

**Paso Basin Cooperative Committee  
Minutes (Approved)  
October 17, 2018**

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**The following members or alternates were present:**

**John Hamon**, Chairperson, Member, City of Paso Robles  
**John Peschong**, Vice Chairperson, Member, County of San Luis Obispo  
**Willy Cunha**, Secretary, Member, Shandon-San Juan WD  
**Reginald Cousineau**, Member, Heritage Ranch CSD  
**Joe Parent**, Treasurer, Member, San Miguel CSD

<p><b>1. Call to Order</b></p> <p><b>2. Pledge of Allegiance</b></p> <p><b>3. Roll call</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Hamon calls the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.</p> <p>Secretary Cunha leads the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ruberto: calls roll.</p>
<p><b>4. Public Comment – Items not on Agenda</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment on Items not on the Agenda.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: comments on outstanding questions following two public workshops; concern about the words “water banking” removed from Draft Chapter 4; concerns about interaction between Consultant and basin users that are not public; concerns about ownership of projects/recharge efforts and utilizing underground storage; concerns about source and use of water; comments on priority of natural recharge projects and recommended ownership by Agencies with land use authority; asks about SGMA requirements related to water levels and basin overdraft.</p> <p>Jerry Reaugh: comments that water banking was not discussed during meeting between EPCWD and Luminaire.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: closes public comment.</p>
<p><b>5. Approval of September 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Hamon: moves to discuss approval of September 12, 2018 Cooperative Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: opens floor for public comment and, seeing none, closes public comment.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson Peschong: notes a typo in his name (Item 8 voting table).</p> <p><b>Motion By:</b> Willy Cunha  <b>Second By:</b> Joe Parent  <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to approve Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2018</p>

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<p><b>6. Consider recommending that each GSA receive and file Paso Robles Subbasin GSP Draft Sections and provide direction as necessary</b></p> <p>a. Chapter 4. Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model (Revised)</p> <p>b. Chapter 5. Groundwater Conditions</p>	<p>Meeting handouts and Presentation for Agenda Item #6 available at: <a href="https://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/SGMA/paso/">https://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/SGMA/paso/</a></p> <p>Montgomery &amp; Associates, Derrick Williams: provides an overview of GSP Draft Chapter 4 (revised); recommends that each GSA receive, file and provide comments on Draft Chapter 4 – Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model (revised); the comment period will be open for 45 days.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: asks the Board for questions or comments on Draft Chapter 4.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson Peschong: requests footnotes citing data sources.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Kay Mercer, Dennis Loucks and Greg Grewal: speak.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: agrees with Vice Chairperson Peschong’s recommendation to footnote data sources throughout Chapters.</p> <p>Montgomery &amp; Associates, Derrick Williams: responds to public comments stating that safe yield numbers came from the 2005 Fugro Groundwater Model, which was updated in 2014 and 2016; model was adopted and updated over the last year which will be reflected in the GSP; safe yield calculations have changed from previously seen numbers due to Monterey County being excluded from the model, which is a change from previous studies; explains that submitted Draft Chapters contain in-line citations instead of footnotes when citing data sources, but will begin using citations on slides as recommended.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson Peschong: asks for clarification on the years that the Fugro groundwater model was updated.</p> <p>Montgomery &amp; Associates, Derrick Williams: responds that updates to the Fugro groundwater model were done by Geoscience Support Services in 2014 and 2016.</p>				

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Montgomery & Associates, Derrick Williams: provides an overview of GSP Draft Chapter 5; recommends that each GSA receive, file and provide comments on Draft Chapter 5 – Groundwater Conditions; the comment period will be open for 45 days.

Chairperson Hamon: asks the Board for questions or comments on Draft Chapter 5.

Vice Chairperson Peschong: recognizes that there are limited data sources on potential land subsidence; asks consultant if USGS or California Department of Water Resources will provide technical information on land subsidence in the Basin and asks if these agencies have been contacted; asks who will be responsible for filling in data gaps in the future.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrick Williams: replies that subsidence data (via InSAR) has been requested from the Department of Water Resources, as recently as September; the Department responded that they will request funds to provide the data, however it remains unclear whether the data will be provided.

