

**Groundwater Sustainability Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)  
October 6, 2021**

The following members were present:

- Bob Schiebelhut**, Chair, EVGMWC
- Mark Zimmer**, Vice Chair, GSWC
- Dennis Fernandez**, Member, ERMWC/VRMWC
- Dawn Ortiz-Legg**, Member, County of San Luis Obispo
- Andy Pease**, Member, City of San Luis Obispo

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Chair Schiebelhut: calls the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.																														
<b>2. Roll Call</b>	City Staff, Mychal Boerman: calls roll.																														
<b>3. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Chair Schiebelhut: leads the Pledge of Allegiance.																														
<b>4. Request To Consider Adopting a Resolution Authorizing the Groundwater Sustainability Commission to Continue Remote Teleconferencing</b>	<p><b>Motion By:</b> Member Ortiz-Legg  <b>Second By:</b> Member Fernandez  <b>Motion:</b> The Commission moves to adopt a resolution authorizing the Groundwater Sustainability Commission to continue remote teleconferencing of public meetings based on the findings that COVID-19 remains a serious risk to public health and safety.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Members</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Ayes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Noes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Abstain</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andy Pease (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennis Fernandez (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)	X				Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)	X				Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)	X				Andy Pease (Member)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			
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<b>5. Public Comment – Items not on Agenda</b>	<p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p><u>None</u></p>																														
<b>6. Approval of Meeting Minutes:</b>	<p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens discussion for Agenda Item 6 - Approval of Meeting Minutes for the August 18, 2021, Groundwater Sustainability Commission meeting and asks for comments from the Commission; there are none.</p> <p><b>Motion By:</b> Chair Schiebelhut  <b>Second By:</b> Member Pease  <b>Motion:</b> The Commission moves to approve the August 18, 2021, meeting minutes.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Members</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Ayes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Noes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Abstain</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennis Fernandez (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aaron Floyd (Alternate Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)	X				Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X				Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)	X				Aaron Floyd (Alternate Member)	X			
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<p><b>7. Ongoing Updates</b></p>	<p>County Staff, Brandon Zuniga: provided updates on three items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring Well (SLV-23) installation</li> <li>• GSA Boundary update based on City annexations</li> <li>• Annual Report process and schedule</li> </ul> <p>Alternate Member Moore and Member Pease inquire about the Request for Proposal (RFP) review and selection process for the annual report. Staff replied that the RFP will be available for review prior to being released and will be sent to the RFP selection committee, adding that a summary of the Scope of Work for the SLO basin 2022 Annual Report and RFP process was presented during the August 18, 2021 GSC meeting.</p> <p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment; there are none.</p>
<p><b>8. Final Draft of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Review and Comments</b></p>	<p>WSC Consultant Team: Michael Cruickshank and Dave O'Rourke present on the Final Draft of the San Luis Obispo Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Consider response from comments on the Public Draft of the San Luis Obispo Basin (SLO Basin) GSP</li> <li>b. Consider recommending the SLO Basin GSP to be adopted by the SLO Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)</li> </ol> <p>Topics and Member discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the Final Draft of the SLO Basin GSP – 10 Chapters and Appendices A-I</li> <li>• Overview of public comments included in Appendix I</li> <li>• Response to public comments on the Public Draft of the SLO Basin GSP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Comments regarding Interconnected Surface Water (ISW)</li> <li>○ Comments Regarding State Water Project (SWP)</li> <li>○ Comments from the public and agriculture community regarding groundwater extraction, demand management, metering, and de minimis use.</li> <li>○ Revisions and suggestions to GSP language on Pumping Limitations in Section 9.5.3.5 and added language pertaining to de minimis users.</li> <li>○ Water efficiency practices and the use of Cal Poly's ITRC program data</li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Respond to comments received on Final Draft</li> <li>○ County and City GSAs to adopt Final GSP on December 7, 2021.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>Chair Schiebelhut opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Keith Watkins and Andy Mangano: speak.</p> <p>The Commission provides direction to staff to modify language in Section 9.5.3.5, publish the changes for review, and bring back the revised GSP/Section at a Special Meeting to be scheduled on October 20, 2022.</p>
<p><b>9. Discuss participation and funding provisions in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin</b></p>	<p>County Staff, Mladen Bandov: introduces the item.</p> <p>Commission Members discuss provisions of the MOA, GSA activities during the DWR approval period, staffing, GSP implementation, funding mechanisms, continuation of the GSC, governance structures, and future decision making.</p> <p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Jean-Pierre Wolff: speaks.</p>
<p><b>10. Future Items</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued item on Final Draft of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Review and comments</li> <li>• Continued item on provisions related to the MOA</li> <li>• Update of the County Groundwater Sustainability Department</li> </ul>
<p><b>11. Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>October 20, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom</p>
<p><b>12. Adjourn</b></p>	<p>The Commission adjourns the meeting at 5:03 p.m.</p>

DRAFTED BY: City and County Staff