

MINUTES (Approved)

Chairperson: Andy Pease
Vice Chairperson: Thomas Burhenn
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 **May 3, 2023** 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

The number of voting Members present is 18; quorum met.

2) Approval of April 5, 2023 WRAC Meeting Minutes

Item start time ~ [00:05:17](#)

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

C. Mulholland comments on a typo on the last page of the minutes regarding the spelling of San Joaquin Valley.

D. Chipping moves to approve the April 5, 2023 meeting minutes and T. Burhenn seconds the motion. Motion carries 18-0-0-1.

3) Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget for FY 2023/24 and Consider WRAC Actions

Item start time ~ [00:06:37](#)

A. Pease introduces the item and C. Howard presents the proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District FY 2023/24 Budget.

C. Mulholland requests clarification on the budget breakdown. C. Howard responds.

C. Mulholland asks if public comments/feedback on the Salinas Dam feasibility study are considered with EIR or environmental upstream concerns and followed up with a clarification request on the budget breakdown presented. C. Howard responds.

D. Chipping asks for clarification on district involvement and funding related to adjudicated and managed groundwater basins. C. Howard responds.

T. Burhenn asks for clarification on the flood control funding allocation. C. Howard responds.

T. Walters asks if there are funding rollovers in water planning areas. C. Howard responds.

T. Burhenn asks what actions are being considered. C. Howard responds.

A. Pease asks when this item will go to the County Board of Supervisors. C. Howard responds.

T. Walters asks if priorities are determined by staff, or the County Board of Supervisors C. Howard responds.

A. Villa asks about funding for the AG Creek levee and clean up efforts. C. Howard responds.

A. Pease asks about timeline and funding approach for the different phases of the DESAL Plan. C. Howard responds.

E. Greening comments on the Salinas Dam feasibility study, noting that the previous EIR is at least 20 years old and the population that would be impacted by a failure of the dam is now much higher; asks if dam safety is being prioritized, who will pay for it, who will be the beneficiaries, and if the livestream agreement needs to be renegotiated before environmental review. C. Howard responds.

G. Grewal comments on an anticipated report by the Army Corps of Engineers and the interconnectivity between the water, river and basin recharge. C. Howard responds.

C. Mulholland asks for clarification on who is conducting the study to comply with the State Division of Safety of Dams. C. Howard responds.

D. Chipping comments on three large pump storage projects to be aware of. C. Howard responds.

A. Pease presents three actions for the Committee to consider for the budget: no action, support/approve the budget as proposed, or form an ad hoc committee to further review the budget.

D. Logan asks if there will be time for further detailed discussions by WRAC before the item is presented to the County Board of Supervisors. A. Pease responds.

T. Walters moves to approve the FY 2023/24 Budget and C. Mulholland seconds the motion. Motion carries 19-0-0.

4) Presentation from City of San Luis Obispo Staff on Water Conservation Program Updates

Item start time ~ [00:40:50](#)

A. Pease introduces the item and N. Teague presents updates on the City's Water Conservation Program.

C. Mulholland asks what complimentary items were included with current conservation efforts. N. Teague responds.

J. Guthrie comments on conservation opportunities (recording inaudible). N. Teague responds.

C. Mulholland asks if there have been any studies or comparisons on water heater options. N. Teague responds.

T. Walters asks if there are tools or trackers available to homeowners. N. Teague responds.

C. Mulholland asks if mulch is being offered or considered by the City. N. Teague responds.

T. Burhenn asks about a location on Prado that had mulch available to the public and if that was handled by the City of SLO or another agency. A. Pease Responds.

5) Open Discussion on Water Conservation Programs

Item start time ~ [01:09:05](#)

A. Pease introduces the item and asks for questions, comments or updates from the Committee on water conservation programs.

J. Hendrickson discusses the water conservation efforts and programs provided by Atascadero Mutual Water.

D. Chipping asks what the Atascadero Mutual Water's in-line losses are or if there is any leakage. J. Hendrickson responds.

S. Carter asks about the Atascadero Mutual Water's GPCD. J. Hendrickson responds.

C. Weirick discusses water conservation efforts and programs provided by the City of Grover Beach.

J. Edwards discusses water conservation programs and efforts occurring within Los Osos.

6) Update from Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws

Item start time ~ [01:21:40](#)

A. Pease introduces item and provides updates on the Ad Hoc Committee's initial review of the WRAC Bylaws. Items reviewed/discussed by the Ad Hoc Committee include the purview of WRAC, membership residency, quorum, term limits, and clarification on subcommittees and At-Large positions.

C. Mulholland comments that some items discussed are being presented to County counsel for feedback before the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

7) Ongoing Updates

Item start time ~ [01:24:37](#)

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comments.

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comments.

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

N. Teague comments that the SLO Basin GSP was approved by DWR and has moved into the implementation phase.

G. Grewal comments on the content of the 6th Annual Report for the Paso Basin and provides information on the Monitoring Network Expanded TAC Team.

T. Burhenn asks if a link can be provided to the 6th Annual Report for the Paso Basin. B. Clark responds.

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

No comments.

e) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

No comments.

f) State Water Project (SWP)

No comments.

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

No comments.

h) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

No comments.

i) Updates on AG Creek Levee

S. Wald requests clarification on AG Creek discussion from April's WRAC meeting concerning the flood control channel and creek manual breach. B. Clark responds.

j) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

J. Guthrie requests a copy of Nick Teague's slide presentation on the City of San Luis Obispo's Water Conservation Program. B. Clark responds.

8) Future Agenda Items

Item start time ~ [01:30:33](#)

A. Pease comments on the June WRAC meeting stating that there will be a presentation by County Staff on Lopez Lake and the Master Water Report, an update from the Ad-Hoc Bylaw review committee, and recommendations for At-Large applications as they are recieved.

N. Teague comments on open ET software and suggests a future presentation for the WRAC. B. Clark responds.

E. Greening comments on environmental documents coming out, possibly before June 7th, pertaining to the Dana Reserve Project and Diablo Decommissioning, and provides information on an upcoming meeting hosted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and an open forum sponsored by The Tribune on offshore wind technology.

9) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda

Item start time ~ [01:33:23](#)

No comments.