	A																			
City of Grower Beach		Julius Tuggle	M																			
		Robert Robert	A																			
City of Morro Bay		Zara Landrum	M																			
		Cynthia Edwards	A																			
City of Paso Robles		Christopher Alakai	M																			
		John C. Greening	A																			
City of Pismo Beach		Michael Greening	M																			
		Stacy Iman	A																			
City of San Luis Obispo		Jan Marx	M																			
		Michael Boswell	A																			
CSDs																						
Avila Beach CSD		Brad Hagmann	M																			
		(Vacant)	A																			
Cambria CSD		Jim Green	M																			
		Tristan Resper	A																			
Heritage Ranch CSD		Scott Crawford	M																			
		David Green	A																			
Los Osos CSD		Chuck Coenra	M																			
		Ron Mundis	A																			
Nipomo CSD		Ed Eby	M																			
		Ray Dierco	A																			
Oceanco CSD		Allene Villa	M																			
		Peter Brown	A																			
San Miguel CSD		Kelly Dodds	M																			
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QUORUM (MIN.
12) : 17

Item R: 2	Pass/Fail?:	Pass
Motion Maker: E.Greening	Second: C.Mulholland	
AYE: 17	NO: _____	ABSTAIN: _____
ASSENT: _____		
Approve the May 6, 2026 WRAC Meeting Minutes as amended		

Item R: 3	Pass/Fail?:	Pass
Motion Maker: C.Mulholland	Second: E.Greening	
AYE: 16	NO: _____	ABSTAIN: _____
ASSENT: 1		
Endorse the proposed FY 2026-27 District Budget and to submit a letter to the District Board of Supervisors recommending its adoption		

Item R: _____	Pass/Fail?:	_____
Motion Maker: _____	Second: E.Greening	
AYE: _____	NO: _____	ABSTAIN: _____
ASSENT: _____		

Item R: _____	Pass/Fail?:	_____
Motion Maker: _____	Second: _____	
AYE: _____	NO: _____	ABSTAIN: _____
ASSENT: _____		

Item R: _____	Pass/Fail?:	_____
Motion Maker: _____	Second: _____	
AYE: _____	NO: _____	ABSTAIN: _____
ASSENT: _____		

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2026

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

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

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)
GUEST LIST 2026

NAME	AFFILITATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AJ Maul	County of SLO					X							
Angela Ford	County of SLO					X	X						
Anthony Cemo	Carollo					X							
Carolyn Berg	Koble Collaborative					X							
Dan Heimel	Confluence Engineering Solutions					X							
Eric Johnson	Cambria CSD				X	X							
Gustav King	Student					X							
James Sofranko	District 4					X							
Jeff Edwards	Guest				X	X	X						
John Hollenbeck	Hollenbeck Consulting				X	X							
Josh Porter	County of SLO				X	X							
Karen Dean	Cambria CSD					X							
Kellie Fortner	City of SLO				X	X							
Louis Lefebvre	Carollo					X							
Lydia Holmes	Carollo					X							
Mathew Scrudato	County of Santa Barbara				X	X							
Melissa Pasa	County of SLO				X	X							
Nick Teague	City of SLO				X	X							
Pamela Walters	Guest						X						
Rachael Lee	CivicSpark					X							
Shelly Cone	County of SLO				X								
Tim Kershaw	Cleath-Harris					X	X						
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company				X	X	X						
Troy Barnhart	County of SLO					X							
Vincent Trezza	Carollo					X							
Wes Thompson	County of SLO					X							

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Call to order at 1:30 PM

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

T. Burhenn called the meeting to order. 17 Members were present, constituting a quorum.

2) **Receive Presentation on the Draft Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics (DESAL) Plan**

Item start time ~ 00:03:33

Click here to view a recording of the full presentation and discussion:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cntZSMqgehk>

T. Burhenn introduced the item, and County staff and the DESAL Plan Project Team presented the Draft DESAL Plan Feasibility Study. Committee members and members of the public provided questions and comments, which are summarized below by presentation section.

