

Paso Basin Cooperative Committee

Minutes (Approved)

October 23rd, 2019

The following members or alternates were present:

John Peschong, Chairperson, County of San Luis Obispo

Joe Parent, Vice Chairperson, San Miguel CSD

Matt Turrentine, Secretary, Shandon-San Juan WD

John Hamon, Treasurer, City of Paso Robles

<p>1. Call to Order</p> <p>2. Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>3. Roll call</p>	<p>Chairperson Peschong: calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: leads the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ruberto: calls roll.</p>
<p>4. Public Comment – items not on Agenda</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:00:55</i></p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Dana Merrill: comments on dissatisfaction with representation of irrigated agriculture by the County GSA during the GSP development process.</p> <p>Jerry Reaugh: acknowledges contributions of staff throughout the GSP development process; presents a letter from the California State Board of Food and Agriculture; requests that public have an opportunity to comment on topics discussed during Agenda Item #7 – Committee Member Comments; comments on dissatisfaction with the County GSA’s engagement of irrigated agriculture during the GSP development process.</p> <p>Jerry Lohr: provides a summary of sustainable water management practices that have been implemented by local irrigated agricultural producers; comments that agricultural users should adopt best management practices in order to reduce overall water use; speaks to the content of the GSP and the authority of the State under SGMA.</p> <p>Herb Rollins: acknowledges contributions of staff throughout the GSP development process; comments on dissatisfaction with the County GSA’s engagement of irrigated agriculture during the GSP development process.</p> <p>Joe Irick: agrees with many of the comments previously expressed by growers; expresses concern regarding water restrictions and the effect on smaller growers; offers to help with GSP implementation via seminars.</p> <p>Cody Ferguson: comments on the involvement of irrigated agriculture during the GSP development process, attendance at previous public meetings regarding the Paso Basin and disagreement with previous commenters’ dissatisfaction with the County GSA’s engagement of irrigated agriculture during the GSP development process.</p>

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	<p>Debbie Arnold: comments on the use of innovative best management practices being utilized by agricultural producers to create water savings; states she is optimistic about attaining a sustainable groundwater basin and looks forward to utilizing new technologies and ingenuity to achieve sustainability; thanks everyone involved in the GSP development process and looks forward to submitting the Plan to the State.</p> <p>Ann Myhre: comments on the level of public engagement related to the GSP development and the future participation and hard work required to properly implement the Plan.</p> <p>Allen Duckworth: comments on the representation of irrigated agriculture during the GSP development process, disagrees with previous commenter's dissatisfaction with level of outreach to agricultural basin users.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: asks for additional public comments, seeing none, closes the floor to public comment.</p>																									
<p>5. Approval of August 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:25:30</i> Audio from the August 21, 2019, Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Meeting is available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens discussion for Agenda Item 5 – Approval of August 21, 2019 Cooperative Committee Meeting Minutes; asks for comments from the Committee, and then from the public; there are none.</p> <p>Motion by: Treasurer Hamon Second by: Matt Turrentine Motion: The Committee moves to approve the August 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1318 1430 1514"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Peschong (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Parent (Vice Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Secretary/Clerk)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Peschong (Chairperson)	X				Joe Parent (Vice Chairperson)	X				Matt Turrentine (Secretary/Clerk)	X				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
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<p>6. Consider recommended Consultant for First Annual Report development and related contract consistent with MOA Section 6.3</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:26:00</i> City Staff, Dick McKinley: discusses the status of the GSP; reiterates that each GSA will need to adopt the GSP before it is sent to the State by January 31, 2020; informs the Committee that a consultant, GSI Water Solutions, has been selected to compile the annual report which is due by April 2020; reiterates that the annual report will not be reimbursable with grant funds.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: asks for questions from the Committee.</p>																									

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Treasurer Hamon: asks what would happen if one or more GSAs do not adopt the Plan.

City Staff, Dick McKinley: replies that the willing GSAs could still adopt and submit the Plan to the State.

Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comments.

Cody Ferguson and Robin Chapman: speak.

Chairperson Peschong: asks for additional comments from the public, seeing none, closes the public comment period and brings the item back to the Committee.

City Staff, Dick McKinley: responds to public comment regarding the consultant selection process, stating that the consultant firm chosen to develop the first Annual Report was selected because they were the highest qualified firm, not because they were the least expensive.

Treasurer Hammond: asks how the consultant costs will be shared between GSAs.

City Staff, Dick McKinley: responds that the GSAs share costs based on the percentages laid out in the MOA and proportionate redistribution of Heritage Ranch Community Services District's former 1% cost obligation; confirms that the proposal has been made publicly available and is included in the agenda packet.

Motion by: Treasurer Hamon

Second by: Joe Parent

Motion: It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee confirm the GSA staff recommendation to contract with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI), and forward said confirmed recommendation to the City of Paso Robles for its award of the related contract, consistent with MOA Section 6.3, for First Annual Report development.

Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse
John Peschong (Chairperson)	X			
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<p>7. Committee Member Comments – Committee members may make brief comments, provide status updates, or communicate with other members, staff, or the public regarding non-agenda topics</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:34:50</i> Secretary Turrentine: thanks everyone involved in the development of the GSP to date; comments on the importance of continued collaboration regarding decisions and future efforts made during Plan implementation.</p>
<p>8. Upcoming meeting(s) a. Special Meeting – November 20, 2019</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Special Meeting set for November 20, 2019 at 4:00 PM, Location: Paso Robles - City Council Chamber.</p>
<p>9. Future Items</p>	<p>Chairperson Peschong: asks for any future items to be brought before the Committee; there are none.</p>
<p>10. Adjourn</p>	<p>Chairperson Peschong: adjourns the meeting at 4:34 p.m.</p>

I, Matt Turrentine, Secretary to the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held on October 23, 2019, by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

Matt Turrentine, Secretary of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.
Drafted by: Joey Steil and Angela Ruberto, County of San Luis Obispo