

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)
 &
 REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP (RWMG)

JOINT MEETING

SLO City Council Chambers
 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA

Wednesday May 4, 2022
 1:30 pm

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Call-in information: 1 (669) 900 6833, Meeting ID: 867 2195 4088, Passcode: 179990

Note: Members must be physically present in order to count toward the quorum and cast votes.

Joint WRAC & RWMG Agenda

1.	Determination of a Quorum and Introductions (WRAC)	1:30pm
2.	Determination of a Quorum – Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)	1:35pm
3.	Approval of March 2, 2022 WRAC Meeting Minutes (WRAC)	1:40pm
4.	WRAC Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (WRAC)	1:45pm
5.	Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget for FY 2022/2023 and Consider Actions (WRAC)	1:55pm
6.	Receive Presentations for the Prop 1, Round 2 IRWM Grant (RWMG & WRAC)	2:25pm
7.	Consider Selection of Members for the RWMG Working Group (RWMG)	2:45pm
8.	Consider Submitting 2021 Annual Report to the County Board of Supervisors (WRAC)	2:55pm
9.	Ongoing Updates: (WRAC) a. Rain & Reservoir Report b. California Drought Monitor Summary c. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts d. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) e. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances f. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information	3:00pm
10.	Future Agenda Items (WRAC)	3:05pm
11.	Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda (WRAC & RWMG)	3:10pm
12.	Snacks and Socializing (optional) (WRAC & RWMG)	3:15pm

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

Next Regular Meeting: June 1, 2022, 1:30 pm
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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 September 1, 2020

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MINUTES (Draft)

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

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) and as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **March 2, 2022** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

The audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted to the WRAC are available online: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-\(WRAC\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-(WRAC).aspx)

Call to order at 1:30 PM

1) Determination of a Quorum and Introductions

A quorum of 18 is established.

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

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

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

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

3) Approval of January 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7) Ongoing Updates:

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comment

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

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

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

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

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

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

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

e) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

No comment

f) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

No Comment

8) Future Agenda Items

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

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

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

9) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

No comment

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Organization	Representative	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT														
District 1	Dennis Loucks	M												
	Melanie Blankenship	A												
District 2	(Vacant)	M												
	Neal MacDougall	A												
District 3	(Vacant)	M												
	Natalie Risner	A												
District 4	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
District 5	Allen Duckworth	M	X			X								
	Fred Hoey	A												
AT-LARGE														
Agriculture At-Large	Kurt Bollinger	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
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Development At-Large	Tim Walters	M	X											
	Greg Nester	A												
Environmental At-Large	Christine Mulholland	M	X			X								
	Tom Burhenn	A	X											
Environmental At-Large	Eric Greening	M				X								
	(Vacant)	A												
Environmental At-Large	David Chipping	M	X			X								
	Stephnie Wald	A												
RCDs														
Coastal San Luis RCD	Linda Chipping	M	X			X								
	Kevin Piper	A	X											
Upper Salinas RCD	George Kendall	M	X			X								
	Tom Mora	A												
OTHERS														
Atascadero Mutual	John Neil	M												
	Jaime Hendrickson	A				X								
California Men's Colony	Scott Buffaloe	M												
	Mike Schwartz	A												
Camp SLO	Vacant	M												
	Jubilee Satele	A												
County Farm Bureau	Steve Carter	M	X			X								
	Brent Burchett	A	X			X								
Cuesta College	(Vacant)	M												
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Golden State Water	Joshua Alvidrez	M												
	Mark Zimmer	A	X			X								
Shandon-San Juan Water District	Stephen Sinton	M												
	Kevin Peck	A												
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District	Lee Nesbit	M	X			X								
	Hilary Graves	A	X											
CITIES														
City of Arroyo Grande	Lan George	M				X								
	Kristen Barneich	A												
City of Atascadero	Charles Bourbeau	M	X											
	Nick DeBar	A												
City of Grover Beach	Robert Robert	M	X			X								
	(Vacant)	A												
City of Morro Bay	Laurel Barton	M												
	Rob Livick	A												
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M												
	Kirk Gonzalez	A	X											
City of Pismo Beach	Marcia Guthrie	M												
	Sheila Blake	A	X											
City of San Luis Obispo	Andy Pease	M	X			X								
	Jan Marx	A												
CSDs														
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	Melissa Bland	A												
Heritage Ranch CSD	Scott Duffield	M												
	Jason Molinari	A												
Los Osos CSD	Chuck Cesena	M												
	Ron Munds	A	X			X								
Nipomo CSD	Ed Eby	M	X											
	Richard Malvarose	A												
Oceano CSD	Shirley Gibson	M												
	Linda Austin	A				X								
San Miguel CSD	Anthony Kalvans	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
San Simeon CSD	Charles Grace	M	X											
	(Vacant)	A												
Templeton CSD	Debra Logan	M	X			X								
	Tina Mayer	A												
STAFF														
Planning and Building	Kylie Hensley	Staff												
	Claire Momberger	Staff												
Public Works	Courtney Howard	Staff	X											
	Brandon Zuniga	Staff	X											
	Brendan Clark	Staff	X			X								
	Joey Steil	Staff	X			X								
	Jennifer Casey	Staff												

Notes: M = Member; A = Alternate Member

Water Resources Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form
Meeting Date: 3/2/2022

Organization	Representative	MOTION 1: Virtual Meeting Reso.				MOTION 2: Jan. Minutes				MOTION 3: Dolores Howard Env. At-Large Endorsement.							
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QUORUM (MIN. 12): 18

MOTION 1

Item #: 2 Pass/Fail?: Pass

Motion Maker: E. Greening Second: R. Robert

AYE: 18 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

AB361 Virtual Meeting Resolution

MOTION 2

Item #: 3 Pass/Fail?: Pass

Motion Maker: R. Dienzo Second: D. Logan

AYE: 15 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 3 ABSENT: 0

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MOTION 3

Item #: 6 Pass/Fail?: Pass

Motion Maker: E. Greening Second: D. Chipping

AYE: 18 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION 4

Item #: Pass/Fail?:

Motion Maker: Second:

AYE: NO: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: May 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 4: Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Recommendation

Elect Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the 2022-2023 term.

Discussion

As stated in the WRAC By-laws, Article V, the WRAC shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at the March meeting. These officers shall be selected from the members of the WRAC and elected by a majority vote of the members present.

There are no official rules adopted by the WRAC to conduct elections, but historically, Roberts Rules of Order are used as a good guideline to conduct nominations and elections.

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Division Manager

DATE: May 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5: Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget for FY 2022/2023 and Consider Actions

Recommendations

Receive a presentation (Attachment 1) from Public Works Department Staff on the proposed Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 budget request and consider taking related actions.

Discussion

The proposed FY 2022/23 budget for "Flood Control Zone General" (Attachment 2) has been prepared in accordance with the District policies adopted by the Board on November 1, 2016 (Attachment 3) and includes an updated 5-year plan. Attachment 4 provides a general description of the work programs included in the budget request. In the past, the WRAC has opined on whether it supports the proposed budget, sometimes through an ad-hoc subcommittee.

The budgeting practices implemented last year have been continued, including:

- Request funding consistent with 5-year plan rather than on solely a case-by-case basis
- Provide information on labor, operations and special projects
- Designation of two reserves – one to isolate \$3.1M for emergencies and one to isolate the balance of reserves that are available for special projects and/or additional priorities

After accounting for regional services, commitments and organizational needs, funding is included to support technical studies in specific areas. Unused funds return to reserves for future allocation to support District needs.

While not likely, please note that the proposed budget may be subject to modification to address any unanticipated needs prior to Board budget hearings that are scheduled for June 13-15, 2022.

Attachment:

1. Presentation
2. FCD FY 2022/23 proposed budget request and 5-year plan
3. FCD Policy
4. FCD Work Programs



Proposed Flood Control District FY 2022/23 Budget

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May 4, 2022

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Overview

- Budget Management Policy
- Life after SGMA - New Priorities
- FY 2022/23 Proposed Budget and 5-Year Plan



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The Budget Management Policy calls for funding activities that support the following:

- Understanding Conditions
- Establishing Sustainability Goals
- Identifying Opportunities
- Supporting Solution Start-Up



Existing Needs, Resiliency, and the Future



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The Budget Management Policy calls for the following funding priority order:

First Funding Priority:

Existing **regional** programmatic services and commitments

Second Funding Priority:

District **financing needs** and other County-provided services related to water resources

Third Funding Priority:

Other **sub-regional** projects and programs

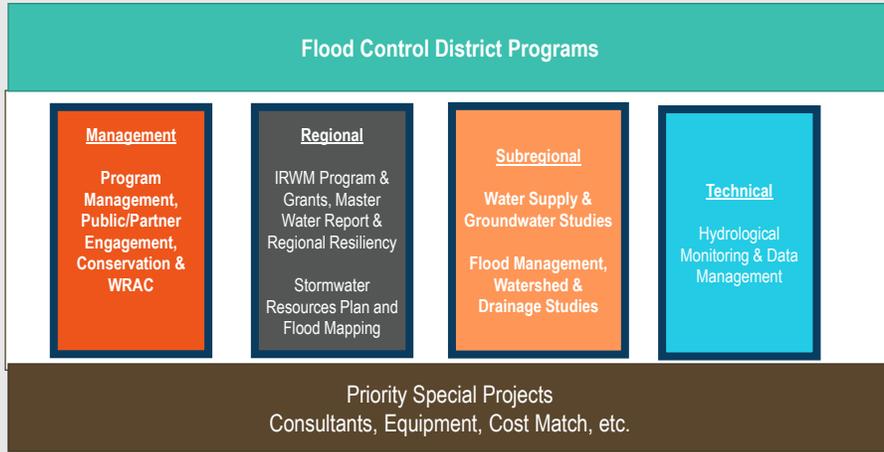


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District services are organized into the following programs:

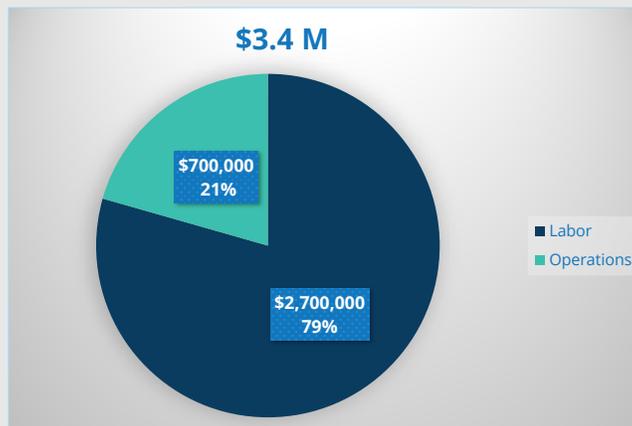


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District Annual Revenue Estimate and Use:



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Program Priorities



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The following slides summarize key accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2021/22 and objectives for Fiscal Year 2022/23 based on:

- Existing contractual obligations and commitments
- Board of Supervisors direction
- Grant eligibility requirements
- Transition of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act efforts & establishment of new priorities



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Management Program Priorities

Accomplishments

- Reprioritizing work efforts post-SGMA planning phase
- Rebuilding the team

Current Objectives

- Training and supporting the team
- Plan for enhanced public/partner engagement & education