Project Objectives/Timeline

- None

Alternatives Evaluation Process and Rough Screened Alternatives

- Are you assuming *Alternative A – Cambria* will solve the building ban in Cambria? Are you designing a full buildout?

Alternative Costs

- Regarding projected annualized unit costs, what is the length of the lifecycle used for the alternatives?
- For each of the alternatives, have you determined the estimated cost per rate payer? How likely is this to affect feasibility?
- Do unit costs include the amortization of capital costs? If so, over how many years?
- What are the primary differences between *Alternative B - Cayucos/Estero Marine Terminal* and *Alternative C - Morro Bay Area*?
- Are land acquisition costs included in the "Details and Construction Cost Breakdown"?
- For the Morro Bay Alternative, can you run such a large system on the existing electrical infrastructure? What are the power requirements?
- Regarding *Alternative D - South SLO*, the Coastal Commission mandated that the South County treatment facility be relocated to address sea-level rise and flooding risks. Given this requirement, the proposed alternative site may not be appropriate. How does this issue factor into the study? How would the proposed facility connect to the existing outfall? Would co-locating the proposed facility with the South County treatment facility be considered?
- Comments on the Plan are being submitted by local agencies; are those comments currently being considered and shared with the public?
- The City of San Luis Obispo has a policy related to wheeling water. Has their City Council formally discussed or voted on participating as a partner in any of the proposed alternatives, or does the City plan to do so?
- Are the current DESAL Plan partners helping to pay for the feasibility study?
- What methodology and assumptions were used to develop the cost estimates presented? Did the analysis consider differences in cost between typical municipal pipelines and long-distance pipelines that convey chlorinated water, including the potentially higher costs associated with those systems?
- Is Morro Bay the only agency partner that is not currently requesting desalinated water as part of its water supply portfolio?
- How much land is going to be required for each of these alternatives?
- When is the Santa Maria Refinery expected to be fully decommissioned?
- Are the Annualized Unit Costs per AFY shown in current day or future dollars?
- Costs for desalinated water appear to be significantly higher than what agencies are currently paying per AF.

Benefits of Desalination

- There is a typo on page 5-10, Section 5.3.2: change "510 percent" to "5 to 10 percent".
- It would be beneficial to highlight the economic benefits of avoiding drought impacts in the Executive Summary to help demonstrate and justify the costs of the project.

- Could the aggregated benefits be further broken down to show how they are distributed among potential beneficiaries?
- Did the analysis consider lost County sales tax revenue during drought years as part of the economic impact estimate?
- At what point, and by whom, would a determination be made that desalination is not feasible?

Community Engagement and Outreach

- Were areas with critical water supply needs, such as Los Osos or Cambria, given greater consideration when developing the alternatives?
- Was outreach conducted with Chumash tribes or relevant federal agencies regarding potential desalination operations within the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary?
- Will the Environmental section of the report be revised to address environmental justice concerns based on public input?

Potential Future Phases of Work

- None

Continued Q&A

- What are the potential benefits to a host community, particularly if the community does not need the water supply?
- What benefits could rural or agricultural entities receive, given the focus on urban water supplies?
- Could the water supply be used by private or semi-private entities to serve new development?
- How would desalinated water offset existing or new water uses, as mentioned in Chapter 3.4, and how does the assumed 25% State Water offset factor into the analysis?

3) Consider Providing Letter to District Board of Supervisors Regarding DESAL Plan

Item start time ~ 01:33:50

T. Burhenn introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion.

Committee members discussed options and preferences regarding the letter's format, content, approach, and the importance of submitting it to the District Board of Supervisors.

MOTION: Submit the letter, excluding the optional content, to the District Board of Supervisors recommending that they receive and file the DESAL Plan Feasibility Study.

MOTION BY: C. Mulholland

SECOND BY: M. Watkins

MOTION CARRIES

AYES: 12

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 4

4) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

No Comment.

DRAFT

Water Resources Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form
Meeting Date: 8/5/2026

Organization	DISTRICT	Representative	ITEM #3: Submit DESAL Plan Letter to District EOS																			
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District 2		Elizabeth Covert	A																			
District 3		(Vacant)	M																			
District 3		Neil MacDougall	A																			
District 4		Jim Macdonald	M																			
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District 4		Thomas Burren	M																			
District 4		David Gruber	M																			
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California Men's Colony		Scott Buffice	M																			
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Camp SLO		Julius Salda	A																			
County Farm Bureau		Paul Gruber	M																			
County Farm Bureau		Paul Clark	A																			
County Farm Bureau		(Vacant)	M																			
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City of Alascadero		Seth Peak	M																			
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City of Grover Beach		Julius Tuggle	M																			
City of Grover Beach		Robert Robert	A																			
City of Morro Bay		Zara Landrum	M																			
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City of Paso Robles		Christopher Alakell	M																			
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City of San Luis Obispo		Jan Marx	M																			
City of San Luis Obispo		Michael Boswell	A																			
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Cambria CSD		Jim Green	M																			
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Los Osos CSD		Chuck Owens	M																			
Los Osos CSD		Ron Mundis	A																			
Nipomo CSD		Ed Eby	M																			
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San Miguel CSD		Kelly Dodds	M																			
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MOTION 1			
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Motion Maker:	C. Mulholland	Second:	M. Watkins
AYE:	12	NO:	
ABSTAIN:		ABSTAIN:	4
Submit the letter, excluding the optional content to the District Board of Supervisors recommending that they receive and file the DESAL Plan Feasibility Study.			

MOTION 2			
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MOTION 3			
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Motion Maker:		Second: E. Greening	
AYE:		NO:	
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MOTION 4			
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MOTION 5			
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WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2026

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

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

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WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)
GUEST LIST 2026

NAME	AFFILITATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AJ Maul	County of SLO					X							
Angela Ford	County of SLO					X	X		X				
Anthony Cemo	Carollo					X			X				
Carolyn Berg	Koble Collaborative					X			X				
Charles Varni	Guest								X				
Courtney Howard	County of SLO								X				
Dan Heimel	Confluence Engineering Solutions					X							
Eric Johnson	Cambria CSD				X	X							
Guest	Guest								X				
Gustav King	Student					X							
James Sofranko	District 4					X			X				
Jeff Edwards	Guest				X	X	X						
John Hollenbeck	Hollenbeck Consulting				X	X							
Josh Porter	County of SLO				X	X							
Karen Dean	Cambria CSD					X							
Kellie Fortner	City of SLO				X	X			X				
Kristen Headland	Guest								X				
Louis Lefebvre	Carollo					X							
Lydia Holmes	Carollo					X			X				
Mathew Scrudato	County of Santa Barbara				X	X			X				
Melissa Pasa	County of SLO				X	X							
Nick Teague	County of SLO				X	X	X		X				
Pamela Walters	Guest						X						
Peter Brown	Guest								X				
Rachael Lee	CivicSpark					X			X				
Rosemarie Gaglione	City of Pismo Beach								X				
Shawna Scott	City of SLO								X				
Shelly Cone	County of SLO				X				X				
Stephanie Zappelli	SLO Tribune								X				
Tim Kershaw	Cleath-Harris					X	X						
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company				X	X	X						
Tom Cross	Guest								X				
Troy Barnhart	County of SLO					X							
Vincent Trezza	Carollo					X							
Wes Thompson	County of SLO					X							

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

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TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: October 7, 2026

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5: Ongoing Updates

- a) **Rain & Reservoir Report.** See attached 2026-27 current report.
- b) **Drought Updates.**
- County Staff submitted our Drought Resilience Plan Memorandum to DWR and participated in the SB552 Drought Resilience Symposium as a panel member.
 - Our project website is updated: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/current-public-works-projects/drought-resiliency-plan>
- 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	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. • The BMC held a regular meeting on September 16, 2026, regarding the following items: ○ The Board received and filed information on the status of the Broderson Leach Field. ○ The Board received the update on the geophysics investigation. ○ The Board received information on potential growth rates and selected a growth rate recommendation of 0% to include in the Los Osos Basin Management Committee (BMC) 2027 Growth Rate Recommendation Letter to the County of San Luis Obispo

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

	Groundwater Sustainability Director. The Board directed Staff to finalize the letter with the selected growth rate recommendation and authorized the BMC Chair to approve the final letter and submit it to the County. The next BMC regular meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2026. Meeting notices, minutes, and recordings are available on the Los Osos Basin Management Committee 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 EC met on September 2, 2026, regarding an Update on the Periodic Evaluation Preparation. - The next EC meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2026. 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 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. For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/santamariabasin or www.slocounty.ca.gov/agbasin
Paso Basin	Paso Basin 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 (PRAGA) through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which supersedes the PBCC and is the new governing body of Paso Basin. • The PRAGA Board of Directions held a regular meeting on September 23, 2026, regarding the following items: ◦ Adopt Resolution to Approve Proposed Amendments to the Conflict-of-Interest Code and Authorize Staff to Submit to the County for Review ◦ Approve Revised 2026 Board Meeting Calendar ◦ Approve a Contract for FY 2026-2027 Technical Support Services ◦ Update on GSP Implementation and 5-Year Strategic Plan ◦ Evaluation of Projects/Management Actions and Draft Grant Project List • The PRAGA regular meetings scheduled for October 28, 2026, and December 16, 2026 were cancelled. • The next Paso Authority regular meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2026. For more information or to view meeting materials, please visit: www.pasoroblesaga.org/
Cuyama Basin	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 27, 2026, and September 2, 2026, respectively, regarding the following items: ◦ Update on Increased Water Use Assessment for Areas Outside the Central Management Area ◦ Direction on Improvements to the Allocation Exchange Program ◦ Direction on Implementing a Carryover Policy for Areas Subject to Allocations ◦ Direction on Adaptive Management • The next regular Cuyama Basin GSA Advisory and Board meetings are proposed for October 29, 2026, and November 4, 2026, 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. The project includes five general work tasks to be completed over several years. 1. Compile and review existing hydrologic and geologic data (completed 2021) 2. Collect new groundwater and surface water data (completed 2024) 3. Conduct an integrated analysis of the hydrogeologic system (in progress) 4. Produce interpretive investigation reports & data releases (in progress) 5. Conduct public outreach and engagement (ongoing) The project is anticipated to conclude in 2027 with the publication of an interpretive USGS report and presentation of findings. Data collected by USGS as part of the project is publicly available in the USGS Water Data for the Nation (WDFN) database and can be accessed through the interactive map on the USGS project website: USGS project website For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/adelaidastudy

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:
Zone 1/1A Arroyo Grande Creek Channel	Flood Control Zone 1/1A includes the maintenance and operations of the Arroyo Grande Creek and Los Berros Diversion Channels to provide flood

protection within the Zone located near the City of Arroyo Grande and the community of Oceano.

The following are updates to on-going District staff activities for Zone 1/1A:

- 1. Waterway Management Plan (WMP):** The Arroyo Grande Creek Channel WMP and associated environmental documents are the District's maintenance procedures, activity and schedule allowances to maintain storm flow conveyance while simultaneously enhancing water quality and sensitive species habitat. In accordance with the 2026 Annual Work Plan, woody debris management is on-going through October, supplemented by hazardous tree removals and hand labor vegetation management. The engineering consultant team continues to provide biological monitoring, updating hydraulic models, and is preparing for regulatory agency submittal of the 3-year Project-wide Habitat Assessment Report due in mid-November.
- 2. Zone 1/1A and Arroyo Grande Creek Watershed Programs Funding Project:** This is an effort to update the Prop 218 Assessments from 2006 for the Zone 1/1A Program and to evaluate watershed-scale and other options to fund and implement other programs in the watershed that may impact the success of efforts in the Zone 1/1A area. The Board awarded a \$146k Professional Services Contract to SCI Consulting on June 8, 2026 to kickstart the funding assessment. District staff facilitated an on-site levee tour with the consultant and facilitated Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee and AG Creek Watershed MOU Group quarterly stakeholder meetings to introduce the consultant teams.
- 3. Arroyo Grande Creek Levees Project:** This is a scoping study, federally funded under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), to support the District's AG Creek channel flood protection efforts through an alternatives analysis to evaluate feasible flood mitigation solutions to improve flood protection for properties surrounding the channel. This study is running parallel with the funding project, previously summarized, to capture long-term maintenance and improvement plans for both Zone 1/1A and other watershed-scale projects for potential funding opportunities. The existing conditions hydraulic model has been developed and Tier 1 Ecological Floodplain Inundation Potential that was shared during the most recent quarterly stakeholder meetings at the Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee and AG Creek Watershed MOU Group for feedback on potential sites that could provide storage, groundwater recharge, or creek connectivity for flood risk reduction and ecological habitat enhancement. Next steps will be conduct field surveys to fine-tune the hydraulic model for site identification and prioritization.
- 4. Meadow Creek Lagoon Habitat Restoration Project:** This project aims to 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, in accordance with the US Army Corps of Engineers and National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinion issued for the WMP. Refer to the previous update. 5. Levee Operations Emergency Response Planning: Refer to the presentation provided. The next meeting of the Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th, 2026, 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 San Luis Obispo Creek	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. Updates: • The San Luis Bay Drive stream gage with USGS was installed September 24, 2026. Once testing and startup phases are complete, flowrates (discharge) will be available on USGS and our County data websites. • The City and District will be hosting our annual Flood Readiness Event at November 5th Downtown SLO Farmer's Market. • The next meeting of the Zone 9 Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 14, 2026, 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 September 15, 2026, DWR and the District finalized Amendment 1 for the Prop. 1, Round 2 Implementation Grant.

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
Master Water Report Information System	\$549,755	In Progress	Flood Control District
Water Resource Reliability Projects	\$600,000	In Progress	Oceano CSD
Water Main Improvement Project	\$300,000	In Progress	San Miguel CSD

Disinfection Byproducts Reduction Project	\$492,930	In Progress	Heritage Ranch CSD
Groundwater Cleanup Project – TW-3 Well Equipping and Treatment	\$507,070	In Progress	City of San Luis Obispo

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 Update:

The project continues in programming development. Supply and demand data from 2020-2025 from the State has been audited, supplemented with other sources (i.e. Basin Annual Reports, 2025 UWMPs, etc.). We look forward to sharing more information when ready regarding Urban, Small System, Rural and Agricultural water supply and demand at the County, Water Planning, Watershed and community geographic areas.

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 2026 SWP Water Supply & Demand:

<u>2026 SWP Supply</u>		
The current SWP allocation % (and date) set by DWR:	<u>45%</u>	Allocation since 5/15/2026.
The Table A water amount based on the current SWP allocation % applied to the District's 25,000 AF "Table A" contract translates to:	<u>11,250 AF</u>	Table A water
Estimate of "Carryover" water in storage at San Luis Reservoir <u>on January 1, 2026</u> (the start of the new SWP delivery year) was:	<u>9,110 AF</u>	Carryover water
Other District Surplus SWP water stored water outside the District:	<u>350 AF</u>	Additional Storage
Total Project water available to the District:	<u>20,710 AF</u>	Total Supply
<u>2026 SWP Demand</u> (as of 9/1/2026)		
Total Project water scheduled for delivery to the District within the Coastal Branch (under the District's 4,830 AF capacity share):	<u>3,667 AF</u>	Scheduled Deliveries

