



Notice of Meeting

STATE WATER SUBCONTRACTORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
County Government Center, Rm. D361, 1055 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Friday, Nov. 3, 2023 – 10:00 – 11:30 AM

For agenda packet attachments and more information: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/State-Water-Project-and-Subcontractors-Advisory-Co.aspx>

Chair: Will Clemens (Oceano CSD)

Vice Chair: Nola Engelskirger (CSA 16)

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Roll Call & Quorum Count
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
For matters not on the agenda, within the Committee's jurisdiction. Limited to 3 minutes each.
3. **MEETING MINUTES**
Staff Recommendation: Approve the Minutes from Sept. 2023.
4. **REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT**
 - A. Proposed 2024 Calendar
Staff Recommendation: Informational Item Only.
 - B. Finance Update: DWR's 2024 Statement of Charges
Staff Recommendation: Informational Item Only.
 - C. Water Supply & Delivery Operations
(1) Devil's Den Emergency Repair; (2) 2023 Deliveries
Staff Recommendation: Informational Item Only.
 - D. DCP Planning Update
Staff Recommendation: Informational Item Only.
5. **SCHEDULED DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. Water Management Subcommittee Update
Staff Recommendation: Informational Item Only.
6. **SCHEDULED ACTION ITEMS** (NONE)
7. **REPORTS FROM SUBCONTRACTORS** (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)
8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
9. **SET DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Attachments

1. Agenda Item 3 – Draft Minutes, Sept. 2023
2. Agenda Item 4.A – Proposed 2024 Calendar
3. Agenda Item 4.C – Delivery Report

CONTACT: Please contact SWSAC Secretary, Wes Thomson, with any questions: wthomson@co.slo.ca.us or (805) 781-5252. *All Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations shall be promptly reviewed and resolved.*

County Gov't Center, Rm. D361
San Luis Obispo, CA

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023
STATE WATER SUBCONTRACTORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
(DRAFT FOR REVIEW)

Chair: Will Clemens
Vice Chair: Nola Engelskirger
Secretary: Wes Thomson

The following minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee (SWSAC) and as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for September 1, 2023, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL – Call to order at approx. 10:02 AM; quorum established (5 or more). Will Clemens presided as chair; Subcontractors present:

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Nola Engelskirger	CSA 16 (Shandon)
Cindy Treichler	County Ops Center
Ben Fine	Pismo Beach
Will Clemens	Oceano CSD
Brad Hagemann	Avila Beach CSD
Kate Ballantyne	District (non-voting)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.
3. REVIEW OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES – The Committee approved the draft minutes from May 5, 2023, as distributed. Ballantyne motioned to approve; Clemens seconded; minutes approved with a simple verbal vote.

4. REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT

- A. Water Supply and Delivery Operations

2023 & 2024 Deliveries – Thomson reported that the current allocation remains at 100%, and the District stands to carryover 12,500 AF. Another “spill” event at San Luis Reservoir is possible starting as soon as November – if it extends into 2024, the carryover water could be impacted. DWR will issue the initial SWP allocation for 2024 by Dec., and given the wet conditions in 2023, the anticipation is that the allocation for 2024 will be on the higher end – relative to the past few years.

Devil's Den Emergency Repair – