

PASO BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TEMPLETON COMMUNITY CENTER

June 18, 2015
Meeting Minutes

An audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted during public comment are available online at www.PasoBasin.org

Approximately 2:00 pm the meeting is called to order.

1. Introductions and determination of a Quorum- Quorum established.

[Chairperson Luft reorganizes the agenda, in order to accommodate various members' timing commitments. Item 5 will be moved up, directly after meeting minutes review.]

2. Approve May meeting minutes- The May 21, 2015 Paso Basin Advisory Committee (PBAC) minutes are reviewed, and Courtney Howard, County Public Works, reads two written requests for revisions to the draft minutes: (1) Member Engel observed that her attendance (and other members) was not accurately recorded; and (2) Alternate Member Halley requests expansion on Item 4 relating to details for the approach to full subscription of Nacimiento Water Project reserve water. Discussion ensues regarding other appropriate formats for Alternate Member Halley's comments, such as a letter to the PBAC at a future meeting. Suggestion is made to note the submittal of Upper Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District letter related to conservation measures in Item 3a. Member Luft suggests correcting the Roll Call Vote Form for Motion 3 motion makers (first by Spencer, second by Kalvans) on the May 21st Roll Call Vote Form. Member Engel moves to approve minutes as amended, second by Member Kalvans. (19-0-2-3)
5. Municipality Water Use Update- Discussion ensues regarding the various municipal water use and supply sources. Member Neil speaks to Atascadero's recharge efforts and reduced water consumption. He also notes his Board's recent adoption of a policy relating to management of private wells. Member Kalvans discussed San Miguel's water use and points out an unusually large amount of water being used by the County playground. Discussion ensues about possible causes. Ms. Howard asks that San Miguel send details to County Parks Department, so that necessary actions can be taken. Member Luft and Dick McKinley, City of Paso Robles Public Works Director, discuss the status of a moratorium on new wells in Paso Robles. Member Britz speaks to Templeton's successful conservation efforts.
3. County Efforts (attachment)
 - a. Water District Application Review Process Update – Consider Moving August, September and October PBAC meeting days – David Church, Executive Officer of the San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO),

overviews today's LAFCO meeting and presentations by both the State Water Board SGMA Lead, Erik Ekdahl, and Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency General Manager, Gerhardt Hubner. He briefly touches on the discussions on basin boundaries and potential funding of the water district. He notes that the August 20th LAFCO meeting will be at the Paso Events Center at 5:30 PM, and September 17th LAFCO meeting will be at the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 9:00 AM. He anticipates upcoming LAFCO staff efforts will be focused on the potential water district formation. Discussion ensues about watershed management strategies presented by Fox Canyon, the water district's relationship to other agencies in a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and potential overlap of various governmental agencies. It is requested that a "study session" with the State Water Board be added to an upcoming meeting agenda. It is recommended that related discussion occur within the management subcommittee. Moving the August and September PBAC meeting dates was discussed due to potential conflict with LAFCO hearing dates. The August PBAC meeting will remain at the normal time and date. The September meeting of the PBAC was tentatively moved to September 9th from 2 to 4 pm. Committee members are asked to check their calendars before the July PBAC meeting.

- b. Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update – The next Planning Commission hearing is on July 30th, with updated materials being posted online soon. It is requested that the management subcommittee will discuss the interim offset ordinance at their next meeting.
 - c. Paso Basin Open House follow up – Ms. Howard provides an overview of the recent Paso Basin Open House and relays the public's interest in seeing more Open Houses occur. An attendee recommends a new format for future Open House meetings: each presentation would be followed by a panel discussion and an opportunity to ask questions. Further discussion ensues.
 - d. Consider Advising the Board of Supervisors regarding county efforts – Member Luft notes that this topic has been informally addressed in previous conversation.
4. Subcommittee Reports/Recommended PBAC Actions (attachments)
- a. Computer Model Update – Ms. Howard answers questions and facilitates discussion on the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin computer model and the status of refinement and recalibration efforts.
 - b. Conservation – Discussion ensues on efforts to engage the County's agricultural industry in subcommittee meetings with the hope of starting a dialogue on conservation practices. It is pointed out that Member Best believes that agency and committee collaboration is an emerging mindset. Members express a desire for the County to pursue grant funding.
 - c. In-Basin Projects – Member Werner provides an update on Member Best's pursuit of grant funding for Huer Huero Creek Watershed efforts. The State grant was not awarded, but the project still has the opportunity to receive Federal grant funding. Results of the Federal grant solicitation will be determined on September 1, 2015, and work could start as early as October 1, 2015. He announces that Carolyn Berg and Christine Halley will attend the next subcommittee meeting to

Speak about Proposition 1 funding opportunities— July 2nd from 11:30-1pm at North Coast Engineering, 725 Creston Road, Paso Robles.

