

MINUTES (Approved)

Chairperson: Andy Pease
Vice Chairperson: Ray Dienzo
Secretary: Brendan Clark

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 2, 2022** 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: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-\(WRAC\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-(WRAC).aspx)

Call to order at 1:30 PM

1) Determination of a Quorum and Introductions

A quorum of 18 is established.

2) Consider Adopting Resolution Regarding Virtual Meetings (AB 361)

B. Clark introduces the item and provides a summary of Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), which allows legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue meeting by teleconference, provided they make certain findings, including that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Staff recommends that the Committee adopt the resolution attached to the agenda packet, invoking the provisions of AB 361 and authorizing the WRAC to continue meeting by teleconference for a period of thirty days

E. Greening moves to adopt the resolution and R. Robert seconds the motion. Motion carries (18-0-0).

3) Approval of January 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

A. Pease introduces the item and asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

R. Dienzo moves to approve the January 5th, 2022 meeting minutes and D. Logan seconds the motion. Motion carries (15-0-3).

4) Receive Presentation from Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

A. Pease introduces the item and W. Linck presents on characterizing PFAS in California's drinking water and groundwater.

A. Pease asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

D. Chipping asks about PFAS loading in water bottles. W. Linck responds.

E. Greening asks if PFAS ends up in the sludge or biosolids of wastewater facilities and if there is a regulatory structure for managing it. W. Linck responds.

W. Cunha asks about the costs associated with testing numerous compounds and what steps water purveyors can take. W. Linck responds.

S. Carter asks what a CERCLA hazardous waste designation means in practice. W. Linck responds.

5) Receive Presentation from SLO Beaver Brigade regarding Beavers in San Luis Obispo County

A. Pease introduces the item and A. Taub presents on Beavers in San Luis Obispo County.

A. Pease asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

R. Dienzo asks if beavers have been observed in other SLO County creeks outside of the Atascadero area. A. Taub responds.

C. Mulholland comments that the Zone 9 Advisory Committee has contracted with the Nature Conservancy for Arundo removal along the watershed of San Luis Obispo Creek and that the Beaver Brigade may want to contact the Nature Conservancy for coordination efforts on invasive species removal.

R. Roberts comments on the educational value of the presentation and the coordinated efforts of the SLO Beaver Brigade.

E. Greening comments on potential legislative action at the State level related to beaver relocation projects and recommends that the WRAC agendaize a future item in support of the legislation from the County Board of Supervisors. A. Pease concurs.

6) Consider Endorsing Application by Dolores Howard for Alternate Member, Environmental At-Large

A. Peace introduces the item and D. Howard introduces herself to the Committee.

A. Peace asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

E. Greening moves to endorse Dolores Howard's application for the vacant Environmental At-Large Alternate Member position and D. Chipping seconds the motion. Motion carries (18-0-0).

7) Ongoing Updates:

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comment

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

B. Clark comments on the next drought update which will be provided to the Board of Supervisors at their March 15th meeting.

E. Greening comments that the March 15th Board of Supervisors meeting could be an occasion for members of the public to comment on the moratorium issue and asks if there is an intended timeframe for the next consideration of the update regarding the Resource Management System (RMS). B. Clark responds.

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

D. Chipping asks about the drought requirements related to the stipulated agreement on the Nipomo Mesa. B. Reely responds.

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

A. Peace comments an update presentation is expected at the May or June meeting.

e) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

No comment

f) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

No Comment

8) Future Agenda Items

A. Peace comments that the next WRAC meeting will be held in-person on May 4, 2022. Future updates may include items on the budget, drought, Master Water Report update, pilot groundwater project, IRWM project presentations, and Committee elections.

C. Mulholland comments on the trend of long-term drought, balancing groundwater basins, resource management and the demand to increase growth and development – suggests agendaizing a future item related to moratoriums. A. Pease responds.

E. Greening requests SLO City Hall as the next meeting location instead of the SLO City Library due to better ventilation.

9) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

No comment