Vice Chairperson Peschong: recommends pursuing subsidence data; moves on to thank participants of the October 8 Creston public workshop on sustainable management criteria; appreciates the community input and recognizes the desire to be a sub area; recommends pursuing Creston as a subarea and asks if El Pomar and Estrella should also be separated into sub areas.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrick Williams: replies that he will leave that decision up to Committee Members and Staff; if pursued, the next step would be meeting with Staff to outline the types of areas that stakeholders and constituents are interested in seeing.

Vice Chairperson Peschong: recognizes that creating sub areas would mean additional well monitoring and data collection but that would be necessary in order to get an accurate portrayal of the Basin; suggests moving in that direction.

Chairperson Hamon and Secretary Cunha: concur that feedback from the Creston workshops indicate a preference for becoming a sub area.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrick Williams: suggests that recent feedback indicates that San Miguel may also be interested in becoming a subarea.

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Secretary Cunha: comments under SGMA, creating jurisdictional boundaries would be acceptable.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: clarifies that potential subareas would not be considered management areas, and that subareas would be based on physical areas each community associates with and would like to see.

Vice Chairperson Peschong: reiterates that the Creston community views itself as distinctly separate from the El Pomar/Estrella area; asks if changes can be made to figures from GSP Draft Chapter 3 if Creston were to become a sub area.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: replies that changes to figures can still be made.

Chairperson Hamon opens the floor for public comment.

Patricia Wilmore, Dennis Loucks, Greg Grewal, and Claudia Engel: speak.

Chairperson Hamon: Asks how often the USGS updates their subsidence data; asks whether public comments received on Draft GSP Chapters are currently being posted for public review; requests City Staff, Dick McKinley, respond to public comment regarding the City's 2015 Urban Water Management Plan and tables contained for current and projected water supply, listing the 'total right or safe yield' as 90,215 AF, a quantity similar to the water supply of the entire basin.

City Staff, Dick McKinley: clarifies that this number reflects the safe yield, and the City of Paso Robles is not claiming a right to the full safe yield amount.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: responds that subsidence data updates do not frequently occur; explains that obtaining the satellite data is costly and relatively complex to perform analysis with; maintains that the best approach is to ask the Department of Water Resources to purchase, analyze and share the data; states that each GSA receives all public comments per Chapter and that public comments are not currently posted online for public review, however all public comments will be released after the report is written; will consider new approach if requested to do so by the Committee.

Vice Chairperson Peschong: prefers seeing public comments posted online to promote transparency, participation and prevent potential conflict.

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	<p>Secretary Cunha: would also like to see comments posted online; comments that it would benefit the community and reinforce the fact that the public is being heard.</p> <p>Montgomery &amp; Associates, Derrik Williams: seeks input on when comments should be posted online.</p> <p>The Committee discusses when and where public comments will be posted; consultant will work with GSA staff to coordinate posting logistics and consolidate comments for posting online.</p> <p>The Committee concludes that public comments to individual GSAs shall be posted to their respective websites; additionally, a compilation of all received comments shall be posted to the main GSP website: pasogcp.com.</p> <p><b>Motion By:</b> Willy Cunha  <b>Second By:</b> John Peschong  <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to recommend the GSAs receive and file Paso Robles Subbasin GSP Draft Chapters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 – Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model (Revised)</li> <li>• 5 – Groundwater Conditions</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="553 1003 1511 1234"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Peschong (Vice Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willy Cunha (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reginald Cousineau (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Parent (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Hamon (Chairperson)	X				John Peschong (Vice Chairperson)	X				Willy Cunha (Secretary)	X				Reginald Cousineau (Member)	X				Joe Parent (Treasurer)	X			
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<p><b>7. Project Status Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Budget</li> <li>b. Schedule</li> <li>c. Projects and Management Actions</li> </ul>	<p>Meeting handouts and Presentation for Agenda Item #7 available at: <a href="https://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/SGMA/paso/">https://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/SGMA/paso/</a></p> <p>City Staff, Dick McKinley: provides a project status update on development of Paso Basin GSP – Budget.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: opens floor for public comment, there are none.</p> <p>Montgomery &amp; Associates, Derrik Williams: provides a project status update on development of Paso Basin GSP – Schedule.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: inquires when the public comment period closes for GSP Draft Chapters 4 &amp; 5.</p> <p>Montgomery &amp; Associates, Derrik Williams: replies that public comment periods for Draft Chapters remain open for 45 days, and that the comment period for Draft Chapters 4 &amp; 5 will close on December 10, 2018.</p>																														

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Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: provides a project status update on development of Paso Basin GSP – Projects and Management Actions. He emphasizes we are looking for public feedback.