- d. Management – Recommend that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to review the attached Frequently Asked Questions and Responses with legal counsel, verify data sources and revise as needed, and post to the pasobasin.org website – Member Brown states that the recommendation is to request staff to review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), as drafts has been taken as far as it can go and is ready to be sent to County Staff for legal counsel review. Discussion ensues on FAQ comments, such as a requested revision by Della Barrett regarding storage of imported water and recovery of banked water. Discussion ensues on PBAC’s role as advocating or informative. Member Tracy moves to forward the information to County staff and have them post it to the website after review, second by Member Spencer. (18-2-0-4)
 - e. Outreach and Education – Brief Paso Basin Open House discussion ensues.
 - f. Supply Options – Last meeting is discussed, the subject of which was the review of the State Water Tech Memo from the Supply Options Study which was reviewed and comments were provided back to the consultants. Subcommittee is now awaiting a response from the consultants as to their next steps. Discussion commences on providing informational workshops and opportunities to the public regarding State Water.
6. Public Comment – A question is posed about rules or regulations on the use of recycled water in growing food. Member Engel notes recent experience observing the installation of subsurface drip irrigation at a location in the basin. A question is posed regarding inclusion of water users using less than 2 acre-feet per year. Member Luft answers that it would be up to the future water district board to decide. Someone asks about the possibility of creating an elevation difference exhibit for 2014. Someone requests a concise and easy-to-read summary of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).
 7. Future Meeting Topics/ Committee Comments –
 - a. Moving Public Comment to the beginning of the meeting
 - b. Having State Water Board come to the PBAC and make a presentation
 8. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at approximately 4pm.

The Paso Basin Advisory Committee approved these minutes on July 16, 2015.

/s/ Courtney Howard

COURTNEY HOWARD
Public Works Staff

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2015

Organization	Representative		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS															
Atascadero Mutual Water Company	John Neil	M	X	X	Not Recorded										
	Jaime Hendrickson	A	X	X											
Central Coast Vineyard Team	Kris Beal	M					X	X							
	Willy Cunha	A	X	X			X	X	X						
City of Atascadero	Vacant	M													
	Vacant	A													
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M													
	Christine Halley	A		X			X	X							
City of San Luis Obispo	John Ashbaugh	M													
	Noah Evans	A	X	X			X	X	X						
County of Monterey (Resource Management Agency)	Tom Moss*	M													
	Carl Holm*	A													
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Robert Johnson	M													
	Howard Franklin	A	X	X			X		X						
Paso Robles Imperiled Overlying Rights (PRIOR)	Steve Sinton	M	X	X			X	•	X						
	Kent Gilmore	A					X	X							
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	Patricia Wilmore	M					X	X	X						
	Jerry Reaugh	A	X	X			X	X	X						
San Miguel Community Services District	Anthony Kalvans	M	X	X			X	X	X						
	Vacant	A													
Shandon (County Service Area 16)	Susan Howard	M					•								
	Vacant	A													
SLO County Cattlemen's Association	Kurt Bollinger	M		X			X	X	X						
	Dale Evanson	A		X											
SLO County Farm Bureau	Paul Clark	M	X	X			X	X	X						
	Megan Silcott	A													
Templeton Community Services District	Jeff Britz	M	X				X	X	X						
	Tina Mayer	A		X											
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD	Devin Best	M	X			•	X								
	Amy Smart	A													
AT-LARGE															
Viticulture Agriculturalist At-Large	Dana Merrill	M						X							
	Robert Brown	A	X	X		X	X								
Non-Viticulture Irrigated Crop Agriculturalist At-Large	Bill Spencer	M	X	X			X	X							
	John DeRosier	A													
Environmental At-Large	Sue Harvey	M	X	X		X	X	X							
	Daniel Meade	A	X	X		X									
Rural Residential At-Large	Sue Luft	M	X	X		X	X	X							
	Michael Baugh	A	X	X		X	X								
	Claudia Engel	M	X	X			X	X							
	Maria Lorca	A	X	X		X	X	X							
	Edward C. Redig	M	X	X			X	X							
	Jim DeRose	A													
	William Frost	M	X	X		X	X	X							
	Laurie Gage	A	X	X		X	X	X							
	George Tracy	M	X	X		X	X	X							
	Don Wilson	A													
(District 1)	Randy Diffenbaugh	M	X	X		X	X	X							
	Randy Heinzen	A	X	X		X	X	X							
(District 5)	Erin Faulkner	M	X	X		X	X	X							
	Dr. Serena Friedman	A	X	X		X	X	X							
Undesignated At-Large	Larry Werner	M	X	X		X	X	X							
	Miller Newlon	A				•	X								

M = Member; A = Alternate; NM = New Member; NA = New Alternate; O = Other Representatives (e.g Staff, Council, Board, etc.)
~~strikethrough text~~ = indicates that this individual is no longer serving in this role; • = Notified of absence or conflict

* = To be confirmed at a future BOS meeting

