SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

Wednesday June 3rd, 2020

Via Teleconference: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/488833749
Call-in information: 1 (646) 749-3112, Access Code: 488-833-749

WRAC Agenda

1.	Determination of a Quorum and Introductions						
2.	Approval of May 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes						
3.	Consider Recommending Revisions to the WRAC Bylaws						
4.	Consider Recommending Adoption of the 2019 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan	2:05pm					
5.	Consider recommending the District enter into a Funding Agreement with the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) to participate in a State Water Project (SWP)-Water Management Tools Study.	2:15pm					
6.	Provide Feedback to the County Department of Planning & Building on Revisions to the District 2 2016-2018 Resource Summary Report	2:35pm					
7.	Ongoing Updates: a. Rain & Reservoir Report b. California Drought Monitor Summary c. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts d. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) e. Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP) f. State Water Project (SWP) g. SLO County Flood Control and Water Conservation District FY2020-21 Budget h. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances i. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information	3:10pm					
8.	Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda	3:20pm					
9.	Future Agenda Items	3:25pm					

This agenda packet and attachments are available online at www.slocounty.ca.gov/wrac

Next Regular Meeting: September 2, 2020, 1:30 pm

(Tentative) Teleconference

Please contact WRAC Secretary, Brendan Clark, with any questions. bclark@co.slo.ca.us

Purpose of the Committee:

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors specific water resource and water conservation programs with recognition of the economic and environmental values of the programs. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

Excerpts from WRAC By-Laws dated August 20, 2019

MINUTES (Draft)

Chairperson: Andy Pease Vice Chairperson: Vacant

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 **May 6th**, **2020** 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

Call to order at 1:30 PM

- 1. <u>Determination of a Quorum and Introductions</u> A quorum of 17 is established.
- 2. <u>Approval of March 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes</u>
 No motion is required, previous minutes are approved based on consensus. (14-0-3)
- 3. Ongoing Updates:
 - Rain & Reservoir Report
 - No comments
 - California Drought Monitor Summary
 - No comment
 - Groundwater Basin Management Efforts
 - Member G. Grewal suggests adding well monitoring to reports. C. Howard responds that staff are currently working on disaster service work for COVID-19 and developing GSPs due in 2022.
 - W. Cunha adds that Shandon-San Juan Water District is installing stream gauges with DWR and studying wells for inclusion in monitoring network.
 - Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
 - B. Clark comments that he will bring the plan for endorsement and recommendation to the board for adoption to the next WRAC meeting.
 - Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP)
 - S. Crable comments that the state board released the round 2 stormwater grant solicitation information on April 17th and it is available on the SWRP website.
 - G. Grewal asks about qualification for stormwater grant, and county staff respond.
 - State Water Project
 - G. Grewal asks about participation in the twin tunnel to single tunnel project.
 - C. Howards comments on upcoming steps relating to State Water.

- D. Loucks comments on subcontractors' roll relating to State Water and C. Howard responds.
- J. Garing also comments.
- <u>SLO County Flood Control and Water Conservation District FY2020-21 Budget</u> G. Grewal comments on the possibility of money allocated from the Flood Control District to Los Osos with respect to sewer water. C. Howard responds that a loan is already in place.
- Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances E. Greening comments on the Cal Poly masterplan.
- Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information No comment.
- 4. Consider Recommending Cynthia Replogle for Environmental At-Large Alternative Member
 - C. Replogle speaks on her qualifications and interest in the position.
 - E. Greening makes a motion which is seconded by David Chipping to recommend C. Replogle for the Environmental At-Large Alternative Member.
 - S. Gibson comments that there could be a conflict of interest with the recommendation of appointment of C. Replogle.
 - T. Walters, C. Mulholland, and C. Bourbeau all comment of whether the appointment would be a conflict of interest or not.
 - The Committee votes 15-1-0 to recommend the application to be approved by the County Board of Supervisors.
- 5. Provide Feedback to the County Department of Planning & Building on Water Neutral New Development Phase 1.5 Proposed Ordinance Amendments regarding updates to Paso Basin and Area of Severe Decline maps, a fallowing option for the Ag Offset Program, and clarifying the phrase "de minimis" in the Ag Offset Ordinance.

County Department of Planning and Building staff K. Hensley presents on updates to the Agriculture Offset Ordinance in the Paso Basin. Major points of presentation are as follows:

- Background on the Offset Program for the Paso Basin
- Phase 1.5 Amendments: Update Paso Basin Map, update the area of severe decline map, incorporate a fallowing option into the Agriculture Offset Ordinance, and clarify the phrase "de minimis" in the Agriculture Offset Ordinance.
- Updating the Paso Basin Map will change which properties are subject to specific restrictions.
- "De minimis" is proposed to be removed because of conflicting definitions, and the 5 AFY one-time exemption will remain in effect.
- Next Planning Commission hearing is planned for June 11th
- More information can be found at www.slocountywwcp.org/prgwb
- D. Loucks, G. Grewal, D. Chipping, S. Stinton, and C. Mulholland comment and K. Hensley responds.

6. <u>Discuss using teleconference/virtual meeting software for future meetings</u>
C. Mulholland suggests a transition to Zoom as a meeting platform instead of GoToMeetings.

7. <u>Discuss Future Agenda Items</u>

No Comment.

8. Public Comment

D. Loucks requests to see additional status of grant applications from the County staff with respect to water resources in the county. Well-monitoring data are also requested to be posted on the County website. Staff member B. Clark asks for specific requests to be emailed in order to provide a clearer response.

G. Grewal comments on shut down of AWMC wells due to contamination.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30

Water Resources Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form Meeting Date: 5/6/2020

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TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: June 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 3: Consider Recommending Revisions to the WRAC Bylaws

Recommendation

Consider recommending revisions to the WRAC Bylaws to the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion

At the last meeting, the WRAC voted to recommend that an individual be appointed to serve in a WRAC position. The discussion before the vote included a concern that because the individual is also associated with another agency whose WRAC member and alternate positions are filled, this would be duplication of representation of, or in conflict with, the already-filled position.

Staff subsequently reviewed these concerns and questions with County Counsel. This discussion provided two conclusions. First, County Counsel noted that advisory bodies are not subject to conflict of interest laws. Second, County Counsel found some ambiguous language in the WRAC Bylaws with respect to the concern. To align the Bylaws with the WRAC's action more clearly, item 2 under Members is recommended to be deleted and replaced as follows:

Article II.2, Current:

Each agency or group may have a member and an alternate. No member or alternate shall represent more than one agency or group.

Article II.2, Proposed:

Each agency, entity, group and area may nominate one person as a member and one person as an alternate to represent them on the Committee at a time, subject to their confirmation by the Board of Supervisors as set forth below and subject to the following: nominations shall not be made in connection with the members selected to represent m., n. and o. identified above and the number of individuals permitted to represent said groups on the Committee at a time shall also be as identified above. No individual shall be confirmed or selected to represent more than one agency, entity, group or area on the Committee at a time either as a member and/or alternate. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the nomination, confirmation or selection of an individual to represent any agency, entity, group or area as a member or alternate on the Committee based on said individual's

membership in, association with or relationship to any other agency, entity, group or area.