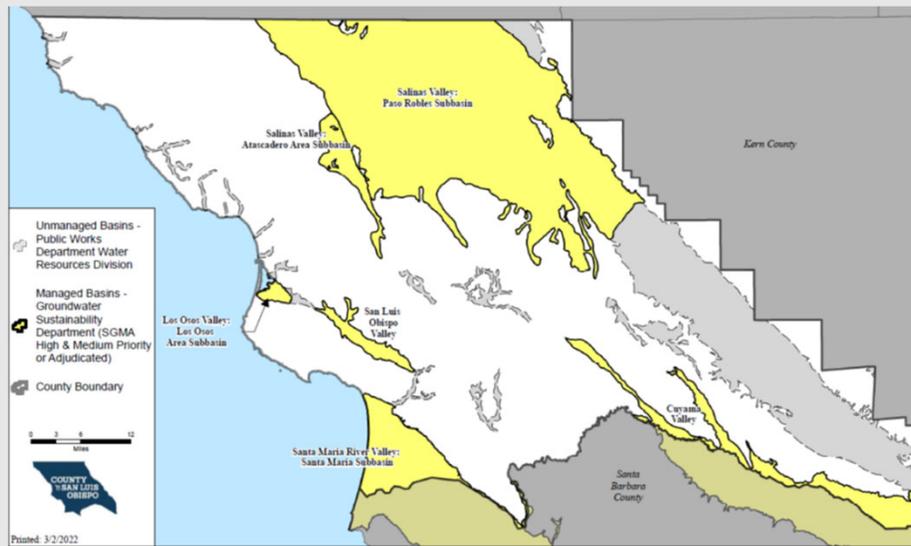


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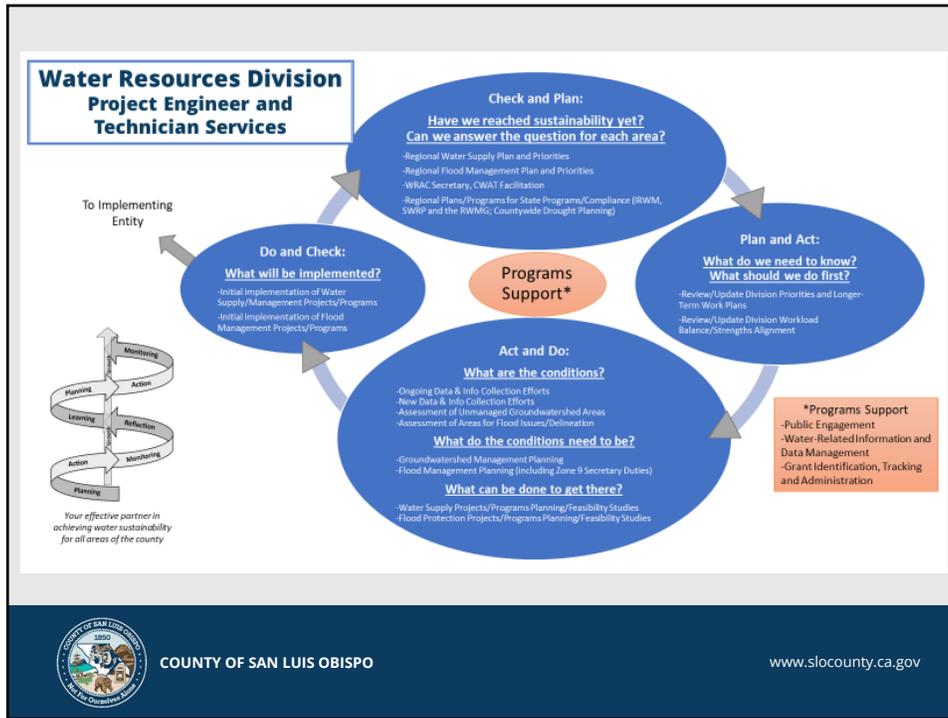
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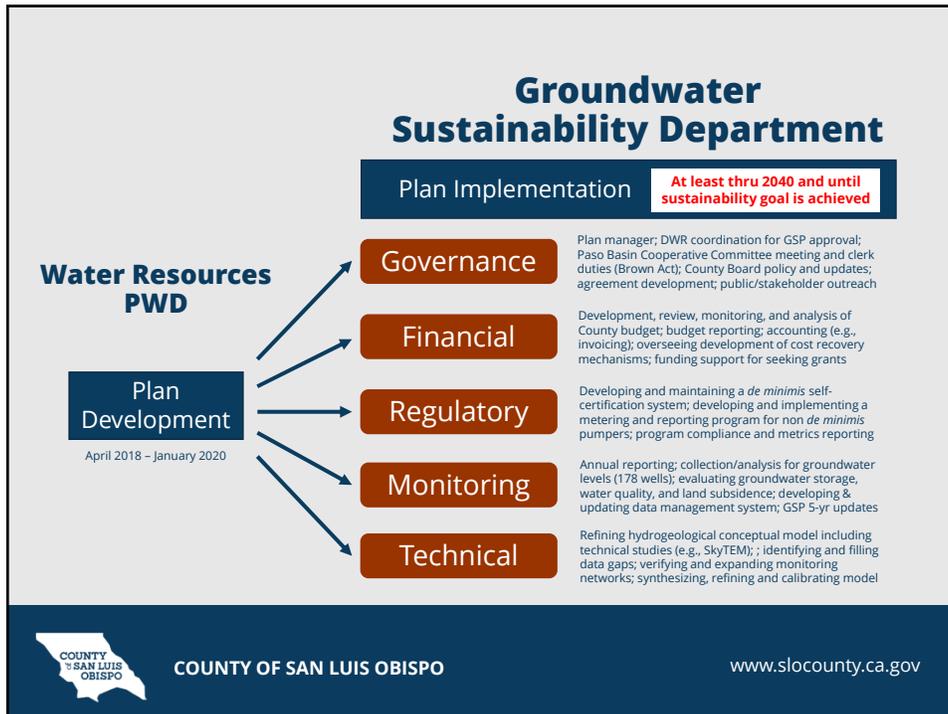
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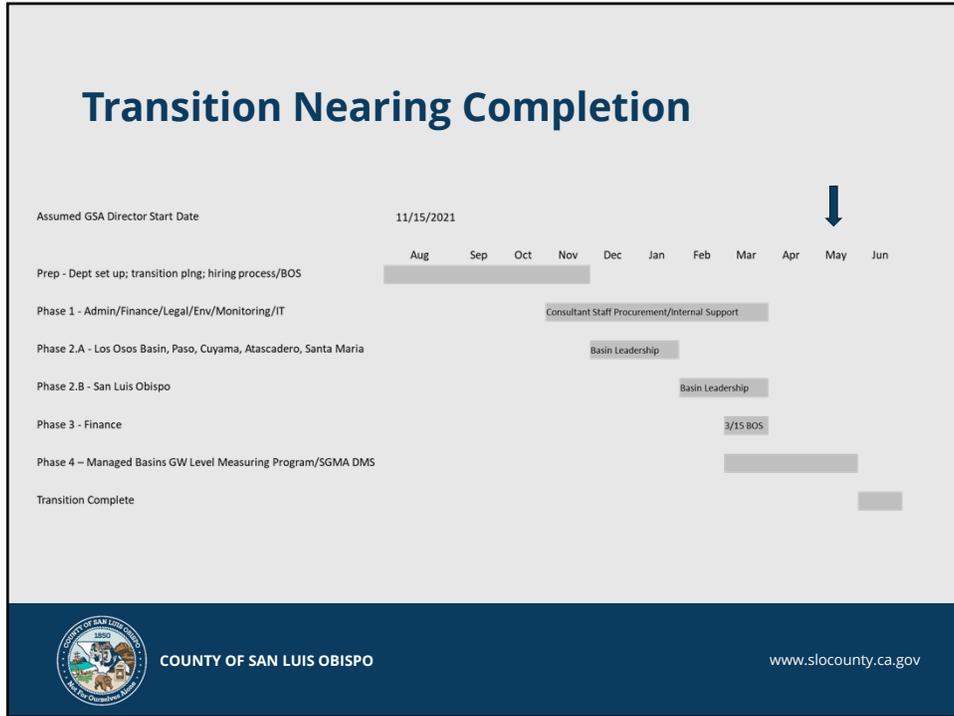
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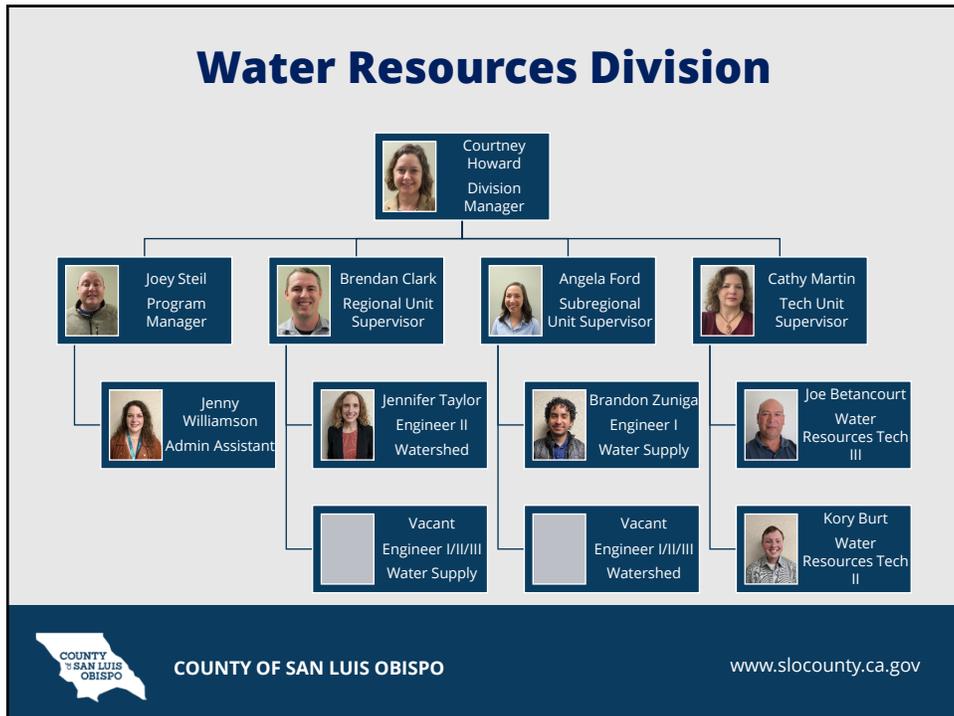
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Plan for Enhanced Engagement

- **Water Related Grants Tracking**
 - Communicating with partners about the grant opportunities
 - Pursuing ones that support District efforts
- **Water Information and Data Management System**
 - Efficiency initiative for improved storage and access to data and information to support timely decision making
 - Significant partner engagement during the Master Water Report effort
- **Public Engagement**
 - Project and program activities communication
 - Education (e.g. website, tweets, microlearnings) on water management efforts



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Regional Program Priorities

Accomplishments

- Kicked off multi-year effort to update the Master Water Report
- Conducted an IRWM Program Project Solicitation Process
- FEMA Mapping technical review coordination
- Complete East Fork Study (Zone 9)

Objectives

- Continue multi-year effort to update the Master Water Report
- \$3M IRWM Grant Application and Agreement, Prop 1, Round 2
- FEMA Mapping Outreach
- Pilot program for vegetation mgmt. in County areas (Zone 9)



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Master Water Report Update

2021-22 Highlights

- Request for Proposal (RFP) in Dec/Jan
- Finalized \$283,000 in funding from State
- Consultant contract expected for BOS in June

2022-23 Expectations

- Data and Analysis Audit
- Alternatives Selection
- Preliminary Development Tool
- WRAC Workshop in Sept/Oct.



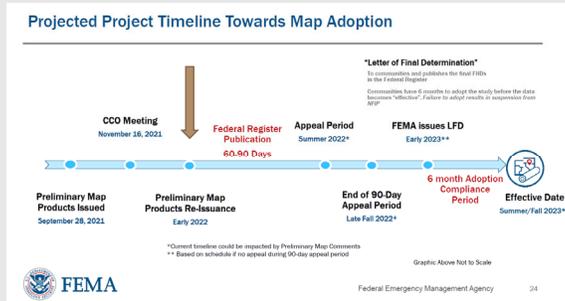
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FEMA Mapping

- Project began in 2018 as FEMA; focused “Zone A” areas:
 - San Luis Obispo Creek (south of City of SLO)
 - Salinas River (north of Paso Robles)
 - Huer Huero Creek
 - Meadow Creek
- Preliminary maps
- Public outreach



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Subregional Program Priorities

<p>Accomplishments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLO Basin GSP adoption • Managed Basins Transition • Arroyo Grande Basin GSP and model (to support Zone 3 operations) • Salinas Dam/River Basin planning efforts • Adelaida area Task 2 Kick-off 	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Salinas Dam/River Basin planning efforts • Kick off Desal Plan efforts • Continue Adelaida efforts • Avila Flooding Mitigation Study • Other priority drainage areas
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Salinas Dam Planning Efforts



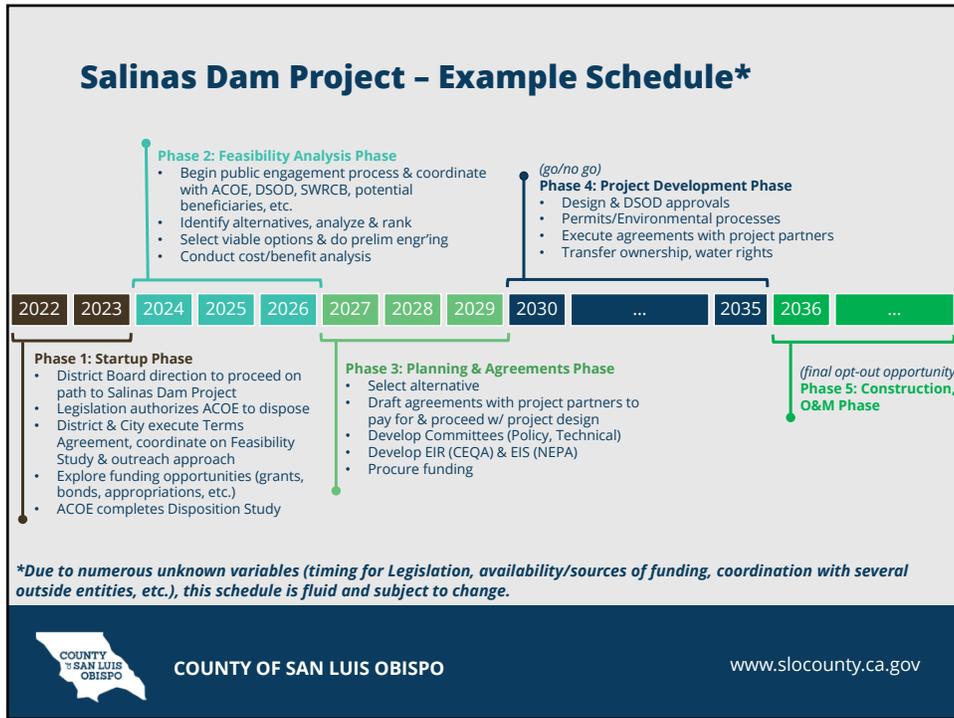
				
Water Rights	Trading Opportunities	Partners & Beneficiaries	Preliminary Engineering	Cost/Benefit Analysis
<p>What is the status of the water rights & permits to the existing & expanded reservoir capacity?</p> <p>What would be needed to modify users, place of use, etc.?</p>	<p>How much of the unused SLO permitted water right is available for beneficial use by other stakeholders?</p> <p>Could water be moved or traded to optimize available supply sources?</p>	<p>Who are potential stakeholders that could benefit from & help fund the project?</p> <p>Could this project reduce reliance on the Delta, address groundwater &/or ecosystem issues?</p>	<p>Will the project be for a full or partial raise of the dam/reservoir?</p> <p>What are the State's requirements to meet safety standards on the retrofit &/or expansion of the dam?</p>	<p>What are the funding sources, capital costs & cashflow reqts for this project?</p> <p>How would the cost, environmental impacts, availability & resilience compare with other sources?</p>



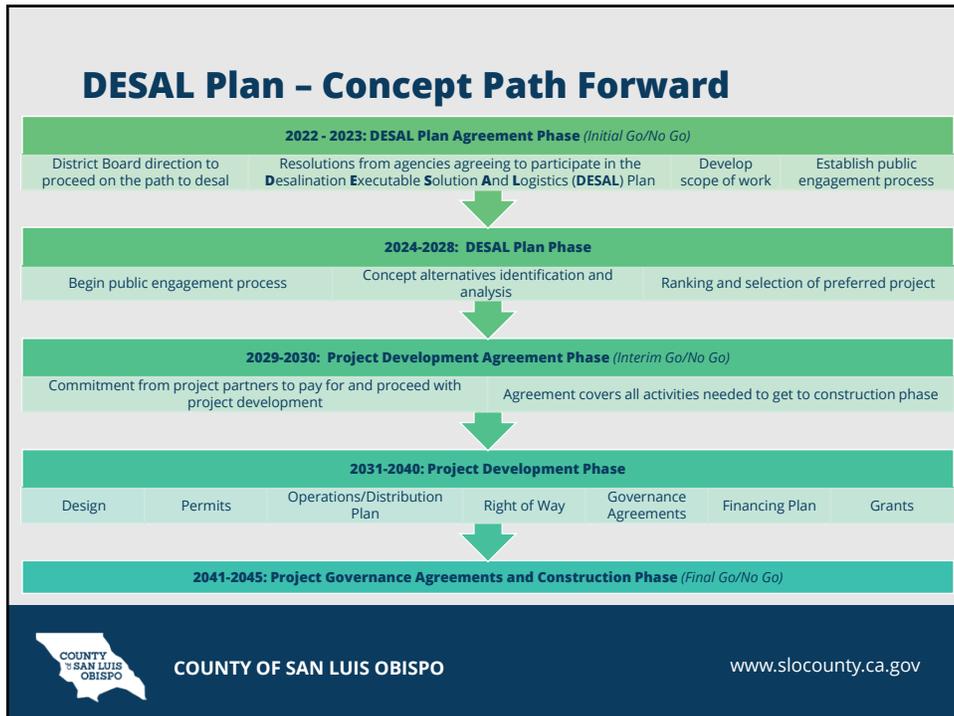
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Technical Program Priorities

Accomplishments

- Continue grant implementation for the real-time telemetry project
- Managed basins level measuring program transition
- Arroyo Grande Creek stream gauge modification project coordination
- Continue stream, rain and groundwater level measurements and data management

Objectives

- Continue grant implementation for the real-time telemetry project
- Data gap analysis in coordination with the Master Water Report update
- Continue stream, rain and groundwater level measurements and data management



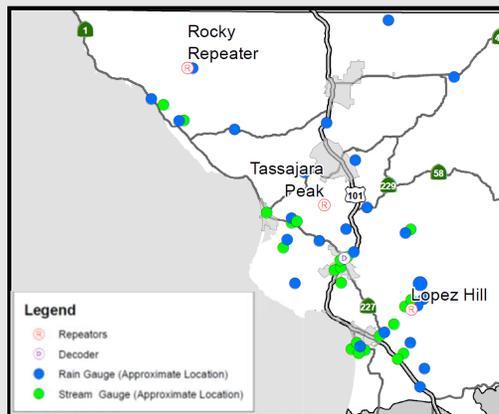
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Proposition 84 Grant - ALERT 2 Upgrade

- Upgrading 45 rain and stream gauge stations
- Grant funded equipment (\$232,000) will provide better scientific data
- Install and grant completion date May 2023



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FY 2022/23 Proposed Budget and 5-Year Plan



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Several documents have been provided to communicate budget information and work efforts.

- Budget Summary and 5-Year Plan
- Budget Management Policy
- Description of District Work Programs



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Budget Summary Update

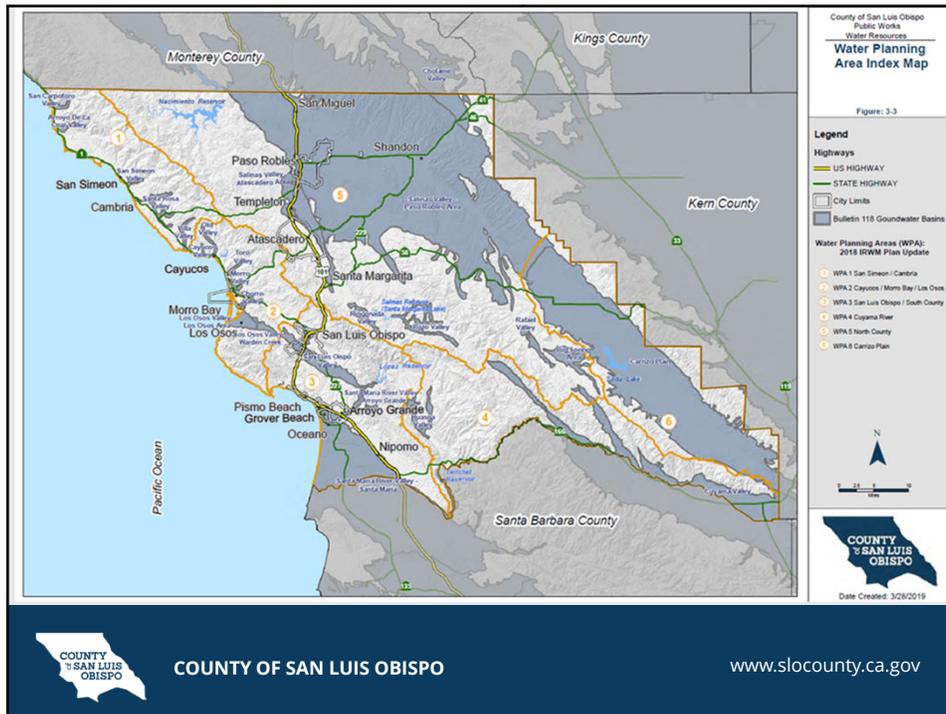
- Grouping groundwater, watershed and technical efforts into Water Planning Areas budget grouping
 - Corresponding budget decrease and increase between Fiscal Years 21/22 and 22/23
 - Reflects shift from Groundwater Planning efforts priority
- Helps track the level of effort in each area
 - Monitoring and data collection
 - Water supply options, groundwater studies and management options
 - Flood management, drainage and watershed studies and management options



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A Regional Resiliency Reserve has been established to support:

- Water Planning Area studies
 - Drainage study
 - Groundwater area study
 - Supply project alternatives study
- Cash-flow loans for other County efforts
- Future cost match for regional infrastructure partnerships

One-time money



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	Approved Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023	Increase / (Decrease)
Uses Comparison: Special Projects			
Special Projects in Budget (5 Yr Plan: Category A & C)	1,230,000	955,000	(275,000)
Operations excluding Special Projects	3,844,954	3,133,766	(711,188)
Total Uses	5,074,954	4,088,766	-986,188

[b]

[c]

[a]

	Approved Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023	Increase / (Decrease)
Labor Extract			
Water Resources	18,939	18,932	(7)
Admin: GIS & Software Engineer	1,733	1,164	(569)
Environmental	340	352	12
Utilities	108	160	52
Finance	825	675	(150)
LABOR HRS	21,945	21,283	(662)
LABOR DOLLARS (including OH)	\$2,554,328	\$2,705,707	\$151,379

Reserves 5,6	2021-2022	2022-2023	Balance
BALANCE AS OF 6/30/2021			7,310,871
	4,624,502		4,624,502
ANTICIPATED BALANCE 6/30/22			11,935,373
			(3,100,000)
ANTICIPATED BALANCE AVAILABLE 6/30/22 7			8,835,373

Footnotes

- 1 Operations budget excludes Non Operations budgets involving timing differences between years: grants (net zero over length of grant), loans (net zero over length of loan), and budget carryforwards from prior year. Non Operations budget available upon request.
- 2 Annual repayment of Loans: Los Osos Fund FY1516 \$1,567,000 (Debt Reserve requirement) and FY1617 \$1,185,000 (cash flow) and to CSA16 FY1516 \$89,662 (cash flow.)
- 3 Auditors Office charge to pay for their costs associated with the collection of property taxes.
- 4 Groundwater, Watershed and Technical Programs will be consolidated to Water Planning Areas budget grouping going forward.
- 5 Influences on Reserves include Operations (above), and Non Operations (primarily grants and loans timing differences between fiscal years.)
- 6 Reserve accounts 3250115 "Facilities" and 3250264 "Monitoring Equipment" were replaced with 3250315 "Emergencies" (to isolate the \$3.1M emergency threshold) and 3250540 "Projects and Seeds" (balance of reserves). This change does not change the cumulative dollar amounts in Reserves.
- 7 Anticipated Reserve Balance Available as of 6/30/22 ties to Water Resources 5 Year Plan.