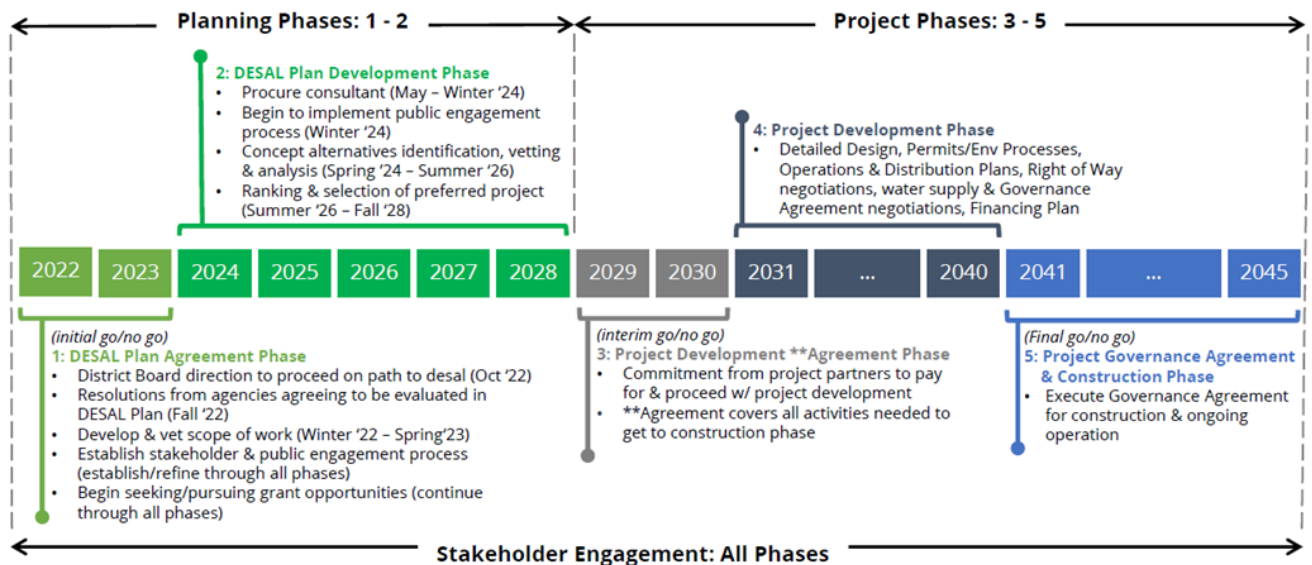
- **State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee (SWSAC):** The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for October 23. Additional information, as it becomes available, will be posted to the SWSAC website: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/State-Water-Project-and-Subcontractors-Advisory-Co.aspx>

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 support from a USBR WaterSMART grant, the District collaborated with partner agencies, engaged stakeholders, and worked with a consultant team to develop the USBR Title XVI DESAL Plan Feasibility Study (Study), a high-level planning effort to explore the potential for regional desalination in San Luis Obispo County.

The Study was recently completed and received and filed by the Board of Supervisors, marking the end of Phase 2a. The Study concluded with a short-list of feasible projects to be considered for further study. No preferred project has been selected; instead, the Study provides the technical foundation to support future decision-marking by the District and DESAL Plan partners. If the District and/or partner agencies decide to advance after the Study, next steps in planning (Phase 2b) would focus on selecting, refining, and further evaluating one or more of the project alternatives to carry forward to Phase 3. The five phases are shown in the following graphic.

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



i) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

We are in the process of revamping the Planning Dept. water updates. We expect to include these in the November 5th Agenda Packet.

j) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Rainfall and Reservoir Report