Staff is recommending additional clean-up language as shown in the attached mark up and clean versions of the proposed Bylaws. Should the Committee approve staff's recommendation, the next step would be to bring the updated Bylaws to the BOS along with recommended application from the 5/6/2020 meeting, both for approval.

Attachments

- 1. Proposed Bylaws Marked-up copy
- 2. Proposed Bylaws Clean copy

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I Purposes of the Committee

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ARTICLE II Members

- 1. Membership on the Committee shall be available to the following agencies, entities, groups and areas:
 - a. Each Incorporated City
 - b. Each Supervisorial District
 - c. Each Water Serving Independent Special District
 - d. Each California Water District
 - e. Each Groundwater Sustainability Agency not otherwise represented on this Committee
 - f. Each Resource Conservation District
 - g. Atascadero Mutual Water Company
 - h. California Men's Colony
 - i. Camp San Luis Obispo
 - j. Cuesta Community College
 - k. Golden State Water Company
 - I. County Farm Bureau
 - m. Environmental At-Large (3 members)
 - n. Agriculture At-Large (2 members)
 - o. Development At-Large (1 member)
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- 3. Members (and alternates) representing a. and c. through l. identified above shall be nominated by their agency or entity and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.
- 4. Members (and alternates) representing b. identified above shall be nominated by the Supervisor of that district and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors. Such representatives shall reside in, and represent their District at the pleasure of the District's supervisor.
- 5. Members (and alternates) representing n. identified above shall be selected by the Board of Supervisors from applicants engaged in production agriculture. Their terms shall be for two years, to be replaced or reaffirmed in February of odd numbered years.
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- 9. Members are encouraged to provide an update on water resource issues relevant to the agency, entity, group or area they have been confirmed or selected to represent at least once per year.
- 10. Three successive unexcused absences of a member without notifying the Committee, if no alternate is representing the member, shall be cause for the member to be dropped from the Committee and the member and the member's agency shall be notified and nomination of a new representative requested. If the agency is non-responsive, the membership position for that member will be terminated two months after notification. The agency may reapply for a representative at a later date. For At-Large positions the seat on the committee may be opened for nomination of a replacement member after the second month has passed since notification.

- 11. This Committee shall comply with all applicable laws, including the Ralph M. Brown Act.
- 12. Members and alternates serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE III Meetings

- 1. Meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month except for July and August. If a majority vote of members present in a regular meeting approve, the July and/or August meeting may be held, and any regular meeting may be postponed if it would fall on a holiday.
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- 7. Every member or alternate, in the member's absence, shall have one vote on each matter before the Committee.
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- 2. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee shall be selected from the members of the Committee and elected by a majority vote of the members present (or alternates present in their place). The Secretary shall be County Public Works staff assigned annually by the County Public Works Department Director.
- 3. Election of Officers shall be done annually at the March meeting of the Committee.
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ARTICLE V Administration

- 1. The Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, shall prepare the agenda for each regular and special meeting of the Committee. Any Committee member may contact the Secretary and Chairperson and request that an item be placed on the regular meeting agenda no later than 4:30 p.m. twelve calendar days prior to the applicable meeting date. Such a request must be also submitted in writing either at the time of communication with the Secretary or delivered to the County Public Works Department within the next working day. Consideration of the request by the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, for inclusion on the agenda will be limited to include review for consistency with District and Board of Supervisors priorities, the mandate of the Committee, and available time.
- 2. The Chairperson, in cooperation with the Secretary, shall prepare an Annual Report for review by the Committee no later than the March meeting date. The Annual Report shall include a summary of Committee activities, actions and outcomes for the previous year, and current status of continuing efforts. The Annual Report shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors after review by the Committee.
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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I Purposes of the Committee

- To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The Committee shall review the needs and financial capabilities of the District with respect to water resources and upon deliberation shall convey their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.
- 2. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors specific water resource and water conservation programs with recognition of the economic and environmental values of the programs. Further, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors other programs concerning the objectives and purposes of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act.
- 3. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

ARTICLE II Members

- 1. Membership on the Committee shall be available to the following agencies, entities, or groups and areas(agencies):
 - a. Each Incorporated City
 - b. Each Supervisorial District
 - c. Each Water Serving Independent Special District
 - d. Each California Water District
 - e. Each Groundwater Sustainability Agency not otherwise represented on this Committee
 - f. Each Resource Conservation District
 - g. Atascadero Mutual Water Company
 - h. California Men's Colony
 - i. Camp San Luis Obispo
 - j. Cuesta Community College
 - k. Golden State Water Company
 - I. County Farm Bureau
 - m. Environmental At-Large (3 members)
 - n. Agriculture At-Large (2 members)
 - o. Development At-Large (1 member)
- 2. Each agency, entity, group and area may nominate one person as a member and one person as an alternate to represent them on the Committee at a time, subject to their confirmation by the Board of Supervisors as set forth below and subject to the

following: nominations shall not be made in connection with the members selected to represent m., n. and o. identified above and the number of individuals permitted to represent said groups on the Committee at a time shall also be as identified above. No individual shall be confirmed or selected to represent more than one agency, entity, group or area on the Committee at a time either as a member and/or alternate. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the nomination, confirmation or selection of an individual to represent any agency, entity, group or area as a member or alternate on the Committee based on said individual's membership in, association with or relationship to any other agency, entity, group or area.

- 2. Each agency or group may have a member and an alternate. No member or alternate shall represent more than one agency or group.
- 3. Members (and alternates) <u>representing a. and c. through I. identified above for agencies</u> shall be nominated by their agency <u>or entity</u> and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.
- 4. Members (and alternates) <u>representing b. identified above</u> <u>for the Supervisorial Districts</u> shall be nominated by the Supervisor of that district and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors. Such representatives shall reside in, and represent their District at the pleasure of the District's supervisor.
- 5. <u>Members (and alternates) representing n. identified above</u>The two Agricultural At-Large members (and their alternates) shall be selected by the Board of Supervisors from applicants engaged in production agriculture. Their terms shall be for two years, to be replaced or reaffirmed in February of odd numbered years.
- 6. <u>Members (and alternates) representing m. identified above The three Environmental At-Large members (and their alternates)</u>-shall be selected by the Board of Supervisors from applicants with a record of membership in one or more environmental groups and/or independent environmental activism. Their terms shall be for two years, to be replaced or reaffirmed in February of odd numbered years.
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- 8. Applications submitted for members or alternates representing m., n. and o. identified above shall be agendized for consideration and input by the Committee prior to selection by the Board of Supervisors.
- 8.9. Members are encouraged to provide an update on water resource issues relevant to the agency, entity, group or area they have been confirmed or selected to represent their group or agency at least once per year.

- 9.10. Three successive unexcused absences of a member without notifying the Committee, if no alternate is representing the member, shall be cause for the member to be dropped from the Committee and the member and the member's agency shall be notified and nomination of a new representative requested. If the agency is non-responsive, the membership position for that member will be terminated two months after notification. The agency may reapply for a representative at a later date. For At-Large positions the seat on the committee may be opened for nomination of a replacement member after the second month has passed since notification.
- 10.11. This Committee shall comply with all applicable laws, including the Ralph M. Brown Act.
- 11.12. Members and alternates serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors.

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ARTICLE IV Officers

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ARTICLE V Administration

1. The Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, shall prepare the agenda for each regular and special meeting of the WRAC_Committee. Any CommitteeWRAC member may contact the Secretary and Chairperson and request that an item be placed on the regular meeting agenda no later than 4:30 p.m. twelve calendar days prior to the applicable meeting date. Such a request must be also submitted in writing either at the time of communication with the Secretary or delivered to the County Public Works Department within the next working day. Consideration of the request by the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, for inclusion on the agenda will be limited to include review for consistency with District and Board of Supervisors priorities, the mandate of the CommitteeWRAC, and available time.

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- 2. The Chairperson, in cooperation with the Secretary, shall prepare an Annual Report for review by the CommitteeWRAC no later than the March meeting date. The Annual Report shall include a summary of CommitteeWRAC activities, actions and outcomes for the previous year, and current status of continuing efforts. The Annual Report shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors after review by the CommitteeWRAC.
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TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: June 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 4: Consider Recommending Adoption of the 2019 Integrated

Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan

Recommendation

Consider Recommending Adoption of the 2019 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan to the District's Board of Supervisors.

Discussion

The 2019 San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (2019 Plan) is complete and can be viewed at www.slocounty.ca.gov/IRWM. The 2019 Plan has been under development since 2017. In that time, the District held:

- 8 regional workshops,
- 13 RWMG meetings,
- 1 climate change workshop,
- 2 public comment periods and
- 1 public draft presentation.

The 2019 Plan is, in general, an update to the 2014 Plan, rather than a complete re-write and is the culmination of 3 years of work by County staff, RWMG members and consultants. The most significantly updated sections include Governance, Region Description, Project Selection Process, and Climate Change. These significant changes are summarized below and a section-by-section summary of changes is included as Attachment 1.

<u>Section 2 – Governance.</u> This section was updated to include stakeholder integration and plan implementation activities, as suggested by the State Guidelines. Additionally, the 2014 "Appendix C – the Outreach and Communications Plan" was moved in Section 2 of the 2019 Plan. In reviewing these individual sections, staff found significant overlap of text and sought to reduce the bulk of plan by focusing the text where possible.

<u>Section 3 – Region Description</u>. This section was updated reflect 6 Water Planning Areas (WPAs) rather than the previous Plan's 16. These 6 WPAs allow for better regional planning and discussion and represent areas in unique watersheds. This will be increasingly important as a planning tool into the future in not only recognizing but utilizing the watershed/groundwater basin relationship. Additionally, updates were made to better align with SGMA as well as implementing the County's shift from CalWater watershed definitions to USGS, which are generally truer to actual drainage patterns and lean less on political boundaries. Specifically,

the County uses USGS Hydrologic Unit (HU) 8 to define the Water Planning Areas and our groupings of HU 12 to define 25 SLO County watersheds.

<u>Section 6 – Project Selection Process.</u> This section documents and reflects the updated project selection process employed by the RWMG for the full project list, the implementation list and responding grant opportunities. In response to the Prop 1 Round 1 Grant opportunity, and looking ahead to additional opportunities, the Plan includes flexibility for the RWMG to consider critical needs and local priorities in the grant project selection process. It is expected for the next grant opportunity the RWMG will establish a metric and/or set of priorities for projects to be evaluated against, in addition to the State's eligibility requirements, preferences and priorities for that particular opportunity.

<u>Section 14 – Climate Change.</u> In 2017 and early 2018 the RWMG and interested stakeholders participated in various surveys and RWMG meetings, culminating with the Climate Change Vulnerability workshop in January 2018. Section 14 and the associated Appendix J were updated to reflect these efforts, responses and the intersection of the Plan goals, objectives, the State's resource management strategies and the prioritized climate change vulnerabilities.

<u>Adoption</u>

Adoption of the 2019 Plan is anticipated to be included in the July 14th Board of Supervisors agenda. Subsequent to County of San Luis Obispo and District adoption, RWMG member agencies and groups will begin to adopt the 2019 Plan.

Adoption of the 2019 Plan will enable the District and RWMG members to be eligible to receive IRWM Proposition 1 Implementation Grant funds from the State.

The Final 2019 Plan can be viewed at www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm.

Please contact Brendan Clark with any questions or comments, bclark@co.slo.ca.us or (805) 788-2316

Attachments:

1. Summary of Changes from the 2014 IRWM Plan

Summary of Changes 2014 IRWM Plan to 2019 IRWM Plan

This table is a high-level summary of the changes made in updating the 2014 IRWM Plan to the 2019 IRWM Plan. The District encourages reviewing **Appendix L – State Guidelines Requirements Table** to see the extensive list of DWR requirements for the plan, what section meets the requirement and a brief qualitative explanation.

Section	Title	Type of change, if any	Description
1	Introduction	Minor	General updates. No structural changes to section.
2	Governance and Stakeholder Involvement	Significant	Section now includes Stakeholder Integration and Plan Implementation subsections to meet Guidelines. Also includes Outreach and Communication Plan
3	Region Description	Significant	Watersheds updated from CalWater boundaries to USGS Hydrologic Units. Added water quality issues, per Guidelines. Updated Groundwater subsection to reflect SGMA.
4	IRWM Goals and Objectives	Minor	Updated goals and objectives to reflect SGMA. Updated survey information.
5	Resource Management Strategies	Significant	Replaced "water management strategies" with the State's "Resource Management Strategies"
6	Project Review Process	Significant	Overhauled based on RWMG efforts in 2018 and 2019 regarding the Implementation List and Grant Opportunity List processes.
7	Plan Benefits and Impacts	Minor	Updated to reflect current project list, no structural changes to section.
8	Plan Performance and Monitoring Results	Minor	Updated to reflect current project list, no structural changes to section.
9	Data Management	Minor	Updated to reflect current practices and upcoming new systems, no structural changes to section.
10	Financing Strategies	Minor	Updated to reflect current opportunities and project list, no structural changes to section.
11	Technical Analysis	Minor	Updated to reflect latest technical studies and reports, no structural changes to section.
12	Relation to Local Water and Land Use Planning	Minor	Updated to include GSP efforts and latest agency documents (i.e. UWMPs)
13	Planning Coordination	Minor	Updated with latest funding area and regional coordination, also reflects GSA formation across region
14	Climate Change	Significant	Overhauled based on Guidelines requirements. Added the Vulnerability Assessment and Prioritization as required.

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Wes Thomson, Civil Engineer

Courtney Howard, Water Resources Division Manager

DATE: June 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5: Consider Recommending the District Enter into a Funding

Agreement with the Central Coast Water Authority to Participate in a State

Water Project-Water Management Tools Study.