Flood Control General

District Zone General 5-Year Projection

5-Year Special Priority Project Plan

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REVENUES

		2021/22 Budgeted	2022/23 Projected	2023/24 Projected	2024/25 Projected	2025/26 Projected
	Beginning Balance	\$ 10,587,326				
Operations	Property Taxes	\$ 3,298,350	\$ 3,413,935	\$ 3,516,353	\$ 3,621,844	\$ 3,730,499
	Other Revenue	100,000	50,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Subtotal	\$ 3,398,350	\$ 3,463,935	\$ 3,541,353	\$ 3,646,844	\$ 3,755,499
Other	From Other Funds	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Loan Reimbursements	4,878,271	2,088,019	2,085,882	2,085,882	2,085,882
	Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted)	4,685,818	-	-	-	-
	Grants Pass-Through (Anticipated)	-	-	3,782,130	-	-
	Subtotal	\$ 9,664,089	\$ 2,088,019	\$ 5,868,012	\$ 2,085,882	\$ 2,085,882
	Total Revenues	\$ 13,062,439	\$ 5,551,954	\$ 9,409,365	\$ 5,732,726	\$ 5,841,381

EXPENSES

Operations	Payroll	\$ 2,554,319	\$ 2,705,707	\$ 2,840,992	\$ 2,983,042	\$ 3,132,194
	Ongoing Operations and Overhead	762,940	428,055	449,458	471,931	495,527
	Limited Term Contracts from Prior Year	64,980				
	Subtotal	\$ 3,382,239	\$ 3,133,762	\$ 3,290,450	\$ 3,454,973	\$ 3,627,721
	Money Available for Special Projects Categories A, B, and C	\$ 9,680,200	\$ 11,253,565	\$ 14,571,336	\$ 10,853,959	\$ 10,854,619
	Assuming allocation to Special Projects Categories A and B, Remainder Available for Category C	\$ 2,260,762	\$ 8,452,421	\$ 8,576,206	\$ 8,640,959	\$ 8,641,619
Special Projects	A) Regional Services and Commitments	\$ 680,000	\$ 955,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
	B) Organizational Needs	6,739,438	1,846,144	5,395,130	1,613,000	1,613,000
	C) Other Projects and Programs	912,715	-	-	-	8,641,619
	Subtotal	\$ 8,332,153	\$ 2,801,144	\$ 5,995,130	\$ 2,213,000	\$ 10,854,619
	Total Expenses	\$ 11,714,392	\$ 5,934,906	\$ 9,285,580	\$ 5,667,973	\$ 14,482,340

RESERVES SUBTOTAL

		\$ 11,935,373	\$ 11,552,421	\$ 11,676,206	\$ 11,740,959	\$ 3,100,000
	Maintain \$3.1M Minimum Threshold (BOS 11/1/16)	(3,100,000)	(3,100,000)	(3,100,000)	(3,100,000)	(3,100,000)

PROJECTED AVAILABLE RESERVES PER POLICY

		\$ 8,835,373	\$ 8,452,421	\$ 8,576,206	\$ 8,640,959	\$ (0)
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Flood Control General

5-Year Special Priority Project Plan

District Zone General 5-Year Projection

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PRIORITY		PROJECT	2021/22 Budgeted	2022/23 Projected	2023/24 Projected	2024/25 Projected	2025/26 Projected
[A] Regional Services and Commitments		Regional Resiliency-Infrastructure/Water Planning Area Supply Planning	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
		Regional Resiliency -Countywide Drought Planning (SB 552)	25,000	280,000			
		Desalination Feasibility	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
		Salinas Dam Expansion/Retrofit Feasibility	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
		USBR Salinas River Basin Study	25,000				
		IRWM Plan Updates and Reporting	50,000				
		IRWM Implementation Grant Applications		75,000			
		Water Planning Area Watershed/Groundwater recharge analysis	50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
		Telemetry Modernization	80,000				
		Monitoring Program Improvements	125,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
		Water Info System/Master Water Report Update	50,000				
		Water Planning Area Flood Management Planning	75,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
		Subtotal	\$ 680,000	\$ 955,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
[B] Organizational Needs							
	[D] To Other Funds	To FCZ4 for Basin Maintenance	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
	[D] To Other Funds	To FCZ16 for Basin Maintenance	60,500	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500
	[D] To Other Funds	To FC 536 - Delta Reconveyance	229,253	223,662			
	[D] To Other Funds	To FC 537 - Delta Reconveyance	13,384	9,482			
	[E] Loans issued	Los Osos WWP Conservation Program Loan	50,000	-			
	[E] Loans issued	1617 Los Osos cash flow loan (pending)	1,580,000	1,580,000	1,580,000	1,580,000	1,580,000
	[F] Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted)	IRWM Prop 84 Implementation Grant 2011: To FCZ1/1A	1,001,833				
	[F] Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted)	IRWM Prop 84 Flood Emergency Response Grant	131,801				
	[F] Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted)	IRWM Prop 84 Flood Emergency Response Grant - w/Ventura	206,369				
	[G] Grants Pass-Through (Mid-Year)	IRWM Prop 1 Disadvantaged Communities Involvement 2017	288,665				
	[G] Grants Pass-Through (Mid-Year)	IRWM Prop 1 Implementation Grant 2020	2,782,130				
	[G] Grants Pass-Through (Mid-Year)	REAP Grant	283,003				
	[G] Grants Pass-Through (Anticipated)	IRWM Prop 1 Implementation Grant 2022	-	-	3,782,130		
		ARPA Funding	100,000				
		Subtotal	\$ 6,739,438	\$ 1,846,144	\$ 5,395,130	\$ 1,613,000	\$ 1,613,000
[C] Other Projects and Programs⁴							
Regional Resiliency		Initial Implementation/Partner Share		-	-	-	8,641,619
Specific Water Planning Areas	Subregional Efforts		200,000				
Paso Basin	Technical Support	Cost Share Contribution					
Los Osos Basin	Technical Support	Cost Share Contribution	150,000				
Atascadero Basin	Technical Support	Cost Share Contribution	50,000				
Adelaida Area	Technical Support	USGS Study - Task 2 District Cost Share	362,715				
SLO Basin	Technical Support	Cost Share Contribution	100,000				
Santa Maria & AG Basin	Technical Support	Cost Share Contribution	50,000				
		Subtotal	\$ 912,715	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,641,619
		ANTICIPATED PROJECT COSTS	\$ 8,332,153	\$ 2,801,144	\$ 5,995,130	\$ 2,213,000	\$ 10,854,619

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NOTES:

1. This Plan identifies non-labor funding needs (e.g. consultants, equipment, etc.) that are timed in accordance with prioritization of needs and available staff time. Advancing efforts may require additional staff.
2. Projection includes a 3% annual increase in tax revenue and a 5% payroll inflation factor per year for step increases, compensation increases, and equity adjustments after original estimate.
3. Difference between Grant Pass-Through in the Revenue section and the Grant Pass-Through in the Expense section is the amount anticipated to be retained by Public Works to fund internal administration costs (labor).
4. Transitioning from Groundwater Planning to Water Planning Area/Subregional Efforts going forward.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

of the

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

PRESENT: Supervisors Frank R. Mecham, Bruce S. Gibson, Adam Hill, Debbie Arnold,
and Chairperson Lynn Compton

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-281

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND RESERVES

The following resolution is now offered and read:

WHEREAS, in 1968, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 68-223 which established a policy regarding surveillance of potential drainage problems within the District and the manner in which any necessary remedial measures (planning, design, construction, financing and maintenance of drainage facilities) would be funded (1968 Policy); and

WHEREAS, consistent with the objects and purposes of the District set forth in the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act, the District provides services that extend beyond drainage and flood control services, including, without limitation, services related to the prevention of waste or diminution of the water supply in the District; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being narrowly focused, the 1968 Policy contains provisions, particularly provisions related to financing, that have not been updated to reflect changes in law, including, without limitation, Proposition 218; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the District has determined that the 1968 Policy should be replaced with an updated policy that reflects the broad range of services provided or anticipated to be provided by the District to help achieve sustainable water resources in all areas of the District and that is consistent with public financing laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDERED AND DETERMINED by the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, State of California, that the District General Fund budget and reserves shall be managed in accordance with the following principles:

1. The District shall use available funds for services intended to result in the following:
 - a. Development of a common understanding of conditions (e.g. regional data collection, technical studies);
 - b. Definition of sustainability goals (e.g. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program implementation);
 - c. Identification of feasible solutions to meet goals (e.g. feasibility studies); and
 - d. Facilitation of the initial implementation of identified solutions (e.g. District zones of benefit)

2. In its determination of the manner in which various services falling within Section 1 will be funded through the development of the annual District General Fund budget, the District shall allocate funding in accordance with the following priority order:
 - a. Existing regional programmatic services and commitments;
 - b. District financing needs and other County-provided services related to water resources; and
 - c. Other projects and programs that come forward through the IRWM project solicitation and grant application process or are otherwise identified by regional and/or sub-regional stakeholder groups and are financially supported by entities other than the District (e.g. cost-shared, grant-funded or otherwise cost-recoverable area-specific services such as basin characterizations/models and drainage studies).

3. When a long-term solution(s) is identified for implementation, such as an infrastructure project, management of a shared source of supply or management of flood and/or storm waters, use of the annual District General Fund budget shall be limited to facilitating services related to its initial implementation, including institutional structure formation (e.g. creation of a zone of benefit of the District) and funding processes (e.g. establishment of a fee, assessment or tax), preliminary project

development and cash flow/start-up costs. If such services become funded, the District shall seek reimbursement (e.g. from a successfully formed and funded zone of benefit of the District) to the extent possible.

4. The annual District General Fund budget shall be developed and managed in a manner that builds reserves in times while needs beyond existing regional programmatic services are still being identified so that funding is available when services to address such needs are ready for implementation.
5. For annual budgeting and emergency preparedness purposes, the minimum threshold for District reserves shall be \$3,100,000.
6. This policy shall supersede the 1968 Policy.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gibson, seconded by Supervisor Mecham, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Gibson, Mecham, Hill, Arnold and Chairperson Compton

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted on the 1st day of November, 2016.

Lynn Compton
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Tommy Gong

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Jandy Currens
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

By: /s/Erica Stuckey
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: October 14, 2016

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of San Luis Obispo, } ss.

I, Tommy Gong, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this 15th day of November, 2016.

