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Honorable Adam Hill  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors  
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Subject: Water Resources Advisory Committee Comments on the Resource Management System 2010 Annual Summary Report

Dear Chairperson Hill:

A subcommittee was formed 2 February 2011 to discuss the draft 2010 Annual Survey Report for the Resource Management System.

Subcommittee members included:

- Sue Luft (Environmental At-Large)
- Bill Garfinkel (District 2)
- Stephnie Wald (Environmental At-Large: Marine Interests)
- Mike Winn, Subcommittee chair (Nipomo Community Services District)
- Ray Allen (Agriculture At-Large) - unable to attend but did offer comments

After a meeting 18 February 2011, consensus was reached on the following comments:

**The subcommittee strongly supports the 2010 ASR, including the Level of Severity (LOS) designations, and requests that the WRAC ask that the SLO County Board of Supervisors adopt the document, with the inclusion of the following comments.**

#### General Suggestions:

1. Add a small map of the area/agency being surveyed at the beginning of its section, following its name.
2. Suggest that "acre-feet per year" be used only once in each regional report, using "afy" thereafter – the exception being in titles of charts.

#### Purpose of the Committee:

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the SLO County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board specific water resource programs. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

*Excerpts from WRAC Bylaws dated 3/2/2011*

3. Suggest that the section heading "Sewage" be replaced throughout with "Waste Water Treatment".

**General Recommendations:**

1. Insert a small chart at the beginning of each water supply section, showing water supplier(s), source(s), acre-feet demand in the most recent year reported, Level of Severity (if appropriate), and the date an LOS was certified (if applicable). E.g.,

**Los Osos**

Water Supplier	Source	Acre-Feet Used 09-10	LOS	Date Certified
Los Osos CSD	Groundwater Basin	837	III	2007
Golden State Water Company	Groundwater Basin	826	III	2007
S&T Mutual Water Company	Groundwater Basin	80	III	2007

2. Round off "gallons per capita per day" to the nearest whole gallon.
3. Charts used to show calculation of reduction in residential water use should not use "Total Acre Feet per Year", since some classes of users are exempt from this requirement. Instead use "Total Residential Acre-Feet per Year".
4. Use "water supplier" or "water provider" instead of "purveyor".
5. Water rate information should include not only whether they are tiered but should specify where possible how many tiers.

The attached redlined staff report was adopted with emendations 2 March 2011 by the WRAC membership. The motion passed 14-2-0.

Respectfully,



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Water Resources Advisory Committee Chairperson and Subcommittee Chair

cc: SLO County Board of Supervisors  
James Caruso, County Department of Planning and Building

Attachment: WRAC Comments on the Resource Management System 2010 Annual Summary Report