Recommendation

Consider recommending the District enter into a Funding Agreement with the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) to participate in a State Water Project (SWP)-Water Management Tools Study.

Discussion

The current State Water Contract between the District and the State includes water management provisions for actions such as the transfer or exchange of State water between SWP participants that have limited the District's ability to transfer unused SWP water. For example, a District-CCWA exchange at San Luis Reservoir that was aimed at addressing critical drought contingency supply needs for both Zone 3 of south San Luis Obispo County and various parts of Santa Barbara County was not allowable under the current Contract provisions.

Over the last several years, SWP participants have negotiated with the State to develop amendments to the contract regarding transfers and exchanges of SWP water within the SWP service area that would provide for more effective water management ("Water Management Tools [WMT] Amendment"). The Agreement in Principle for the proposed WMT Amendment is attached. Currently, DWR is in the final stages of making the WMT Amendment available for execution and completing the CEQA documentation¹, and staff anticipates returning to the Board when the WMT Amendment is ready for execution.

To evaluate and plan for the opportunities provided by the WMT Amendment, staff recommends partnering with the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) to hire a consultant with expertise in SWP issues. The scope of work for the consultant includes evaluating:

- 1. Ways to maximize the storage of CCWA and District Project water at San Luis Reservoir or in other areas to improve the supply reliability in extended drought conditions,
- 2. Strategies for utilizing known excess capacity in the Coastal Branch pipeline,
- 3. Opportunities for cost recovery in years when supplies exceed demand (this includes the District's excess allocation), and
- 4. Water management actions and policy that would enable the agencies to provide mutual support in emergencies and enhance regional water resiliency.

¹ https://water.ca.gov/News/Public-Notices/2020/Feb-2020/NOA-DEIR-for-SWP-Water-Supply-Amendments

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Draft Agreement in Principle for the SWP Water Supply Contract Amendment for Water Management

This straw proposal for a draft Agreement in Principle (AIP) is from the Consolidated Talking Points as of May 30, 2018 from the contract amendment negotiations. Many provisions are under discussion and the workgroup will update the Draft AIP after future public negotiations. [Format used in this document is preliminary and is subject to revision.]

DRAFT Proposed Project Objectives

- The California Department of Water Resources and the PWAs have agreed to the following proposed project objectives for amending the SWP water supply contract:
- Supplement and clarify terms of the SWP water supply contract that will provide greater water management regarding transfers and exchanges of SWP water within the SWP service area;

I. PRINCIPLES TO ACHIEVE DRAFT PROPOSED OBJECTIVE FOR WATER MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND ACTIONS

- 1. Water Transfers.
- 1.1. **Terms of a Transfer Agreement:** The PWAs shall determine duration and compensation for all transfers; this includes allowing single, Transfer Packages and multi-year transfers to be as long as the remainder of the term of the contract.
- 1.2. Transfer Package Definition: A Transfer Package is comprised of two or more transfer agreements between the same PWAs. If a transfer package is presented to DWR for approval, DWR shall consider each proposed transfer within the package at the same time and shall apply the transfer criteria listed below in the review of each transfer. DWR shall not reclassify a Transfer Package or Transfer as an exchange.
- 1.3. All contract language in Article 56(d) and language related to the Turnback Pool shall be removed.
- 2. Water Exchanges.

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2.1 Article 56(f) will be revised to include language permitting consideration of hydrology under a bona fide exchange and will include the following criteria for return ratios:

For SWP allocations >= 50%, return ratio is up to 2: 1 For SWP allocations > 25 and < 50%, return ratio is up to 3: 1

For SWP allocations >15% and <=25%, return ratio is up to 4: 1

For SWP allocations <=15%, return ratio is up to 5:1

- 2.2. The PWAs shall use the applicable return ratio using the SWP allocation at the time the exchange transaction is executed between the PWAs.
- 2.3. Notice to Contractors 17-11 Attachment A, Section A, Bona Fide Exchanges, Item 4 Cost compensation reads as follows: Maximum cost compensation for a bona fide exchange may not exceed the exchanging PWAs combined conservation facilities, transportation facilities, and fixed charges (capital and minimum charges including capital surcharges). The allocation percentage in the denominator of the compensation calculation will be set by the SWP allocation which has incorporated the May 1 monthly Bulletin 120 runoff forecasts. If exchanges are requested prior to the allocation identified above, DWR will provide timely approval with the obligation of the PWAs to meet the requirement of the maximum compensation if the compensation exceeds the maximum, the PWAs will re-visit the agreement and adjust the compensation. If a cost adjustment is made, the PWA must notify DWR.
- 3. Transfers and Exchanges, including Transfers and Exchanges using Carryover Water in San Luis Reservoir (SLR).
- 3.1. **Buyers and Sellers in Same Year.** PWAs may be both buyers and sellers in the same year and enter into multiple transfers and/or exchanges in the same year.
- 3.2. Basic Criteria Required for Proposed Transfers and Exchanges.
 - 3.2.1 Transfers and exchanges must be transparent.
 - 3.2.2 Transfers and exchanges must not harm non-participating PWAs.
 - 3.2.3 Transfers and exchanges must not create significant adverse impacts in a PWA service area.
 - 3.2.4 Transfers and exchanges shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

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- 3.2.5 Transfers and exchanges shall be scheduled only if they do not impact normal SWP operations.
- 3.2.6 Transfers and exchanges shall not impact the financial integrity of the SWP.
- 3.2.7 A PWA may petition the DWR Director for an exception in the following cases. In each case, the PWA must provide explanatory information to the DWR Director.
 - A transfer or exchange does not meet the basic criteria, but the PWA feels that there is compelling need to proceed with the transfer or exchange.
 - A PWA that has received water in a transfer or exchange cannot deliver all of the water from the transaction in the same calendar year and wishes to carry over the water in its name.

The DWR Director shall have discretion to approve exceptions.

- 3.3. **Dispute Resolution Process, Prior to Executing an Agreement**. PWAs and DWR shall comply with the following process to resolve disputes if a PWA that is not participating in the transfer or exchange claims that the proposed transfer and/or exchange has a significant adverse impact.
 - 3.3.1 Any claim to a significant adverse impact may only be made after the submittal of a term sheet to DWR and before DWR approves a transfer/exchange agreement.
 - 3.3.2 In the event that any dispute can't be resolved among the PWAs, DWR will convene a group including DWR (the Chiefs of SWPAO, Legal, and Operations or their designees) and the PWA parties involved (PWA representatives to be chosen by each PWA party). Any PWA claiming an adverse impact must submit written documentation to support this claim and identify a proposed solution. This documentation must be provided 2 weeks in advance of a meeting of the group that includes SWPAO, Legal, Operations and the involved PWA representatives.
 - 3.3.3 If this group can't resolve the dispute, the issue will be taken to the Director of DWR.