Tommy Gong
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By Sandy Currens
Deputy Clerk



San Luis Obispo County
Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Zone General
Work Programs

A. Management Program

Efforts in this program include supporting the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC), District strategic planning and budgeting efforts, public and partner engagement and inter/intra-department coordination. Staff has created a multi-department water “superteam” that meets monthly to discuss key interrelated water management efforts such as the Resource Management System, data collection and organization efforts and other projects and programs with water resources implications. Its mission is to influence and create consistency amongst water-related policies and programs for the purpose of achieving sustainable communities in alignment with the County’s values.

a. Water Conservation Education

A condition of obtaining an IRWM grant includes compliance with AB 1420, which requires implementation of certain conservation best management practices (BMPs) by wholesalers. Certain BMPs are best implemented by the District on a regional basis, while others should be addressed in the Lopez Zone 3 Funds. For example, BMPs 1.11, 2.1, 2.2 – Conservation Coordinator, Public Information and School Education should be implemented regionally, while BMP 1.13– Wholesale Agency Assistance Programs and BMP 1.2 – System Water Audits, Leak Detection/Repair are specific to the wholesale operations. In addition to labor, funding is included to cover the cost of outreach materials and programs, and supporting the Resource Conservation Districts’ mobile lab irrigation audit programs.

b. Public and Partner Engagement

This effort includes communicating about program and project activities through meetings, web postings and other methods; tracking and communicating about water-related grant opportunities; and supporting the effort to improve storage of and access to water-related data and information.

B. Regional Program

a. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program

IRWM Program efforts include implementing and updating the Plan, coordinating with the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), monitoring State and funding area activities relevant to IRWM, administration of the implementation and planning grant agreements with the State and project proponents, and the development of implementation grant applications. The District is the lead agency for the program in accordance with State regulations and the Memorandum of Understanding between the RWMG member organizations. Participation in the IRWM Program has resulted in over \$32M in grant awards for local needs.

b. Master Water Report and Regional Resiliency Planning

This effort includes updating the compilation of analyses that communicates the current and projected future ability of water supplies to meet demands on a county-wide basis. A data and information system will be developed and maintained and updated on a regular basis to ensure that these analyses can be kept up to date which will support timely decision making. The reporting system will also include information on the status of resiliency project implementation and the potential for future strategies to address needs, and address county-wide drought planning requirements.

c. Stormwater Resources Plan Program

This effort includes maintaining the countywide stormwater resources plan, which identifies stormwater strategies, programs and projects. Stormwater projects need to be in the plan to qualify for applicable State grants.

d. Flood Mapping

This effort includes coordinating with FEMA, and local entities implementing projects that may influence the floodplain, to keep local floodplain maps updated.

C. Technical Program

Overall, the Program, as described below, includes ongoing Hydrologic Data collection and management efforts, California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program compliance efforts and a contract with the US

Geological Survey to share the cost of 3 stream gauges. The data is used by entities charged with water resource management and technical analysis, including the State, Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, and other local entities.

a. Hydrologic Data

This includes the following efforts:

Hydrologic Data Management. This includes processing and entering all historical hydrologic data into the data management software and web interface, developing standardized reports for the data to support water conditions reporting efforts, and utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to report and organize the information. Other efforts include trouble shooting data errors as well producing guidance manuals for the overall program.

Groundwater Data. This includes groundwater data collection efforts in unmanaged areas which involves groundwater level measuring, records management, and both field and office work related to groundwater sites and the associated data.

Stream Data. This includes stream data collection efforts including stream calibrating, management, and analysis, and both field and office work related to stream gauging sites and the associated data.

Precipitation Data. This includes rain data collection efforts including rain gauge maintenance, management, and rainfall/intensity analysis, and both field and office work related to rain sites and the associated data.

Office Technical Support. This includes technical support of computer software and equipment related to the automated collection and reporting of groundwater data, stream data, or precipitation, and other office-related efforts such as maintenance and enhancement of the SLOCountyWater website.

CIMIS (California Irrigation Management Information System) Stations. This includes working on existing CIMIS station maintenance efforts.

b. CASGEM

The budget allocation is for CASGEM program compliance tasks such as efforts to

add new volunteer wells to the program, developing and implementing monitoring plans, and coordinating with State and local agencies.

c. Joint Monitoring with USGS

This budget allocation is for sharing the cost of the operation and maintenance of three stream gauges: one on the Salinas River (in Paso Robles), a second station is upstream of the Lopez Reservoir and the third is in Santa Barbara Canyon Creek near Ventucopa.

D. Water Planning Area/Subregional Program

a. Water Supply Studies

Work efforts under this component include studying the feasibility of specific water supply strategies such as stormwater capture, desalination and optimizing the use of Salinas Reservoir to meet needs in various areas of the county.

b. Groundwater Studies

Work efforts under this component include coordination with stakeholders in unmanaged groundwater basins/areas to understand conditions by conducting technical studies.

c. Watershed Studies

This allocation supports general drainage and flood control efforts in 25 watersheds including responding to constituents, investigating drainage issues, programs, and flooding problems for all County areas, consistent with the Board of Supervisors adopted policy on surveillance of drainage and flood control problems. Efforts to update drainage studies are anticipated to involve consideration of integrated water management objectives of supply enhancement and water quality improvement. The intent of the program is to provide the technical support needed should communities wish to pursue grants and/or establish Zones of Benefit that would fund maintenance, design, and implementation of watershed/drainage/flood management projects.

Zones of Benefit

The following is a brief description of the various funding efforts for the established Zones of Benefit.

- a) *Zone 1/1A* - This zone's budget includes annual vegetation and maintenance for the 3.5 miles of the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee system.
- b) *Zone 3* - This budget includes all tasks related to Lopez dam maintenance, the Lopez water treatment plant, water deliveries, and associated water distribution system.
- c) *Zone 4* - Funding transferred to Santa Barbara County for the maintenance of the Santa Maria levee system.
- d) *Zone 9* - Funding for the San Luis Obispo Creek Watershed. The City of San Luis Obispo and County coordinate on vegetation and sediment management of San Luis Obispo Creek and its tributaries as well as project development of flood control improvement projects such as the Mid-Higuera By-Pass project.
- e) *Zone 16* - Provides for maintenance of thirty-five (35) drainage basins throughout the District.
- f) *Zone 18* - Funding for maintenance of the Cambria detention basin. The basin was constructed with FEMA grant funding and is required to have separate funding for its maintenance and environmental compliance measures.

**TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)
Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)**

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: May 4, 2022

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 6: Receive Presentations from Applicants for the Prop
1, Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant**

Recommendations

None.

Discussion

As part of the local project selection process for the Prop. 1, Round 2, Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant (P1R2), each applicant is required to provide a brief presentation of their project. This is required in our IRWM plan and serves to provide the RWMG and WRAC opportunity to hear about each submitted project.

Staff will provide a brief presentation on the grant, its requirements and more.

To learn more about this IRWM funding opportunity, see the attached "P1R2 Call for Projects Readme"

Attachment:

1. P1R2 Call For Projects Readme



Call for Projects Proposition 1 (2014), Round 2, IRWM Implementation Grant Opportunity

Submit all requested information and documents by April 28, 2022 @ 5pm.

Background:

Proposition 1 was passed in 2014, allocating \$510 million for IRWM projects across the State. These funds were allocated regionally in Prop 1 by Funding Area, with the Central Coast total being \$43 million. The San Luis Obispo County IRWM Region is a member of the Central Coast Funding Area (CCFA). Along with the other CCFA regions, SLO County entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to divide these funds equitably. Based on this agreement, the total Prop 1 IRWM funding available to the San Luis Obispo County Region was \$7.7 million, as shown in table 1. Proposition 1, Round 2, Implementation Grant (P1R2) is the last planned funding opportunity for the IRWM Program.

Table 1 – Prop 1 IRWM Funding for San Luis Obispo County Region

	Total Prop 1 Funds	DAC Implementation	General Implementation
Planning Grant (2016)	\$ 204,183	n/a	n/a
DAC Involvement (2017)	\$ 938,570	n/a	n/a
Round 1 Implementation Grant (2019)	\$ 2,782,130	\$ 274,500	\$ 2,507,630
Round 2 Implementation Grant (2022)	\$ 3,782,129	\$ 499,599	\$ 3,282,530
Total for SLO Region (Per CCFA MOA)	\$ 7,707,012	\$ 774,099	\$ 5,790,160

Grant Project Solicitation Summary

DWR is preparing to release the final Project Solicitation Package (PSP) in the coming weeks, formally initiating the grant opportunity. In advance of those documents, District staff is initiating the local solicitation of projects, rather than wait for the final PSP and potentially be in a rush to complete the process. When the final PSP is released by DWR, a summary of changes will be promptly provided to the RWMG.

This Call for Projects is based off the draft PSP provided by the State in December of 2021. As shown in table 1, DWR is expecting to award the remainder of the Prop 1 funding. Note, these numbers reflect the changes made to the Round 1 Implementation Grant as recommended by the RWMG in October 2021 and authorized by the Board of Supervisors in November 2021.

Project sponsors are *highly encouraged* to visit <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm> and review the following reference information, available in the “P1R2 Call for Projects” section:

- “Draft 2022 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines” by DWR.
- “Draft Round 2 Implementation Grant PSP” by DWR.
 - Including Attachments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7
- Additional refs. including SLO County’s comments on Draft PSP, Past award summary, etc.



Schedule of Local Solicitation

The schedule for our local solicitation is as follows:

1. April 7 – 28, 2022. Call for projects is open (21 days).
2. April 28 – 29, 2022. Eligibility Screening by staff.
3. May 4, 2022, Project Showcase @ Joint WRAC and RWMG Meeting, 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Applications will present projects to members and public stakeholders (more details below).
4. May 5 - 6, 2022. Initial project scoring by staff-level team.
5. May TBD. RWMG Working Group meeting to finalize scores and prepare funding recommendation
6. June 1, 2022 @ RWMG Meeting, 10am – 12pm. Members to vote on the projects and funding recommendation by the Working Group for the DWR application.
7. June 1, 2022 @ WRAC Meeting, 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Per our program MOU.

Note: this schedule may be altered after the final grant documents come out by DWR.

Requirements for Project Sponsors

Project sponsors must be willing to adopt the 2019 IRWM Plan prior to submittal of the final application to DWR.

Project sponsors must complete & submit the following to Brendan Clark by **5pm April 28th**:

- Project Information Form (PIF)
- Objectives and Climate Change Worksheet
- No more than two (2) presentation slides that include basic project details, need for the project and requested grant amount (PPT or PDF format).
- Forms are available at the [P1R2 Call For Projects Website](#).¹

Project Showcase at May 4th Joint WRAC and RWMG Meeting

Project sponsors must be prepared to give a brief (~2min) presentation on their project at the May 4th Joint WRAC and RWMG meeting during the “IRWM Project Showcase”. This will be the opportunity for the entire WRAC and RWMG to learn about the submitted projects.

Thank you for your interest and participation in IRWM in San Luis Obispo County!

For more information, please contact:

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¹ [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management-\(IRWM\)/P1R2-Call-For-Projects.aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management-(IRWM)/P1R2-Call-For-Projects.aspx)

TO: Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: May 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 7: Consider Selection of Members for the RWMG Working Group (RWMG Item)

Recommendation

Select at least 3 RWMG members to serve on the Prop 1, Round 2 Grant Working Group.

Discussion

As defined in the adopted IRWM Plan and program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), project selection recommendations for funding opportunities are evaluated by an RWMG Working Group, to be then reviewed by the RWMG as a whole. The RWMG then submits a recommended project or suite of projects for funding to the WRAC and Board of Supervisors.

