

MINUTES (Final)

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) as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **October 5, 2022** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

The video 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 13 is established. Quorum met.

2) Approval of June 1, 2022 WRAC Meeting Minutes

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

E. Greening comments on a correction under Item 7: Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances.

T. Walters comments on a typo in his name recorded during the Item 6: Purlieu Landscapes presentation.

E. Greening moves to approve the edited June 1, 2022 meeting minutes and C. Mulholland seconds the motion. Motion carries (13-0-0).

3) Approval of September 7, 2022 WRAC Meeting Minutes

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

C. Mulholland moves to approve the September 7, 2022 meeting minutes and T. Walters seconds the motion. Motion carries (10-0-3).

4) Receive Presentation from Rob Miller of Wallace Group regarding Water Reuse Projects

A. Pease introduces the item and Rob Miller of Wallace Group presents on Water Reuse Projects.

D. Chipping asks about long-term storage requirements and processes during a wet season. G. Hulburd and R. Miller respond.

D. Howard asks if the reuse water may divert or conflict with water from streams and other sources. R. Miller responded.

D. HeimeI comments how great it is to see movement with water reuse and options presented for non-potable recycled water as well as carbon footprint reduction.

R. Munds asks about the energy impacts and costs. G. Hulburd and R. Miller respond.

A. Pease comments on a recent laundry/landscape water reuse project and asks what considerations went into the design of that system. G. Hulburd and R. Miller respond.

T. Walters asks if the technology is becoming more aggressive or compact on the units being developed and if they are becoming more cost effective. R. Miller responds.

C. Howard asks if there are any special operations & maintenance (O&M) requirements in terms of licensing. R. Miller responds.

5) IRWM Proposition 1, Round 2 Grant Project Selection Update, and Consider Support

A. Pease introduces the item and Brendan Clark presents on the IRWM Proposition 1, Round 2 Grant Project Selection Update.

D. Chipping asks how and when the grant funds will be disbursed. B. Clark responds.

E. Greening asks if the tool that is being developed for the Master Water Report will include tracking of environmental needs. B. Clark responds.

T. Walters comments on the Central Coast Blue project and asks about the funding impacts/limitations related to their recommended award. B. Clark responds.

A. Pease asks the Committee for additional questions or a motion. C. Mulholland moves to recommend the RWMG selected projects and funding to the Board of Supervisors for an application to DWR for the Prop 1, Round 2 Implementation Grant. D. Chipping seconds motion. Motion carries (13-0-1).

6) Ongoing Updates:

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

E. Greening comments on inconsistencies/discrepancies of when the rainfall season in California begins and ends. The Committee discusses when the rainfall season begins/ends.

C. Mulholland comments on keeping daily backyard rain records that go back to 1987 and how the 2022 September rain data compares to previous years; only 2 years (1989 and 1994) had more September rainfall when compared to September 2022, which totaled an inch and 51 hundredths.

H. Krzuick asks if data was recorded at County rain stations during September maintenance activities and when that data will be made available. C. Howard responds.

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comment

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

E. Greening comments on the Paso Robles Basin GSP and requests that the WRAC set aside 30 minutes at a future meeting to review data gathered by D. Chipping concerning the Paso Robles Basin. A. Pease responds.

C. Mulholland agrees with E. Greening's assessment and supports receiving a presentation on the Paso Basin GSP from D. Chipping.

T. Walters agrees that a plan-related presentation would be beneficial for the Committee.

B. Clark suggests the possibility of agendaizing Member Updates for Committee Members to discuss issues of concern for non-action plans.

N. Teague announces that the City of San Luis Obispo will hold a public presentation on October 26th to present the results of Prop 1 funding for a groundwater study and provides information on where the event will be held. E. Greening asks if this is related to the San Luis Obispo Basin planning efforts. N. Teague responds.

C. Mulholland comments on past discussions of using the City of San Luis Obispo's reclaim water to fill shortages for the San Luis Obispo Basin and asks if that is still part of the basin discussion. A. Pease responds.

W. Cunha comments that rainfall tracking begins in October per the State's water management/resource agencies.

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

No comment

e) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

B. Clark comments on the upcoming Master Water Report public workshop, scheduled for November 2nd during the WRAC meeting.

f) State Water Project (SWP)

E. Greening asks if there were any advanced notices to be aware of about the proposed emergency water transfer and comments on the legal differences between emergency water transfers and normal water transfers. C. Howard responds.

g) Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)

H. Krzuick comments on concerns of brine buildup that would result as a byproduct issue with desalination and asks if these concerns are being considered. C. Howard responds.

h) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

No comment

i) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

A. Pease comments on previous water efficient landscaping programs and asks if any similar opportunities can be initiated within the county. N. Teague responds.

7) Future Agenda Items and Hybrid Meeting Format

A. Pease and B. Clark comment on D. Chipping's proposed presentation on the Paso Basin.

B. Clark comments on the Master Water Report Workshop scheduled for November 2nd, the County Public Works LID Handbook update with a presentation from County staff, and an upcoming DESAL Board item.

E. Greening asks about the status of the Nacimiento/San Antonio Lake project and the Adelaida Hydrogeologic Study. C. Howard and B. Zuniga respond.

8) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

B. Clark comments on FEMA's preliminary mapping updates for flood zones. FEMA has posted the maps online and the new preliminary boundaries are available for review.

Updates will be provided to the Oceano Advisory Council on October 19th, Creston Advisory Body on October 20th, and San Miguel Advisory Council on October 26th.

W. Clemens comments that Oceano has two advisory committees and asks for clarification on which committees will receive presentations. B. Clark responds.

D. Chipping comments on a report from the State that details the probability of an Ark Storm event, which is a giant rain event that was seen in the 1860s, how it far exceeds the flood levels as defined by the Corps of Engineers, and how it may be of interest to the WRAC.