O’Laughlin & Paris, Valerie Kincaid: presents slides 4 & 5 on Water Rights.

WestWater Research, Matt Payne: continues presentation of Projects and Management Actions.

Vice Chairperson Peschong: asks if “storage credits” is another name for “water banking”.

WestWater Research, Matt Payne: responds that the term “storage credits” is not intended to be used as “water banking” (although some people do use it this way); the concept is to incentivize recharge; provides storage credit example.

Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment.

Greg Grewal, Patricia Wilmore, Cody Ferguson, Steve Carter, and Dennis Loucks: speak.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: replies to public comment stating that the approach for how to treat De Minimis users is up to the GSAs; in response to questions about fee structure (see presentation): states that within the standard fee structure, only those who over pump will have to pay a surcharge; any exemptions in the fee structure (e.g. City of Paso Robles) would be up to the GSP framework approved by the Committee.

Chairperson Hamon: asks if there is a known number of de minimis users throughout the GSA areas.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: replies that there are efforts underway to identify how many de minimis users there are throughout the Basin; will be looking into the collective effects of de minimis pumpers and how they can be managed.

Carollo Engineers, Lydia Holmes: continues presentation on Projects and Management Actions.

Chairperson Hamon: opens floor for public comment.

Greg Grewal and Randy Diffenbaugh: speak.

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Vice Chairperson Peschong: asks if the previously referenced inter-lake tunnel is located between Lake San Antonio and Lake Nacimiento.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: replies yes; comments that use of the inter-lake tunnel is not being considered as an option to reach sustainability.

Vice Chairperson Peschong: cites the Army Corps of Engineers as being the funding source for the Salinas Dam, at an estimated 50 million dollars; recommends including a provision in the GSP stating recharge projects shall be developed, implemented and operated by the five GSAs, rather than individual land owners, for the benefit of the overall basin and all basin users.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: will consider Chairperson Peschong's recommendation; discusses next steps as seen on slide #48 (see presentation) finishes presentation on Item 7.

Chairperson Hamon: asks for comments from the Board.

Secretary Cunha: states concern over implementing allocations; does not believe that current Basin conditions require instant action; would like to see a framework guided by groundwater levels to trigger need for management actions and using the model to understand potential benefits of selected actions; believes that forcing allocations now would be very expensive and not very successful but should be discussed for future use.

Vice Chairperson Peschong: reiterates importance of citing data sources, noting that there are many questions around where the data is coming from and how it is different from information seen in the past; suggests that communication begin around refinement of sub areas to present to the public.

City Staff, Dick McKinley: comments that the five GSAs are working together to write a plan, but that the GSAs are not entitled to determine what another GSA does with their resources.

Vice Chairperson Peschong: comments on the need to work cooperatively on exploring all avenues of recharge for the Basin.

Chairperson Hamon: states that the main focus should be to share resources equally and to the best of our abilities; sees no problem moving forward after determining the terms of sustainability and getting feedback from the GSAs and the public; asks the consultant if there are any public workshops currently scheduled.

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	<p>Montgomery &amp; Associates, Derrik Williams: replies that there are no public workshops currently scheduled; states his appreciation for the feedback received at previous workshops.</p> <p>Secretary Cunha: reiterates the importance of providing feedback via the use of the online comment forms found on <a href="http://pasogcp.com">pasogcp.com</a></p>																														
<p><b>8. 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</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for additional comments from the Committee.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson Peschong: recommends contacting him with any comments or opinions regarding di minimis users.</p>																														
<p><b>9. Upcoming Meetings</b></p>	<p>Next meeting: Regular Meeting set for Wednesday, January 23, 2018 at 4:00PM, Location: Paso Robles - City Council Chambers.</p>																														
<p><b>10. Future Items</b></p>	<p>No Future Items discussed.</p>																														
<p><b>11. Adjourn</b></p>	<p><b>Motion By:</b> Willy Cunha  <b>Second By:</b> John Peschong  <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to adjourn the meeting.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="553 1041 1511 1266"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Peschong (Vice Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willy Cunha (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reginald Cousineau (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Parent (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Hamon (Chairperson)	X				John Peschong (Vice Chairperson)	X				Willy Cunha (Secretary)	X				Reginald Cousineau (Member)	X				Joe Parent (Treasurer)	X			
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I, Willy Cunha, 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 17, 2018, by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

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