

## MINUTES (Approved)

Chairperson: Andy Pease  
Vice Chairperson: Linda Seifert  
Secretary: Ray Dienzo

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) and as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **March 6<sup>rd</sup>, 2019** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

The audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted to the WRAC are available online: <http://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/Advisory%20Committee>

Call to order at 1:30 PM

1. Determination of Quorum and Introductions

A quorum of 15 is established (12 is required).

Members of certain organizations will be allowed to voice their concerns of water issues relevant to their organization (referenced in agenda item 8).

2. Approval of February 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Alternate Member C. Mulholland requests to no longer be referred to as "Member" due to her current Alternate Member status.

A motion by Member B. Garfinkel and a second by Member T. Mora moves to approve the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes with changes. Meeting Minutes Approved- with changes (15-0-0).

3. Consider Submitting the WRAC 2-18 Annual Report to the County Board of Supervisors

Alternate Member C. Mulholland states that the WRAC report is a good document to submit to the County Board. However, she mentions a grammar error on the last large paragraph of the letter which reads "The committee is now composed of 37 members representing a broad spectrum of agencies or groups, after committee meets, members..." It is suggested that the comma after meets and before members be removed and that "agencies or groups" be changed to "agencies and groups."

Member S. Sinton motions to follow through with the suggested changes and C. Mulholland seconds the motion.

Member E. Greening asks if the annual report will be conveyed as a consent item for the public to see. County Staff R. Dienzo states that the report is not typically conveyed that

way, however he says that he could request that the annual report be given the same treatment as the Water Conservation Measures. Member E. Greening says that it would be good for the public to see the report since the county operates in the public's interest. Alternate Member C. Mulholland agreed with Member E. Greening. Chairperson A. Pease remarks that a public report would make a good public record for meeting attendance.

Motion for approval- unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.

4. WRAC Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Member E. Greening nominates the incumbent Chairperson A. Pease. Chairperson A. Pease accepts the nomination. Nominations are then closed for Chair.

Chairperson A. Pease is reelected with a roll call vote (17-0-0).

Alternate Member C. Mulholland nominates the incumbent L. Seifert for Vice-Chairperson. Member E. Greening seconds the motion.

Vice- Chairperson L. Seifert is re-elected with a roll call vote (17-0-0).

Both the Chair and Vice-Chair thank everyone for their hard work and dedication.

5. Ongoing Updates

a. Rain and Reservoir Report

Member E. Greening asks about including the San Antonio Reservoir levels in the WRAC reports, despite it not being a county reservoir due to the proposed project to link it with Nacimiento. County Staff R. Dienzo states that it can be done.

A question is to why Whale Rock Reservoir and Reservoir Canyon is so much lower than other reservoirs, they suggest it to be the fault of a sensor error.

Alternate Member C. Mulholland suggests that it is due to the slow reporting of the reservoir data, since the data only includes January and not February that is the cause for the low stage.

Member E. Greening states that many places are already ahead of their average rainfall.

b. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

There are no comments

c. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

County Staff Brendan Clark states that the website that shows all projects for the upcoming grant was not open until March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He says that the RWMG will be reviewing all the projects submitted in April. He hopes that by the time the

May meeting comes around that allows the members to see the application and how funding works. Total funding for this area is around \$ 3 million.

d. Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP)

County Staff S. Crable states that the final Storm Water Resource Plan has been submitted to the State Board and that it is currently under review. The information was submitted on February 28th, 2019. Concurrence is expected in May if all goes well, Proposition 1 funding is expected to be implemented in the late summer. All projects submitted are potentially eligible if a grant application was submitted.

Alternate Member C. Mulholland asks what the acronyms on page 19 in the second paragraph mean, (more specifically what PMT and TAC means,) County S. Crable responds by saying PMT means Project Management Team and that TAC means Technical Advisory Committee. County Staff S. Crable explains that the PMT was comprised of both County, City and consulting teams and that the TAC had a representative for each of the 9 different watersheds. Each representative gave information for what the project would need for their area.

County Staff S. Crable states that public review for the draft has been closed on October 10th, and that the State Water Resources Control Board had reviewed the draft, and once the corrections were made, the final draft was submitted.

Member B. Garfinkel asks why the Los Osos Basin was dropped on the final draft while the fringe area was kept.

e. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

Member E. Greening states that the Board of Supervisors discussed Fractured Rock, which produced a policy direction based upon the ordinances of other counties. He also says that the Tehama County ordinance would be brought back but he hopes that the Napa County ordinance is brought back. Member E. Greening says that he hopes the staff comes to the WRAC members for their input.

Chairperson A. Pease mentions the Cal Poly SLO Master Plan and their plan for obtaining a water source.

f. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

There are no comments.

6. Consider Approving Christine Mulholland as Environmental At-Large Member; Consider Other Applications as they are Submitted

A motion by Vice-Chair L. Seifert for recommendation of Active Member C. Mulholland, second by Member E. Greening. Motion carries by unanimous voice vote in the affirmative

7. Consider Forming a Sub-committee to Review the WRAC By-laws

Due to the formation of certain groups, WRAC has evolved in the decisions of groundwater in the basin. Member E. Greening asks if the WRAC can submit comments to other counties. County Staff R. Dienzo replies by saying that comments can be made individually but not as the entirety of WRAC. The by-laws are to be reviewed prior to the next meeting and if there are any questions or changes that need to be made it can be brought up in the next meeting.

8. Updates from At-Large Members on Water Issues Relevant to Their Group or Agency

Member T. Walters states that there is a housing summit on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Grace Church by Mitchell Park. Active Member C. Mulholland states that people are forgetting about the drought due to the heavy rain we have been receiving. She states that due to the rains people are building and she is unsure that there will be enough water for everyone when the next drought comes. Member E. Greening states that the regional transportation plan done by the state department needs comments from the standpoint of resource sustainability. Member D. Chipping states that we need to prepare for another drought and climate warming. Droughts could be as long as 20 years with some rain in between some years. He states that there is not enough water to sustain us and wildlife during the droughts. Active Member C. Mulholland speaks about Central Coast Salmons' project of measuring countywide baseflows, to fill data gaps on environmental water demand and enhance streamflow data.

9. Discuss Future Agenda Items

Supervisor districts will be discussed next month. Member T. Walters inquired about the storm water resources presentation, it was decided to be carried out next meeting.

10. Public Comment

There are no comments.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:49 PM