This Working Group will meet at least one time to 1) finalize a score for each project, based on the previously set scoring metric¹ and 2) prepare project & funding recommendation or project & funding options for the RWMG to consider recommending to the BOS at a regular meeting.

Members of this Working Group must not have submitted a project for consideration. District staff facilitates the Working Group, but does not have a vote.

¹ This specific grant opportunity Scoring Metric was reviewed at the 4/6 RWMG Meeting and is posted here: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Forms-Documents/Committees-Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management-\(IRWM\)/Documents-P1R2-Call-For-Projects/P1R2-Scoring-Metrics.pdf](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Forms-Documents/Committees-Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management-(IRWM)/Documents-P1R2-Call-For-Projects/P1R2-Scoring-Metrics.pdf)

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: May 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 8: Consider Submitting the WRAC 2021 Annual Report to the County Board of Supervisors (WRAC Item)

Recommendation

Discuss the draft WRAC 2021 Annual Report and consider any comments or revisions. Approve the annual report with any amendments for submittal to the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion

As stated in the WRAC By-laws, Article V.2,

“The Chairperson, in cooperation with the Secretary, shall prepare an Annual Report for review by the WRAC no later than the March meeting date. The Annual Report shall include a summary of WRAC 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 WRAC.”

All comments to the draft report shall be discussed at the meeting. Any approved amendments shall be incorporated into the report before final submittal to the Board of Supervisors.

Attachment

1. 2021 Draft Annual Report Letter
2. Summary of Meetings 2021
3. Attendance 2021 (Member and Guest)



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May XX, 2022

Honorable Bruce Gibson
Chair, Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
1050 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: Water Resources Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report

Honorable Supervisor Gibson:

Attached is the 2021 Water Resources Advisory Committee Annual Report. It summarizes the highlights of our meeting activities. The presentations and action items often evoke diverse, lively dialog among those in attendance.

WRAC continues to serve as the advisory body for water resources for the District Board of Supervisors, with the broad view of promoting water resilience through regional cooperation. Each WRAC meeting provides an opportunity to hear updates from staff, share successes and concerns with each other, and learn about best practices and innovative programs from experts throughout the county and the state. WRAC members and public stakeholders on our mailing lists receive monthly updates on rainfall, reservoir levels, drought status, basin management activities, funding opportunities and more.

Highlights from 2021 include our panel discussions and virtual format success. With the onset of another drought in 2021, WRAC held panel discussions for the September and October meetings, focusing effects and response to drought of agencies and agriculture, respectively. These panels included SLO County community members actively involved in the industry, including CSD District Engineers, winemakers, farmers, Public Works Directors, etc. The other highlight was our increasing participation in WRAC meetings as we continued to lean into a virtual format, as allowed by various State laws and/or Governor's Executive Orders. Panel meetings touched 60+ attendees and "normal" meetings routinely included over 40 participants.

WRAC is a valuable forum for purveyors, organizations, community members, and more to stay informed about water resources, District staff projects & programs, and more.

Purpose of the Committee

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the SLO County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board specific water resource programs.

To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

WRAC By-Laws dated September 1, 2020



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On May 4th, the WRAC approved this report for submittal to your Board.

Sincerely,

Andy Pease, Chair
Water Resources Advisory Committee

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**Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)
2021 Annual Report
to the
San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors**

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

February 3, 2021

- Received update from the Stormwater Capture Sub-Committee
- Recommended approval of the Water Management Tools Contract Amendment to the State Water Contract

April 7, 2021

- Received presentation from District staff on the status of Water Supply projects and programs across the County. This was a follow-up to a similar, more in-depth Board item on 3/16/2021.

May 5, 2021

- Reviewed the proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District budget for FY 2021/2022.

June 2, 2021

- Received presentation regarding the USGS Adelaida Study and recommended moving forward with the study to the Board.
- Received presentation from District staff (CivicSpark Fellow) regarding Stormwater Capture in San Luis Obispo County

September 1, 2021

- Held a panel discussion focused on agency/purveyor drought issues with Scotty Jalpert from County of SLO Office of Emergency Services; Ben Fine from city of Pismo Beach; and Ray Dienzo from Cambria Community Services District

October 6, 2021

- Held a panel discussion focused on agriculture drought issues with Jerry Rutiz from Rutiz Farms; Seth Scribner, President, SLO County Cattlemen; Bob Scheibelhut, Edna Valley Vintner and grower; and Steve Carter, WRAC Member for SLO County Farm Bureau.

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2021

Organization	Representative	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT														
District 1	Dennis Loucks	M		X		X								
	Melanie Blankenship	A					X	X						
District 2	(Vacant)	M												
	Neal MacDougall	A				X								
District 3	(Vacant)	M		X		X	X							
	Natalie Risner	A												
District 4	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
District 5	Allen Duckworth	M				X		X			X	X		
	Fred Hoey	A												
AT-LARGE														
Agriculture At-Large	Kurt Bollinger	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Agriculture At-Large	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Development At-Large	Tim Walters	M		X		X	X	X						
	Greg Nester	A												
Environmental At-Large	Christine Mulholland	M		X		X	X	X			X	X		
	(Vacant)	A												
Environmental At-Large	Eric Greening	M		X				X			X	X		
	(Vacant)	A												
Environmental At-Large	David Chipping	M		X		X	X	X			X	X		
	Stephnie Wald	A				X								
RCDs														
Coastal San Luis RCD	Linda Chipping	M		X		X	X	X			X	X		
	Kevin Piper	A												
Upper Salinas RCD	George Kendall	M						X			X	X		
	Tom Mora	A												
OTHERS														
Atascadero Mutual	John Neil	M												
	Jaime Hendrickson	A		X			X	X			X			
California Men's Colony	Scott Buffaloe	M												
	Mike Schwartz	A												
Camp SLO	John Reid	M					X				X			
	Jubilee Satele	A												
County Farm Bureau	Steve Carter	M		X		X		X			X	X		
	Brent Burchett	A		X			X	X			X	X		
Cuesta College	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Golden State Water	Joshua Alvidrez	M				X	X	X			X			
	Mark Zimmer	A				X	X	X			X	X		
Shandon-San Juan Water District	Stephen Sinton	M		X		X	X	X			X	X		
	Kevin Peck	A												
Estrella-EI Pomar-Creston Water District	Lee Nesbit	M				X	X					X		
	Hilary Graves	A		X		X	X	X						
CITIES														
City of Arroyo Grande	Lan George	M					X	X			X			
	Kristen Barneich	A												
City of Atascadero	Charles Bourbeau	M		X			X	X						
	Nick DeBar	A												
City of Grover Beach	Robert Robert	M				X	X	X			X			
	(Vacant)	A												
City of Morro Bay	Laurel Barton	M						X			X			
	Rob Livick	A												
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M												
	Kirk Gonzalez	A												
City of Pismo Beach	Marcia Guthrie	M												
	Sheila Blake	A												
City of San Luis Obispo	Andy Pease	M		X		X	X	X			X	X		
	Jan Marx	A												
CSDs														
Avila Beach CSD	Brad Hagemann	M												
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Cambria CSD	Ray Dienzo	M		X		X	X	X			X	X		
	Melissa Bland	A												
Heritage Ranch CSD	Scott Duffield	M												
	Jason Molinari	A												
Los Osos CSD	Chuck Cesena	M												
	Ron Munds	A		X			X	X			X	X		
Nipomo CSD	Ed Eby	M		X		X	X	X				X		
	Richard Malvarose	A												
Oceano CSD	Shirley Gibson	M		X		X	X	X				X		
	Linda Austin	A												
San Miguel CSD	Anthony Kalvans	M												
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Templeton CSD	Debra Logan	M					X	X			X	X		
	Tina Mayer	A												
STAFF														
Agricultural Commissioner	Lynda Auchinachie	Staff		X		X	X	X			X	X		
Planning and Building	Kylie Hensley	Staff		X		X	X				X	X		
	Claire Momberger	Staff										X		
Public Works	Courtney Howard	Staff		X			X	X			X	X		
	Mladen Bandov	Staff		X		X	X	X			X			
	Brendan Clark	Staff		X		X	X	X			X	X		
	Sarah Crable	Staff		X		X		X			X			
	Joey Steil	Staff									X	X		
	Jennifer Casey	Staff									X	X		

Notes: M = Member; A = Alternate Member

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**WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)
GUEST LIST 2021**

Signing-in is voluntary. You may attend the meeting regardless of whether you sign-in.

NAME	AFFILIATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Patricia Wilmore	Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance		X		X	X				X	X		
Willy Cunha	Shandon-San Juan Water District		X				X			X			
Matthew Scrudato	Santa Barbara County Water Agency					X	X			X			
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company		X				X			X	X		
Nick Teague	City of SLO		X		X	X	X			X	X		
Will Clemens	OSCD		X		X						X		
Mark Battany	UCCE		X		X		X			X	X		
Jeff Edwards			X		X	X	X			X	X		
Greg Grewal			X		X	X	X						
Eric Thomas			X										
Julie Ridgeway					X	X	X			X	X		
Louis Lefebvre					X								
Charlie Cote	S&T Mutual Water Company				X								
Dana Merrill	EPCWD				X								
Seth Stevens	GHD				X								
Chad Stoeher	City of Pismo Beach					X							
Tim Kershaw						X							
Heather Billing						X					X		
Randy Diffenbaugh						X							
Mychal Boerman	City of San Luis Obispo						X						
Madeleine Travis	CivicSpark Fellow						X						
Aaron Floyd	City of San Luis Obispo						X						
Hank Krzuick							X						
Christina Stamos	USGS						X						
Geoff Cromwell	USGS						X						
Nicole Fenton	USGS						X						
Chad Stoehr	City of Pismo Beach						X						
Kellie Fortner							X						
John Wallace							X						
Laurie Gage	EPCWD						X						
Tom Burhenn										X	X		
Heather Nelson										X			
Scotty Jalpert	County of SLO OES									X	X		
Ben Fine	City of Pismo Beach									X			
Matt Cook	GSWC									X			
Spencer Waterman	WSC									X			
Dan Heimel	WSC									X			
John Hollenbeck										X			
Richard McCann										X			
Jerry Rutiz											X		
Daniel De La Rosa	San Simeon CSD										X		
Gwen Kellas	San Simeon CSD										X		
Seth Scribner											X		

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: May 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Item 9: Ongoing Updates

Recommendation

Receive updates on various ongoing efforts.

Discussion

- a) **Rain & Reservoir Report.** See attached report.
- b) **Drought Updates.**
 - See attached Drought Monitor Summary
 - County of SLO Office of Emergency Services went to the Board on March 15, 2022.
 - The Staff report can be found here: <https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/agendaitem/details/14430>
 - The Board extended the Drought Declaration for 60 days.
 - For more drought information, please visit <https://www.emergencyslo.org/en/slo-county-drought-information.aspx>
- c) **Groundwater Management Efforts**

On December 18, 2019, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) 2019 Prioritization¹ that designates each groundwater basin and subbasin (collectively, basins) as high, medium, low or very low priority. Groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) are required to develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) for each high or medium priority basin.

The quarterly financial update for SGMA went to the Board on March 15, 2022. The report can be accessed here: <https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/agendaitem/details/14419>

BASIN UPDATES:

Basin	Update:
Los Osos Basin	Los Osos Area Subbasin (adjudicated area) is designated as a very low priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. SGMA does not apply to the portions of Los Osos Basin that are adjudicated provided that certain requirements are met (Water Code §10720.8). The fringe areas of the Los Osos Area Subbasin are not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization. The Los Osos Basin Management Committee (BMC) oversees implementation of the Los Osos Basin Plan for the area.

