



**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ZONE 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY JANUARY 19, 2023**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call -- The Zone 3 Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:44PM at the City of Grover Beach by Kristen Barneich. County Public Works Utilities Division Senior Engineer and Secretary to the Advisory Committee, David Spiegel, called roll. Quorum was present. Members in attendance were:

- Kristen Barneich, City of Arroyo Grande
- Brian Talley, Agriculture Delegate
- Marcia Guthrie, City of Pismo Beach
- Shirley Gibson, Oceano Community Services District
- Brad Hagemann, Community Services Area 12
- Ron Reilly, Member at Large Delegate

II. Public Comment – This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items that are not on the Agenda. No public comment.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. November 17, 2022 Special Meeting (Attachment 1 of the Agenda Packet) – Member Guthrie motioned to approve, Second by Member Talley. Roll call vote. Motion passed.

IV. Operations Report

A. Water Plant Operations, Reservoir Storage, Downstream Releases — Plant production was 2 million gallons per day (MGD); State Water was 0.75 million gallons per day (MGD); downstream release was off, Lopez Lake elevation was 490.96 feet; storage 25,528.7 acre-feet (AF), which is 51.7% capacity; rainfall to date, since July 1, 2021, was 28.03 inches; rain compared to previous years is 140% above average.

- i. Both downstream release and cloud seeding operations were suspended on January 9 under the emergency declaration and will remain suspended until further notice.

B. Projected Reservoir Levels (Attachment 2 of the Agenda Packet) — Review of the Lopez Reservoir Projections Chart. David Spiegel explained that the brown line represents storage projection sans state water. The Technical Advisory Committee is currently discussing whether to account for state water and working on how to remove district stored state water, whether by sales or distribution among Zone 3. There is currently no physical state water in the reservoir.

C. November and December Monthly Operations Report (Attachment 3 of the Agenda Packet) — Review of the monthly operations reports with the Committee. David Spiegel explained that the December report is an example of the new format that incorporates comments regarding storage rights by the Technical

Advisory Committee and will be the format used moving forward. Individual reports for each agency (made with Power BI) will be created alongside monthly reports.

No public comment was given.

V. Action Items (No Subsequent Board of Supervisors Action Required)

- A. Exiting the LRRP** — Current storage has risen above the 20,000 AF trigger point, signaling exit from the LRRP. Based on current water usage and downstream releases, Zone 3 can last one to two years before reentering the LRRP.
- i. Members Gibson and Hagemann inquired about postponing the vote until the next meeting in March. David Spiegel informed the Committee that March is the end of the water year and entitlements will reset; if the Committee votes now, every agency's entitlement will be restored back to 100% immediately with no reductions. Additionally, voting to exit allows for more water to be put into storage.
 - ii. **Public Comment** —Greg Ray, City Engineer and Public Works Director of Grover Beach who was involved in the development of the LRRP, informed the Committee of a four-month buffer time for a decision to be made and how the agencies respond to exiting the LRRP is up to each agency. Recommended making the decision now.
 - iii. **Member Barneich motioned to approve. Roll call vote. Motion passed.**

VI. Action Items (Board of Supervisors Action is Subsequently Required)

- A. None**

VII. Future Agenda Items

A. Update on LRRP

- a. Amendments to LRRP are currently being made to support the new contract.

B. Cloud Seeding

- a. A new 3-year contract has been approved for both ground and aerial seeding. 2022-2023 is the first year.
- b. Most recent cloud seeding was performed in December. Increase in rainfall from seeding can be attested by changes in the storage projection chart.

VIII. Committee Member Comments

- A. Member Talley requested routine presentations about cloud seeding operations.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 PM by Kristen Barneich

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivien Cheung
County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department