

## **MINUTES (Approved)**

Chairperson: Andy Pease  
Vice Chairperson: Eric Greening  
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 **June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](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 19 is established. Note that A. Lindstrom joins the meeting at 2:10 pm and the quorum changes to 20.

### 2) Approval of May 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

No motion is required, previous minutes are approved as corrected based on consensus. (16-0-3)

### 3) Consider Recommending Revisions to the WRAC Bylaws

B. Clark revisits the May meetings questions over conflicts of interest in recommending a representative for environmental at large. B. Clark and C. Howard met with the County counsel to resolve the questions. The counsel stated that:

1. In general, under state law, advisory bodies are not subject to conflict of interest laws, but the committee's bylaws are inconsistent and ambiguous with respect to elected officials representing other groups as a member on the committee.

2. Bylaw updates were made to facilitate the decision made by the committee.

B. Clark presents changes needed to resolve ambiguity and facilitate the decision by the committee in May. The changes would need to be approved additionally by the Board of Supervisors.

C. Mulholland and E. Greening comment that the updates are consistent with what was decided by the committee in the previous meeting. C. Mulholland moves for the acceptance of the bylaw updates and E. Greening seconds.

L. Chipping comments that R. Munds is a director on the Coastal San Luis RCD board, and he is also on the WRAC representing the LOCSD.

S. Stinton proposes an edit to the updates that provide more clarity of language.

C. Mulholland amends her motion to accept the language by S. Stinton and E. Greening seconds.

G. English comments that he does not support the updates due to the potential for a board member to negate the vote of their agency.

T. Walters comments that the language focuses on members ability to be on WRAC and act as members of multiple agencies, but does not demonstrate equitability of representation.

A. Pease responds that there are layers of safety which allow individuals to voice their concerns.

A. Pease asks for votes on the motion and the motion carries (14-4-2).

4) Consider Recommending Adoption of the 2019 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan

B. Clark presents on the IRWM Plan Adoption and the major points of the presentation are as follows (more information at [www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm)):

- a. IRWM is a county wide program for information, water needs, and grant eligibility
- b. In the past 5 years the program is up to 29 member agencies, and they have received 4 grants, maintained 2 grants, and 1 draft award.
- c. The update is needed to maintain program eligibility and update the goals, data sources, references, criteria for evaluating projects, and financial strategies.
- d. Re-adoption of 2019 plan as required by the state.
- e. Next steps include the WRAC and RWMG recommendations to adopt the plan followed by the plan going to the board of supervisors and member agencies for adoption.

C. Mulholland makes a motion for WRAC's approval to recommend the 2019 IRWM Plan to the Board of Supervisors. G. English seconds. Motion carries (19-0-1).

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

C. Howard presents on the State Water Project-Water Management Tools Study. The main points of the presentation are as follows:

- a) Previous limitations are amended to allow for more frequent cost recovery opportunities.
- b) A cooperative study is important for understanding the range of opportunities.
- c) The study will help inform state water decisions with respect to the Delta Conveyance Project Agreement and Contract Extension Amendment.

E. Greening asks where else the funding for this project would be allocated and if the study will include the investigation of SLO County CCWA membership if the County joins.

C. Howard responds that the timing of proposed amendments makes funding the agreement important to WRAC. The study does not currently include the influence WRAC would have.

T. Walters comments that The County would benefit from involvement.

G. Grewal comments that the funding agreement only benefits the state water users.

S. Gibson comments on Oceano CSD's support for the funding agreement.

G. English comments that this is an opportunity that WRAC should act on, and he expresses Templeton's support.

E. Greening asks if all subcontractors have accepted split of expenses and what WRAC's role would be.

S. Gibson responds that the funding would be split between the 11 subcontractors.

T. Walters makes a motion to recommend the Board approves a Funding Agreement with the Central Coast Water Authority which is seconded by C. Armstrong (17-3-0).

6) Provide Feedback to the County Department of Planning and Building on Revisions to the District 2 2016-2018 Resource Summary Report

K. Hensley presents on the County Department of Planning and Building on revisions to the District 2 2016-2018 Resource Summary Report and the Growth Management Ordinance.

7) Ongoing Updates:

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comments

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comment

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

D. Loucks asks about new properties along Nacimiento road being added to the Paso Robles basin and if there is a notification process for property owners being included in basins.

There will be a digital SGMA workshop on June 10<sup>th</sup>

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

No comment

e) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP)

No comment

f) State Water Project (SWP)

No comment

g) SLO County Flood Control and Water Conservation District FY2020-21 Budget

No comment

h) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

No comment

i) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

No comment

8) Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

An error is noted to be corrected in the Rain and Reservoir Report dates.

9) Future Agenda Items

No time remaining for future agenda items.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30.