¹ <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization>

	<p>Warden Creek Subbasin is designated as a very low priority and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of Groundwater Sustainability, or designee, to sign an agreement with the Los Osos Community Services District (LOCSD) for the County to provide funding for the reimbursement of costs incurred by LOCSD for the purposes of developing a Los Osos Basin groundwater transient model, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, and subject to approval as to form and legal effect by County Counsel. <p>To further leverage the value of the County's contribution, the Los Osos Basin Management Committee (BMC) staff recommended that these funds be used as match for obtaining grant funds to further increase the groundwater management benefits and outcomes. BMC staff identified a State Water Resources Control Board Water Recycled Program Planning Program that offers such an opportunity. Obtaining the grant will double the amount of funding available and allow for not just the development of the Model, but also utilization of the Model to evaluate recycled water and other supplemental yield improvement opportunities through completion of a Water Facilities Planning Study (WRFPS Study). At the request of the BMC, on February 3, 2022, the LOCSD adopted a Resolution designating the General Manager as the authorized representative to file an application and execute agreements for a Water Recycling Funding Program Planning Grant with the State Water Resources Control Board. The LOCSD submitted the grant application in mid-February 2021 and the package is currently under review by the State Water Board.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/losososbasin</p>
<p>Atascadero Basin</p>	<p>Atascadero Basin is designated as a very low priority basin and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization; however, the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Executive Committee (EC) elected to develop, and submit to DWR, a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by January 31, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On January 19, 2022, the EC held a meeting that included: adopting the GSP, appointing officers, amending the conflict of interest code and receiving updates on the Annual Report and Prop 1 Grant progress. The GSP was submitted to DWR on January 30, 2022 and is currently under review. The EC adopted the 2021 GSP Annual Report on March 9, 2022 and submitted to the DWR for review. No future meetings of the EC are currently planned. <p>For more information or to view meeting material, visit: www.AtascaderoBasin.com</p>
<p>Santa Maria Basin</p>	<p>Santa Maria Area Subbasin (adjudicated area) is designated as a very low priority basin. The adjudicated areas of the Santa Maria Basin are managed by the Northern Cities Management Area, Nipomo Mesa Management Area, and Santa Maria Valley Management Area. The Santa Maria Basin Fringe Areas – County of San Luis Obispo GSA is the GSA for the non-adjudicated fringe areas of the basin within the County. This subbasin consists of an adjudicated area and other non-adjudicated fringe areas.</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>Arroyo Grande Subbasin is designated as a very low priority basin and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization; however, the County and City of Arroyo Grande as GSAs in the basin are committed to developing a GSP by 2022.</p> <p>Staff and the consultant team are currently working on Chapter 7: Monitoring Network and Chapter 8: Sustainable Management Criteria. The third public workshop meeting for the GSP is anticipated to take place in late spring/early summer. Topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects and management actions to achieving basin sustainability • An implementation plan for that keeps the approach flexible and on track • Recap of Chapter 7: Monitoring Network & Chapter 8: Sustainable Management Criteria <p>For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/santamariabasin or www.slocounty.ca.gov/agbasin</p>
<p>Paso Basin</p>	<p>Paso Basin is designated as a high priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. The Paso Basin – County of San Luis Obispo GSA and three other GSAs within the basin entered into an agreement to develop a single GSP for the basin and coordinate via the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PBCC and Paso Basin GSAs are working to address deficiencies identified in DWR's initial assessment of the Paso Basin GSP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DWR consultation meeting on April 25, 2022 to discuss approach for addressing DWR corrective actions ○ Amended GSP sections for review at PBCC meeting on 4-27-22 ○ Member GSA public hearings to adopt amended GSP in June/July ○ Amended GSP due to DWR by July 20, 2022 • Governor's Executive Order N-7-22 • SGMA Informational Symposium tentatively being scheduled for August 2022 • Paso Basin Sustainability Committee Formed (grower-led Committee to work with GSAs on GSP implementation) • County-wide Groundwater Levels Monitoring in April • Grant Update (\$7.6M) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding for Implementation Projects • The next PBCC meeting is on April 27, 2022. <p>For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p>
<p>Cuyama Basin</p>	<p>Cuyama Basin is designated as a high priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. The Cuyama Basin GSA was formed through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and is an independent agency governed by a Board of Directors for Cuyama Basin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on amending GSP sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DWR consultation meeting on April 28, 2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of amended GSP sections and upcoming Advisory and Board meetings ● Pumping reductions for 2023 and 2024 being planned for Central Management Area ● Groundwater Extraction fee public hearing at May 4, 2022, Board meeting ● Governor’s Executive Order N-7-22 ● The next Cuyama Basin GSA Advisory and Board meetings are on April 28, 2022 and May 4, 2022, respectively. <p>For more information, please visit: www.cuyamabasin.org</p>
<p>San Luis Obispo Basin</p>	<p>San Luis Obispo Basin is designated as a high priority basin. The County and City of San Luis Obispo GSAs, in coordination with other basin partners through the Groundwater Sustainability Commission (GSC) developed and submitted a GSP for the SLO Basin to DWR by the January 31, 2022 statutory deadline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Governor’s Executive Order N-7-22 ● County-wide Groundwater Levels Monitoring in April ● The next GSC meeting is anticipated to be the week of May 23-27, 2022. <p>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. Please visit: www.slowaterbasin.com</p>
<p>Adelaida Area</p>	<p>The Adelaida Area is not a DWR designated groundwater basin; however, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is coordinating with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resources Conservation District (RCD) to conduct a hydrogeologic study within the Adelaida area. The goal of the study is to provide a better understanding of the of the groundwater conditions in the Adelaida area so that informed decisions can be made about managing local water resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On June 8, 2021, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to proceed with Task 2 which consists of new data collection, including but not limited to: groundwater level data, water quality sampling, and surface-water monitoring. ● Staff returned to the Board on January 25, 2022 to authorize a Joint Funding Agreement between the District and USGS to begin work on Task 2. ● Staff held a public meeting with USGS and the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District on 4/25 to solicit participation and provide updates on the next steps of the Study. <p>For more information, please visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/adelaidastudy ● https://www.usgs.gov/centers/ca-water/science/evaluation-groundwater-resources-adelaida-area-san-luis-obispo-county?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

County SGMA website – The County has a 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 websites include other informative materials, such as SGMA fact sheets and recent presentation materials. Visit the websites and basin-specific page links to learn more 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.slocounty.ca.gov/sgma>

California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Website and Mailing List

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management>

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

Staff is presenting on multiple IRWMG items during this meeting (6 and 7), so an IRWM update is not included here.

To be notified of the upcoming meetings and project selection process, sign up for the email list, located at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm.

A summary of open and pending IRWM grants is below:

Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Mgmt Grant (2011)	\$2,797,000	Close-out	
Flood Control Zone 1/1A – Modified 3a Project	\$2,797,000	Close-out	Flood Control District
Prop 84 Implementation Grant (2011)	\$10,401,000	Close-out	
Los Osos Wastewater Project	\$5,945,444	Complete	County of SLO
Flood Control Zone 1/1A – Modified 3c Project	\$2,200,000	Complete	Flood Control District
Nipomo Supplemental Water Project	\$2,200,000	Complete	Nipomo CSD
Grant Administration	\$55,556	Complete	Flood Control District
Prop 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement 2017	\$877,563	Close-out	
FCD Funding Administration	\$20,700	Close-out	Flood Control District
Disadvantaged Community Needs Assessment	\$67,738	Complete	Flood Control District
Water Resource Reliability Program, Phase 2	\$177,750	Complete	Oceano CSD
Turnout Pump Station Design & Water Master Plan Update	\$177,750	Complete	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	Complete	San Simeon CSD
Wastewater Plant Upgrade Study and Recharge Basin Study	\$177,750	Complete	San Miguel CSD
Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 1	\$2,782,130	In Progress	
Grant Administration	\$155,000	In Progress	Flood Control District

One Water SLO, MBR/UV Component	\$1,314,530	In Progress	City of SLO
8th Street Well Construction	\$238,100	In Progress	Los Osos CSD
Supplemental Water Project, Final Phase	\$800,000	In Progress	Nipomo CSD
Water Resource Reliability Program, Projects #1-1, #1-9	\$274,500	In Progress	Oceano CSD
Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 2 (est. award date: mid 2023)	\$3,782,129		
TBD	TBD	TBD	Project Sponsors

For questions, contact:
 Brendan Clark, IRWM Program Manager
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e) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

The County Department of Planning & Building's website for its water conservation programs in Nipomo Mesa, Paso Basin, and Los Osos: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Countywide-Water-Conservation-Program.aspx>

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: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Nipomo-Mesa-Water-Conservation-Area-\(NMWCA\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Nipomo-Mesa-Water-Conservation-Area-(NMWCA).aspx)

Paso Basin

Offset Programs. The 1:1 water offset requirement for new construction in the Paso Basin expired on January 1, 2022. Any construction permits submitted after this date are not required to offset their water use. There are now limited funds available for the Cash for Grass, Washer Rebate, and Plumbing Retrofit Programs, available for both residential and commercial uses. A well meter will still be required for compliance with Title 19.

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. The program is set to expire in August 2022. For more information, visit: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin-\(PRGWB\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin-(PRGWB).aspx).

The recent Executive Order N-7-22 does not inhibit the agricultural offset clearance program, with the exception that new well applications must be reviewed by Environmental Health (EHS) and the relevant GSA, per the requirements of the EO.

Paso Basin Land Use Management Area Planting Ordinance. The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors has directed staff to develop a land use ordinance and amend General Plan policies to require ministerial land use approval (“a planting permit”) until 2045 for new or expanded planting of irrigated crops irrigated with water from groundwater wells located within the Paso Basin Land Use Management Area (PBLUMA), with a two-tier framework: 1) plantings using up to 25 acre-feet per year (AFY) of total groundwater per site, and 2) plantings maintaining neutral groundwater use on site with a 6-year rolling lookback period. Plantings using groundwater outside of these two tiers would not be allowed. General Plan elements to be revised include the Agricultural Element and Conservation and Open Space Element. When finalized by the Department, the Draft Environmental Impact Report will be published for a 45-day public review period. A map of the PLUMA, project timeline, Initial Study, Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, and a draft version of the ordinance are available on the project website at:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Grid-Items/Community-Engagement/Active-Planning-Projects/Paso-Basin-Land-Use-Planting-Ordinance.aspx>

Los Osos

Updated Guide to Planning Information for Development in Los Osos. This website is currently the best resource for FAQ concerning what type of development is currently allowed within Los Osos:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Grid-Items/Community-Engagement/Communities-Villages/Los-Osos.aspx>. Topics covered include but are not limited to:

- Which types of permit applications are currently being accepted for processing;
- Status of the building moratorium and waitlist for undeveloped parcels in the sewer service area (still in place); and
- Status of the Communitywide Habitat Conservation Plan.

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 to offset water use for new development at a 2:1 ratio. Program information is available at:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Los-Osos-Groundwater-Basin-Plumbing-Retrofit-to-Bu.aspx>

Water Offset Study. The County has hired [Maddaus Water Management Inc.](#) is the consultant hired to prepare a study to update water usage estimates for urban and rural residences sourcing water from the Los Osos Groundwater Basin, propose new water conservation measures for the retrofit-to-build program, and estimate remaining water savings potential for the community. The project schedule has been extended to a six-month timeline to ensure quality results and thorough exploration of potential conservation measures. Updates will be posted at:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Grid-Items/Community-Engagement/Active-Planning-Projects/Los-Osos-Water-Offset-Study.aspx>

Los Osos Community Plan. The Los Osos Community Plan ("LOCP") is being reviewed by the California Coastal Commission and a hearing date has not yet been scheduled. In the meantime, the County is meeting with BMC staff to discuss potential policy changes considering ongoing basin monitoring and Basin Plan program implementation efforts. On December 15, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors adopted the Los Osos Community Plan ("LOCP") update and Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR"). The LOCP policies are still subject to change based on California Coastal Commission review. The LOCP and FEIR considered by the Board on December 15 are available at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LosOsosPlan-1.aspx>.