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- 3.3.4 The DWR Director's decision will be the final.
- 3.4. **Water Delivery Priorities:** Exchange and transfer water shall be scheduled in accordance with Article 12 (f) priorities retaining the associated priority level. The transfer water will not have the protection of Article 14(b) and the delivery cannot impact any other PWAs.
- 3.5 Although DWR will not be a party to any transfer or exchange agreement between the PWA's, DWR and the PWAs shall enter into an agreement to address DWR's role in effectuating the transfer or exchange. Such agreement shall include certain standardized provisions designed to protect SWP operations, finances and liability, along with other provisions tailored to the particular transaction or as otherwise agreed among DWR and the PWAs.
- 3.6 **Timely Processing**. DWR will timely process requests to be incorporated into the schedule to deliver water that given year.
- 3.7 **Shortages:** In regards to shortages, DWR retains authority as set forth in Article 18(a).
- 3.8 **Article 21.**
 - 3.8.1 Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, Empire Westside Irrigation District, Oak Flat Water District, and Kings County may transfer a portion of their Article 21 water to another PWA.
 - 3.8.2 The DWR Director, in his or her discretion, may approve the transfer of a portion of other PWA's allocation of Article 21 water to another PWA where there is a special need for the transfer. The Department will prepare criteria to be applied for the review of a PWA request to transfer Article 21 water. This will not impact the Department's process for allocating Article 21 water.

4. PWA Due Diligence.

- 4.1 Each PWA participating in an exchange or transfer shall confirm the following in a resolution or other appropriate document approving the transfer or exchange, including the use of stored water/carryover water, if applicable, provided to DWR as follows:
 - 4.1.1 That the PWA has complied with all applicable laws for this transfer/exchange and shall specify the notices that were provided to the public agencies and the public regarding the proposed transfer or exchange.

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- 4.1.2. That the relevant terms of the transfer/exchange have been provided to all State Water Project PWAs and the SWC Water Transfer Committee:
- 4.1.3. That the PWA is informed and believes that this transfer/exchange will not harm other SWP PWAs, or impact SWP operations.
- 4.1.4. That the PWA is informed and believes that the transfer/exchange will not affect its ability to make all payments, including payments for its share of the financing costs of DWR's Central Valley Project Revenue Bonds, when due, under its water supply contract.
- 4.1.5. That the PWA has considered the potential impacts of the transfer/exchange within the PWA's service area.
- 4.2. Add language to the contract that requires PWAs parties to an exchange or transfer to publicly post and provide information to non-party PWAs. The PWAs and DWR agree that DWR will send a Notice to Contractors to outline the following process related to transparency for transfers and exchanges:

At the time the PWA parties submit the Contract Information Form to DWR, they will provide the Contract Information Form to the non-party PWAs. During the time period beginning with the PWA parties submitting the Contract Information Form to DWR and the time before there is a final agreement with DWR for storage or conveyance, the PWA parties will publicly post information regarding the transfer or exchange. If applicable, the PWA parties will request the State Water Contractor Board to support the water transfer. If the State Water Contractor board votes to support the transfer or exchange, the General Manager will send a letter of support to DWR and to the non-party PWAs. Once a storage or conveyance agreement is completed it will be provided to the non-party PWAs.

- 4.3. If requested by the DWR Director with respect to any confirmation of Basic Criteria for Transfers, Exchanges and Carryover Water, the PWA shall cooperate with DWR in providing DWR with information supporting the basis for the confirmation or basic criteria.
- 5. Stored Water/Carryover Water.
- 5.1. **Store and Transfer SWP Water in the Same Year.** Modify Article 56(c)(4) and any other applicable sections to allow PWAs to store and transfer Table A water in the same year and modify Article 56(c) and any other applicable

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sections to allow a PWA to transfer Table A water to another PWA's service area. DWR will continue to coordinate through the PWAs under the existing SWP contracts.

- 5.2 **Carryover Water Program**: Carryover Water Program shall require transfers and/or exchanges of carryover water in years of need, as confirmed by the receiving PWA, to meet the following criteria:
 - 5.2.1 Carryover water available for transfer or exchange in this amendment is defined only as stored water described in Article 56(c)(1) and 56(c)(2) and not 12(e).
 - 5.2.2 Carryover water may only be exchanged or used in single-year transfers.
 - 5.2.3 The PWA purchasing the carryover water must take delivery, in its service areas, unless an exemption is granted under 5.2.8.
 - 5.2.4 A PWA may transfer or exchange up to 50% of its carryover water.
 - 5.2.5 A PWA may transfer/exchange greater than 50% of its carryover water, if the PWA demonstrate that the transfer or exchange of carryover water will not prevent it from meeting critical water needs in the current year or the following year and obtain approval by DWR Director.
 - 5.2.6 All transfer and exchange of carryover water are subject to section 4.2.
 - 5.2.7 The PWA receiving the water must confirm that the PWA has a need for that water for use within its service area during the current year unless an exception is granted under 5.2.8.
 - 5.2.8 A PWA may request an exception for the following, but not limited to, from the DWR Director:
 - 5.2.8.1 For any exceptions to the criteria listed above;
 - 5.2.8.2 Requests for the transfer and exchange of stored (or carryover) water prior to this water being displaced; and
 - 5.2.8.3 Using San Luis Reservoir as the transfer/exchange point.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

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- 1. DWR and the PWAs agree that this AIP is intended to be used during the environmental review process for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), to define the proposed project description for the purposes of CEQA, and to permit the next steps of the SWP water supply contract amendment process, including scoping and the preparation of the EIR. The AIP principles are not final contract language and do not represent a contractual commitment by either DWR or the PWAs to approve any proposed project or to sign contract amendments. By concurring with the AIP, DWR and the PWAs express their intent to move forward with the CEQA process with DWR as lead agency and the PWAs as responsible agencies, and ultimately develop a proposed project consisting of contractual amendments consistent with the AIP principles and prepare the EIR for consideration by DWR and the PWAs.
- 2. At the end of the CEQA process and in compliance with CEQA, DWR and the PWAs will each individually evaluate the EIR and contract amendments, exercise their independent judgment, and determine whether or not to certify the EIR, approve the proposed project and sign the contract amendments or to approve an alternative project. Consequently, even though DWR and the PWAs have agreed to the AIP for the purposes described in the preceding paragraphs, DWR and each PWA retain their full discretion under CEQA to consider and adopt mitigation measures and alternatives, including the alternative of not going forward with the proposed project.

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Kylie Hensley, Planner

DATE: June 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 6: Provide Feedback to the County Department of Planning &

Building on Revisions to the District 2 2016-2018 Resource Summary Report

Discussion

The County Department of Planning & Building is asking for feedback and comments from WRAC members and stakeholders on the proposed revisions to the District 2 2016-2018 Resource Summary Report (RSR).

These amendments and updates are tentatively scheduled for a hearing at the July 7th Board of Supervisors meeting.

The proposed RSR revisions and other items related to the Los Osos Community Plan update can be found at https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LosOsosPlan.aspx

Comments can be sent to Kylie Hensley, khensley@co.slo.ca.us or (805) 781-4979.