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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.
- 1SLO County FCWCD defines each Water Year from July 1 to the subsequent June 30.
- 2Rainfall data for month of generation is partial (only to time of generation).
- 3Water Planning Areas as defined by 2019 County IWRM update.
- 4Per County Standard Drawing H-1, calculated over 42 year period from WY1955-56 to 1997-98.
- 5Elevation datums vary; refer to operating agency materials for detail.
- 6elevation datum was updated along with the storage-elevation curve. 2023 values use previous datum and storage-elevation assumptions.
- 7n/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 2026-27 ^{1,2}														Average Annual ⁴	Water Year 2025-26	
		July 26	Aug 26	Sep 26	Oct 26	Nov 26	Dec 26	Jan 27	Feb 27	Mar 27	Apr 27	May 27	Jun 27	Year-to-Date	% of Year Avg		% of Year Avg	Total
5 North County	Hog Canyon	0.01	0	0										0.01	0%	16	86%	13.7
	Rocky Butte	0	0	0										0.00	0%	40	96%	38.2
	Shandon	0.06	0	0										0.06	1%	12	108%	12.9
	Templeton	0	0	0										0.00	0%	18	80%	14.4
	Creston	0	0	0										0.00	0%	12	126%	15.1
	Atascadero	0	0	0										0.00	0%	18	95%	17.1
	Santa Margarita	0	0.01	0.01										0.02	0%	24	103%	24.6
1 San Simeon / Cambria	Salinas Dam	0.03	0	0.01										0.04	0%	22	112%	24.6
	San Simeon	0.01	0.06	0.03										0.10	0%	24	76%	18.2
	Santa Rosa at Main	0.02	0	0.02										0.04	0%	22	76%	16.6
	Hwy 46 W 7 Mile	0.09	0.06	0.05										0.20	1%	30	62%	18.5
2 Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	Morro Toro	0	0	0										0.00	0%	28	85%	23.9
	Canet	0.02	0.03	0.03										0.08	0%	22	86%	19.0
	Camp San Luis	0	0	0										0.00	0%	20	112%	22.3
	Los Osos Landfill	0.06	0.01	0.02										0.09	1%	18	113%	20.3
	Davis Peak	0	0.04	0										0.04	0%	18	109%	19.6
3 SLO / South County	South Portal	0.01	0.05	0.02										0.08	0%	28	95%	26.7
	SLO Reservoir	0	0.03	0										0.03	0%	24	101%	24.1
	Gas Company	0.01	0.01	0										0.02	0%	22	93%	20.4
	Upper Lopez	0	0	0										0.00	0%	30	75%	22.5
	Lopez Rec Area	0	0.01	0										0.01	0%	22	102%	22.5
	Lopez Dam	0.03	0.04	0										0.07	0%	20	119%	23.9
	Lopez WTP	0.04	0.03	0.04										0.11	1%	20	103%	20.5
	Arroyo Grande	0.01	0.02	0.02										0.05	0%	18	105%	18.9
	Los Berros	0	0.08	0.04										0.12	1%	20	107%	21.4
	Oceano	0.01	0.01	0.01										0.03	0%	16	97%	15.5
	Nipomo East	0.02	0.01	0.02										0.05	0%	18	105%	18.9
	Nipomo South	0.02	0	0										0.02	0%	14	114%	15.9

Non-County Rain Stations

WPA ³	Operating Agency	Station	Water Year 2025-26 ^{1,2}														Average Annual	Water Year 2025-26	
			July 26	Aug 26	Sep 26	Oct 26	Nov 26	Dec 26	Jan 27	Feb 27	Mar 27	Apr 27	May 27	Jun 27	Year-to-Date	% of Year Avg		% of Year Avg	Total
5 North County	City of Paso Robles	Paso Robles	0.02	0	0										0.02	0%	15.23	109%	16.6
	Atascadero Mutual Water Company	Atascadero MWC	0	0	0										0.00	0%	17.56	69%	12.0
2 Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock Dam	*	*	*										*	*	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)	9/30/2026	743.80	35%	130,990	377,900
				9/25/2025	746.80	37%	140,270	
		San Antonio Reservoir	780.00	9/30/2026	738.70	47%	156,925	335,000
				9/25/2025	742.85	51%	170,783	
	SLO County FCWCD	Salinas Reservoir / Santa Margarita Lake ⁶	1303.59	9/30/2026	1299.60	88%	19,582	22,320
				9/25/2025	1298.65	85%	18,966	
Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock Reservoir	216.00	9/30/2026	201.6	80%	31,108	38,967
				9/25/2025	206.3	86%	33,557	
SLO / South County	SLO County FCWCD	Lopez Reservoir	522.66	9/30/2026	510.65	79%	39,183	49,476
				9/25/2025	512.84	83%	40,968	
Cuyama	Santa Barbara County FCD	Twitchell Reservoir ⁷	651.50	9/30/2026	*	*	*	194,971
				9/25/2025	*	*	*	

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WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

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TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: October 7, 2026

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6: Future Agenda Items

Anticipated Topics for 2026:

- Master Water Report
- 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

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.