Background. The Board authorized preparation of this update on December 11, 2012. A series of community outreach meetings to unveil the Community Plan were conducted in the Spring of 2015. The plan was prepared to be consistent and coordinated with the draft groundwater basin management plan and the draft Habitat Conservation Plan ("HCP"). The draft Environmental Impact Report was released on September 12, 2019; comments were due December 11, 2019. A Community Meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the LOCP, HCP, and associated Environmental Documents was held on October 28, 2019. The Final Environmental Impact Report and Public Hearing Draft were released on June 8, 2020. The Planning Commission held hearings on July 9, 2020, August 13, 2020, and October 8, 2020. At the October 8, 2020 hearing, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Plan to the Board of Supervisors. On December 15, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors adopted the Los Osos Community Plan update and Final Environmental Impact Report.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). On February 11, 2022, the California Coastal Commission voted to approve the County's Coastal ADU Ordinance with staff suggested modifications, including not allowing ADUs in Los Osos and Cambria, outlined in the staff report available at: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/#/2022/2> (agenda item #16d). The County has 6 months to adopt the suggested modifications for the ordinance to take effect.

Background. The Board of Supervisors adopted a Coastal Zone Accessory Dwelling Unit ("ADU") Ordinance in June 2020 to allow ADUs in Los Osos. Since the County has received conflicting information from state agencies regarding the application of State ADU laws when they conflict with existing Local Coastal Program standards, the County has been attempting to harmonizing State ADU Law and Coastal Act by implementing each to the greatest extent without lessening the effect of each. While the County will accept and ministerially process applications for ADUs in accordance with State ADU law, it does not represent or warrant that any such local ministerial approvals ensure compliance with the Coastal Act. The County has approved several ADU applications in Los Osos. However, appeals were filed against the applications; and in March 2021, the Coastal Commission determined that substantial issues exist with respect to the grounds of the appeals, and thus took over jurisdiction of the applications.

Please contact waterprograms@co.slo.ca.us

Rainfall and Reservoir Updates

Sub-Region	Area / Rain Station	Average Annual Rainfall	2020-21 Water Year Total Rainfall	2021-22 Water Year													Cumulative Total	% of Total Average
				July 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22			
North Coast	Cambria Area (ALERT #717)	22.0	15.84 (72%)	0	0	0	2.09	0.47	9.45	0.12	0.04	1.81	0.67 ^A			14.65	67%	
	Whale Rock Reservoir (County Site #166.1)	16.0	9.36 (58%)	0	0	0	1.43	0	7.91	0.36	0.03	1.40		^C		11.13	70%	
Inland	Paso Robles (County Site #10.0)	14.1	8.27 (59%)	0	0	0	2.02	0.05	7.70	0.11	0.11	1.25	0.24 ^A			11.48	81%	
	NE Atascadero (ALERT #711)	17.0	6.89 (41%)	0	0	0	1.65	0.08	5.40	0.16	0	0.86	0.36 ^A			8.51	50%	
	Atascadero MWC (County Site #34.0)	17.5	8.80 (50%)	0.01	0	0	2.01	0.15	8.34	0.12	0	0.94	0.50 ^A			12.07	69%	
	Santa Margarita (ALERT #723)	24.0	11.31 (47%)	0	0	0	2.32	0.20	7.49	0	0.04	1.30	0.59 ^A			11.94	50%	
	Salinas Dam (ALERT #719)	20.9	11.54 (55%)	0	0	0	2.76	0.16	9.29	0.12	0	1.10	0.48 ^A			13.91	67%	
	Rocky Butte (ALERT #703)	40.0	19.89 (50%)	0	0.12	0.04	5.75	1.34	19.10	0.08	0	2.41	1.18 ^A			30.02	75%	
South Coast	SLO Reservoir (ALERT #749)	24.0	11.50 (48%)	0.08	0	0	1.77	0.32	9.90	0	0	0.90	0.51 ^A			13.48	56%	
	Lopez Dam (ALERT #737)	21.0	10.65 (51%)	0.04	0.02	0	2.79	0.26	8.45	0.04	0	0.86	0.47 ^A			12.93	62%	
	Nipomo South (ALERT #730)	16.0	6.81 (43%)	0	0.04	0.08	1.42	0.19	5.09	0.07	0.08	0.99	0.39 ^A			8.35	52%	
	Nipomo East (ALERT #728)	18.0	7.41 (41%)	0	0	0	1.64	0.16	6.93	0.04	0.08	1.03	0.55 ^A			10.43	58%	

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 B - Due to an equipment malfunction, not all rain was recorded at this site.
 C - Information not available at time of update
 D - Missing Data

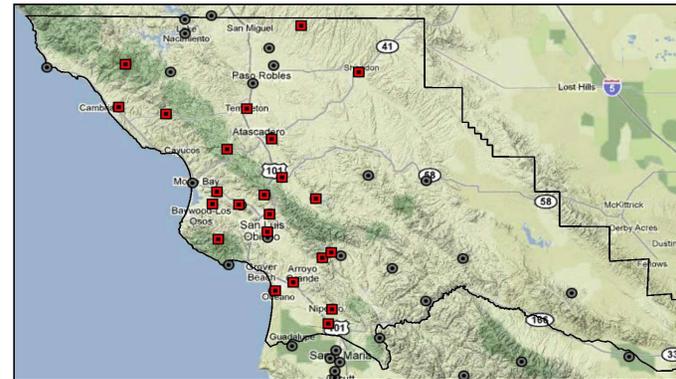
Notes:
 This table contains provisional data from automated gauges and has not been verified.
 All units reported in inches.

Reservoir Update

Reservoir	Date	Water Elevation (ft)	Spillway Elevation (ft)	Storage (acre-feet)	Capacity (%)
Nacimiento Reservoir	April 25, 2022	733.8	767.75 - 800.0	101,888	27%
	April 28, 2021	744.8	(wiggets fully inflated)	134,040	35%
San Antonio Reservoir	April 25, 2022	681.5	780.0	38,018	11%
	April 28, 2021	695.9		57,350	17%
Lopez Reservoir	April 25, 2022	466.7	522.7	14,152	29%
	April 28, 2021	478.1		18,814	38%
Salinas Reservoir (Santa Margarita Lake)	April 25, 2022	1,286.0	1300.7	14,614	61%
	April 28, 2021	1,289.3		16,459	69%
Whale Rock Reservoir	April 27, 2022	198.7	218.3	29,564	76%
	April 28, 2021	199.8		30,199	77%
Twitchell Reservoir	April 25, 2022	n/a	651.5	0	0%
	April 28, 2021	540.4		2,889	1%

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.

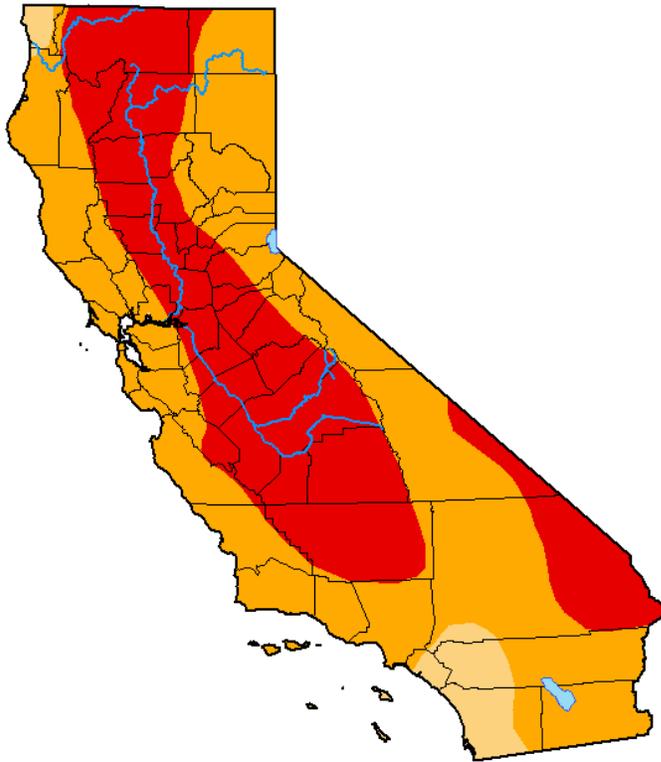
Select Real-Time Rain Gauges in SLO County



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 email PW.WR.TechUnit@co.slo.ca.us.

U.S. Drought Monitor California

April 26, 2022
(Released Thursday, Apr. 28, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	95.18	40.56	0.00
Last Week 04-19-2022	0.00	100.00	100.00	95.18	40.81	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-25-2022	0.00	100.00	99.25	66.39	1.39	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	0.00	100.00	99.30	67.62	16.60	0.84
Start of Water Year 09-28-2021	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.93	87.88	45.66
One Year Ago 04-27-2021	0.00	100.00	97.51	87.95	52.86	5.36

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

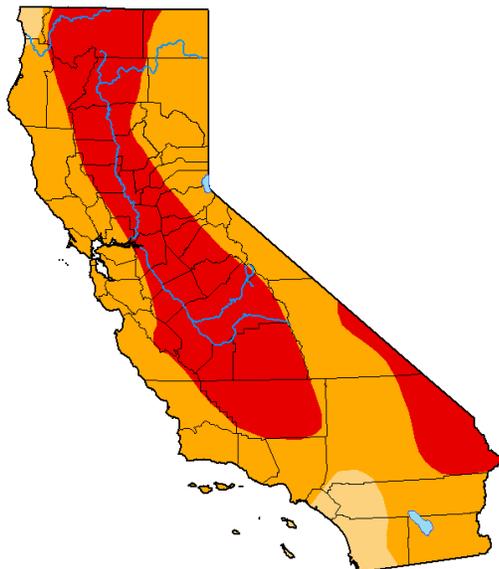
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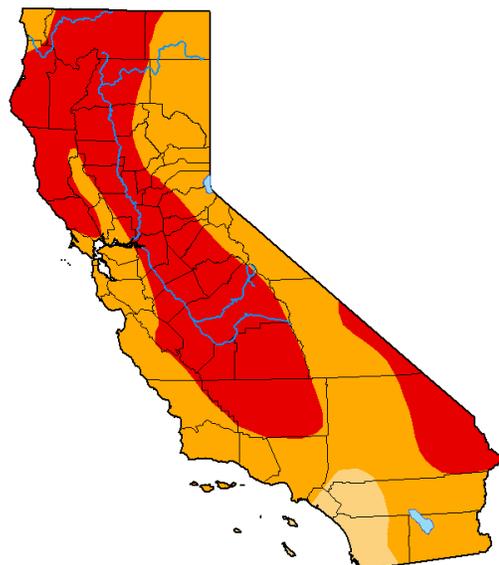
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April 19, 2022



April 12, 2022

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: May 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Item 10: Future Agenda Items

Upcoming Meetings

June 1:

- Drought Related Topics

September 7:

- Master Water Report Update

Areas of Interest – Future

- Sustainable Groundwater Projects – Creek Lands Conservation
- 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
- Regional Water Quality Control Board – Stormwater Capture
- Biosolids Updates (i.e. barriers, regulations, etc.)
- Flood Control District's Master Water Report update
- City and/or Sector panel discussions
- Nursery & landscape panel discussion

Excerpt from WRAC By-laws dated September 1, 2020

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.