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: June 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 7: Ongoing Updates

Recommendation

Receive updates on various ongoing efforts.

Discussion

a) Rain & Reservoir Report: See attached report.

b) California Drought Monitor Summary. See attached summaries. This analysis is released each Thursday. With rainfall tracking below average for the 19-20 rainfall year, staff intends to include these summaries for informational purposes.

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS AND BASIN UPDATES:

Basin	Update:
Los Osos Basin Fringe Area	A summary of DWR's 2019 Final SGMA Prioritizations for the Los Osos Area Subbasin and Warden Creek Subbasin are listed below: • Los Osos Area Subbasin (adjudicated area) is listed as very low priority for SGMA ¹ and in critical conditions of overdraft ² . Under SGMA, the court approved adjudicated area is exempt from the requirements of SGMA. • Warden Creek Subbasin is listed as very low priority for SGMA.
	For more information on DWR's basin prioritization process, please visit: https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization The state of the process of the proces
Atascadero Basin	The Atascadero Basin was re-prioritized as very low by DWR in 2018 and therefore is not be subject to SGMA requirements. However, the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is continuing to develop a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) for the basin.
	Until further notice, the Atascadero Basin GSA Executive Committee has decided to postpone meetings. For more information, please visit: www.atascaderobasin.com

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¹ As noted by DWR, the priority for the subbasin has been set to very low (0 total priority points) as a result of conditions being met under the sub-component C of the Draft SGMA 2019 Basin Prioritizations.

² Critical conditions of overdraft have been identified in 21 groundwater basins as described in Bulletin 118 (Water Code Section 12924). Bulletin 118 (updates 2003) defines a groundwater basin subject to condition of critical overdraft as: "A basin is subject to critical conditions of overdraft when continuation of present water management practices would probably result in significant adverse overdraft-related environmental, social, or economic impacts."

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Santa Maria Basin Fringe Area Paso Robles Basin	 December 18, 2019 - The State Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the Final SGMA 2019 Prioritization (Phase 2). Below are DWR's final prioritizations for Santa Maria Subbasin and Arroyo Grande Subbasin: Santa Maria Subbasin - very low priority. This subbasin consists of an adjudicated area and other non-adjudicated fringe areas. However, only the priority of the non-adjudicated fringe areas was assessed, which include the Ziegler Canyon Fringe Area in San Luis Obispo County and other fringe areas in Santa Barbara County. Arroyo Grande Subbasin - very low priority. For more information on DWR's basin prioritization process, please visit: https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization The development of a GSP for the Arroyo Grande Subbasin is being considered. County staff has been reaching out to the City of Arroyo Grande GSA and other stakeholders in the subbasin regarding the development of a GSP that will include an integrated approach to surface water and groundwater management. The County GSA and the City of Arroyo Grande GSA are currently negotiating a MOA on GSP development. The County has also accepted a GSP grant funding award from DWR and is now moving ahead in the consultant procurement process. The DWR's public comment period for the Paso Robles Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) closed on May 15, 2020. Comments may be viewed at https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsp/preview/35 The 2019 Annual Report (Oct. 2019 – Sep 2019) for the Paso Robles Subbasin GSP was submitted to DWR on March 30, 2020 and available at https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gspar/preview/15
	The June 24, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (CC) is canceled; the next CC Meeting is anticipated September 23, 2020.
	For more information, please visit: http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin
Cuyama Basin	Cuyama Basin GSA Board meeting scheduled for June 3rd, 2020 has been canceled. The next meeting (date TBD) will discuss the monitoring network, extraction fee funding process, and budget. For more information on meeting details, please visit: www.cuyamabasin.org
San Luis Obispo Basin	 The comment period for draft GSP Chapters 5 has been extended from April 30, 2020 to May 31, 2020. March 11, 2020 - A regular quarterly GSC meeting was held. Draft Chapter 5 - Groundwater Conditions was presented and recommended to receive and file by the GSAs. Other topics covered and discussed were overview of sustainable management criteria, updates on the integrated surface water and groundwater modeling, and upcoming workshop information. An interactive workshop (Sustainability Vision and Goals for the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin (SLO Basin)) will be held to help stakeholders to define the basin sustainability goals. It will include an overview of key technical terms

and the sustainability indicators set by SGMA. The workshop was originally scheduled on April 8, 2020, but it is now postponed to June 10, 2020.

- Other Upcoming GSP Sections/Chapters and/or Milestones in Summer 2020:
 - Chapter 6: Water Budget
 - o Quarterly Newsletters Vol. 4
- For additional San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin information or register as an interested party, please visit the newly launched SLO Basin Groundwater Communication Portal: www.slowaterbasin.com
- Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the basin specific efforts by attending workshops and meetings of the GSC for the San Luis Obispo Basin.

County SGMA website – The County has SGMA website with an interactive mapping tool available for each medium and high priority basin in the county. Residents can verify whether a specific parcel is within a priority basin boundary, and, therefore, whether the parcel is subject to SGMA requirements. The following website also includes other informative materials, such as SGMA fact sheets and recent presentation materials. Visit the website and basin-specific page links, and to sign up for the County's SGMA email list.

WRAC members and interested stakeholders are encouraged to join the various mailing lists for groundwater basin management efforts:

San Luis Obispo County's SGMA Website and Mailing List Sign-up http://www.slocountv.ca.gov/sgma

California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Website and Mailing List https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Website Additional Ad

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

The Draft 2019 IRWM Plan opened for public comments on February 19, 2020 and closed March 20, 2020. The RWMG hosted a public draft presentation on February 25, 2020. No comments were received. This IRWM Plan had 3 comment periods, two locally and one hosted by DWR. The Final 2019 IRWM Plan and other relevant information is available on the IRWM Plan website www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm.

Adoption by the Board of Supervisors is anticipated for July 2020. This schedule may be adjusted due to ongoing efforts and response to the COVID-19 virus.

The Prop 1 Implementation Grant was submitted December 18, 2019 to DWR. The Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of Public Works to file the application at the 11/19 regular BOS meeting. DWR issued draft awards on May 7th and recommended that SLO County's proposal be awarded our full request.

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A summary of open and pending IRWM grants is below:

Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Mgmt Grant (2011)	\$2,797,000	In Progress	
Flood Control Zone 1/1A – Modified 3a Project	\$2,797,000	In Progress	Flood Control District
Prop 84 Implementation Grant (2011)	\$10,401,000	In Progress	
Los Osos Wastewater Project	\$5,945,444	Complete	County of San Luis Obispo
Flood Control Zone 1/1A – Modified 3c Project	\$2,200,000	In Progress	Flood Control District
Nipomo Supplemental Water Project	\$2,200,000	Complete	Nipomo CSD
Grant Administration	\$55,556	In Progress	Flood Control District
Prop 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement (2017)	\$877,563	In Progress	
FCD Funding Administration	\$20,700	In Progress	Flood Control District
Disadvantaged Community Needs Assessment	\$67,738	In Progress	Flood Control District
Water Resource Reliability Program, Phase 2	\$177,750	In Progress	Oceano CSD
Turnout Pump Station Design & Water Master Plan Update	\$177,750	In Progress	City of Grover Beach
Water Res. Recovery Facility, SLO Value Engineering at 60% Design	\$78,125	Complete	City of SLO
Reservoir Expansion Project & Water Master Plan Update	\$177,750	In Progress	San Simeon CSD
Wastewater Plant Upgrade Study and Recharge Basin Study	\$177,750	Complete	San Miguel CSD
Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 1 (draft award received 5/7/2020)	\$3,282,130		
Grant Administration	\$155,000	Draft Award	Flood Control District
One Water SLO, MBR/UV Component	\$1,314,530	Draft Award	City of SLO
8th Street Well Construction	\$238,100	Draft Award	Los Osos CSD
Supplemental Water Project, Final Phase	\$800,000	Draft Award	Nipomo CSD
Water Resource Reliability Program, Projects #1-1, #1-9	\$274,500	Draft Award	Oceano CSD
Reservoir Expansion Project, Phase 1 Distribution System	\$500,000	Draft Award	San Simeon CSD
Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 2 (est. 2021)	\$3,282,129		
TBD	TBD	TBD	Project Sponsors

To stay up-to-date on all things IRWM, sign up for the email list, located at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm.

For questions, contact: Brendan Clark, IRWM Program Manager

Email: bclark@co.slo.ca.us Phone: (805) 788-2316

e) Stormwater Resource Plan

California Senate Bill No. 985 requires the development of a Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP) for public agencies to receive grant funds for stormwater and dry weather runoff capture projects. The City of Arroyo Grande and the County of San Luis Obispo collaborated on the development of a region-wide SWRP. This Plan is complete and achieved concurrence from the SWRCB on February 26, 2020.

Project Updates

- Solicitation for Proposition 1- Implementation Round 2 grant funding is now open and closes on July 2, 202. Approximately \$100 million statewide is available.
- The Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Guidelines Amended for Round 2 and other relevant documentation can be found on the State's website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water issues/programs/grants loans/swgp/prop1/
- The SWRP Program Working Group (of the Regional Water Management Group) met on May 14, 2020 to verify the SWRP Project List project submittal and review process.
- To add a new project to the County-wide SWRP project list, visit the County SWRP webpage at www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/swrp and follow instructions for project submittal.
- Eligible entities/agencies with multi-benefit implementation projects are encouraged to check out this opportunity.

For the final SWRP and appendices and/or sign up for the mailing list at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/swrp.

For questions, contact: Sarah Crable, County Public Works

Email: scrable@co.slo.ca.us Phone: (805) 788-2760

f) State Water Project (SWP)

During the March WRAC meeting, staff provided information regarding the three policy-related activities associated with the District's contract for State Water – the Water Management Tools Amendment, negotiations related to participation in the Delta Conveyance Facility project and the Contract Extension Amendment.

On June 16th, staff anticipates taking an item to the Board of Supervisors to request authorization to move forward with a joint study with the Central Coast Water Authority to evaluate the options the forthcoming Water Management Tools Amendment provides the District to recover State Water costs and/or store State Water in the short term while the District considers the long-term policies for State Water. Staff expects it will return to the Board to recommend their authorization of the amendment once it's in final form and the California Department of Water Resources' EIR for the amendment has been completed per CEQA (draft EIR comment period ends June 1, 2020).

Staff continues to monitor negotiations between Contractors and the State regarding the Delta Conveyance Facility and will return to the WRAC and Board when appropriate. Recommendations regarding the Contract Extension Amendment would follow thirdly.

g) SLO County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Updates

The proposed FY 2020/21 budget for "Flood Control General" was provided via email in March and prepared in accordance with the District policies adopted by the Board on November 1, 2016. The information is posted on our website and includes an updated 5-year plan and a general description of the work programs included in the budget request. The files are located here: <a href="https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-(WRAC)/Meeting-Calendar/2020/Canceled-Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-(1).aspx

The Budget was introduced during the May 19, 2020 Board meeting, and Board budget hearings are scheduled for June 8 – 10, 2020.

h) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

Nipomo Mesa

Offset Programs. The County is continuing to process building permits subject to the County's water offset fees at a 1:1 ratio to fund the Cash for Grass, Washer Rebate, and Plumbing Retrofit Programs, available for both residential and commercial uses. Applicants in the Nipomo CSD service area may pay the CSD's supplemental water fee to meet the County's offset requirement. For more information, visit: www.slocountywwcp.org

Paso Basin

Offset Programs. The County is continuing to process building permits subject to water offset fees at a 2:1 ratio for non-agricultural discretionary projects in rural areas and a 1:1 ratio for non-discretionary projects. These fees continue to fund the Cash for Grass, Washer Rebate, and Plumbing Retrofit Programs, available for both residential and commercial uses, as described above. The County also continues to manage the Agricultural Offset Program in the Paso Basin that requires property owners to verify that new and expanded irrigated commercial crops are not increasing their existing water use on-site, based on a 5 year look back period, with a 5 AFY exemption for sites that do not have existing irrigation and are outside of the Area of Severe Decline. For more information, visit: www.slocountywwcp.org.

Ordinance Amendments. At the May 6, 2020 WRAC meeting, Planning staff presented about proposed ordinance amendments to Titles 19 and 22 to update the mapping boundaries for the Paso Basin and Area of Severe Decline within the Basin Basin and clarify fallowing and replanting procedures and "de minimis" terminology in the Agricultural Offset Ordinance for consistency with the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. This item is scheduled for June 11 Planning Commission and August 18 Board of Supervisors hearings. The proposed amendments are available at: www.slocountywwcp.org/prgwb-new-ag. The public comment period has closed.

Los Osos

Offset Requirement. The retrofit-to-build program within the community of Los Osos is allowing property owners to retrofit washers within and outside the prohibition zone to acquire retrofit credits. At this time, to earn enough credits to build one single family residence (300 gallons per day), a property owner would need to replace 5-8 washers; a total cost typically ranging between \$4,000-\$8,000. ADUs are required to offset 150 gallons per day. For more information, visit: www.slocountywwcp.org

Resource Summary Report Update. The County is bringing revisions to the District 2 portion of 2016-2018 Resource Summary Report to the Board of Supervisors for consideration on July 7, 2020. The District 2 sections were extracted when the report was adopted in March 2019 due to concerns with the water supply sections. The revisions clarify the methodology used to estimate agricultural and rural water demand and update the Los Osos water supply assessment to reflect the data available in the most recent annual monitoring reports prepared for the Basin Management Committee. The public draft is available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/LosOsosPlan.aspx. Email comments to khensley@co.slo.ca.us by **June 26, 2020.**

<u>Growth Management Ordinance Proposed Amendments</u>. The County is introducing proposed amendments to the Board of Supervisors on July 7, 2020 to the Growth Management Ordinance, Title 26 of County Code, to adopt a growth rate for the Los Osos Urban Area. The public draft is available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/LosOsosPlan.aspx. Email comments to khensley@co.slo.ca.us by **June 26**, **2020**.

Please contact Kylie Hensley at khensley@co.slo.ca.us for more information.

i) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

WRAC members or members of the public may openly report on any topic related to water conservation including opportunities to be a part of a water conservation focus group, reporting back on water conservation groups that they are a part of, or providing information on water conservation items.

Rainfall and Reservoir Update

	Area / Rain Station	Average Annual Rainfall	2018-19 Water Year Total Rainfall	2019-20 Water Year													
Sub-Region				July 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Cumulative Total	% of Total Average
North Coast	Cambria Area (ALERT #717)	22.0	26.2 (119%)	0	0	0	0	2.44	6.54	0.95	0	2.91	2.33	0.27 ^A		15.44	70%
	Whale Rock Reservoir (County Site #166.1)	16.0	16.2 (101%)	0	0	0	0	- D	6.67	0.48	0	4.56	1.56	С		13.27 ^D	83% ^D
Inland	Paso Robles (County Site #10.0)	14.1	20.6 (146%)	0	0	0	0	1.40	5.22	0.65	0	3.53	1.59	0.03 A		12.42	88%
	NE Atascadero (ALERT #711)	17.0	18.9 (111%)	0	0	0	0	1.69	3.67	0.47	0.04	3.35	1.61	0.24 ^A		11.07	65%
	Atascadero MWC (County Site #34.0)	17.5	24.7 (141%)	0	0	0	0	1.55	4.96	0.73	0.05	3.92	1.95	0.27 ^A		13.43	77%
	Santa Margarita (ALERT #723)	24.0	29.3 (122%)	0	0	0	0	2.01	4.18	0.66	0.08	4.57	2.56	0.24 ^A		14.30	60%
	Salinas Dam (ALERT #719)	20.9	35.3 (169%)	0	0	0	0	2.30	5.28	0.63	0	5.16	2.60	0.26 A		16.23	78%
	Rocky Butte (ALERT #703)	40.0	52.3 (131%)	0	0	0	0	2.92	12.33	1.06	0	5.56	4.57	0.70 A		27.14	68%
South Coast	SLO Reservoir (ALERT #749)	24.0	26.6 (111%)	0	0	0	0	2.36	3.63	0.39	0	6.42	2.56	0.20 A		15.56	65%
	Lopez Dam (ALERT #737)	21.0	26.3 (125%)	0	0	0.01	0	2.52	4.77	0.63	0.18	5.24	2.72	0.46 A		16.53	79%
	Nipomo South (ALERT #730)	16.0	16.9 (106%)	0.04	0.04	0	0	1.97	2.87	0.56	0	4.53	1.41	0.20 A		11.62	73%
	Nipomo East (ALERT #728)	18.0	20.3 (113%)	0	0	0	0	2.13	4.09	0.91	0	4.57	1.77	0.36 ^A		13.83	77%

Notes:
This table contains provisional data from automated gauges and has not been verified.
All units reported in inches.

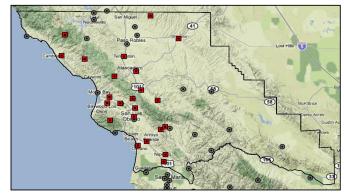
Reservoir Update

Reservoir	Date	Water Elevation (ft)	Spillway Elevation (ft)	Storage (acre-feet)	Capacity (%)	
Nacimiento	May 26, 2020	760.4	787.75 - 800.0	188,510	50%	
Reservoir	May 28, 2020	786.3	(w/gates fully inflated)	303,915	80%	
San Antonio	May 26, 2020	724.9	780.0	116,153	35%	
Reservoir	May 28, 2020	733.1		139,500	42%	
Lopez	May 26, 2020	490.4	522.7	25,188	51%	
Reservoir	May 28, 2020	497.2		29,399	60%	
Salinas Reservoir	May 26, 2020	1,296.5	1300.7	20,837	87%	
(Santa Margarita Lake)	May 28, 2020	1,300.8		23,843	100%	
Whale Rock	May 26, 2020	205.0	218.3	32,868	84%	
Reservoir	May 28, 2020	208.9		34,958	90%	
Twitchell	May 26, 2020	545.4	651.5	5,131	3%	
Reservoir	May 28, 2020	590.1		45,128	23%	

Note 1: Historically, Twitchell Reservoir elevation gauge does not report values below 539 ft. Twitchell Reservoir was designed for protection from flood and drought. Excess rain runoff is stored in the reservoir protecting the valley from flood, then water is released as quickly as possible while still allowing it to recharge the groundwater basin.

Note 2: In May 2014, the Whale Rock Commission adopted a new Bathymetric Study and Volumetric Analysis with new lake capacity and spillway elevation values. Those new values are reflected in this report.

Select Real-Time Rain Gauges in SLO County



Notes: Sites maintained by County staff are identified with red squares. Sites maintained by other agencies are identified with black circles. For more information, please contact Joe Betancourt, (805)781-2767.

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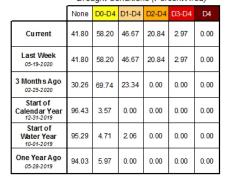
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U.S. Drought Monitor

California

May 26, 2020 (Released Thursday, May. 28, 2020) Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions.
Local conditions may vary. For more information on the
Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

D1 Moderate Drought D4 Exceptional Drought

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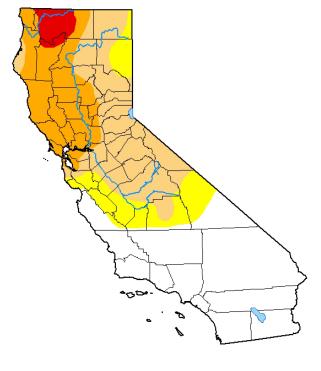




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May 19, 2020

May 12, 2020



TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: June 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 7: Discuss Future Agenda Items

The WRAC Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, prepares the agenda for each WRAC meeting. Inclusion of suggested future agenda items on the agenda will be limited to include review for consistency with District and Board of Supervisors priorities, the mandate of the WRAC, and available time.

Areas of Interest - Future

- Mark Battany soil moisture, evapotranspiration
- Consider Recreational use of water resources to be under purview of WRAC
- Update on policies and studies related to groundwater in fractured rock
- Update on Salinas Reservoir Dam Project
- Well permitting regulation as a tool for groundwater management
- Desalination opportunities
- Nacimiento and San Antonio Lake Tunnel Project

Excerpt from WRAC By-laws dated August 20, 2019

Administration: The Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, shall prepare the agenda for each regular and special meeting of the WRAC. Any WRAC member may contact the Secretary and Chairperson and request that an item be placed on the regular meeting agenda no later than 4:30 p.m. twelve calendar days prior to the applicable meeting date. Such a request must be also submitted in writing either at the time of communication with the Secretary or delivered to the County Public Works Department within the next working day. Consideration of the request by the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, for inclusion on the agenda will be limited to include review for consistency with District and Board of Supervisors priorities, the mandate of the WRAC, and available time.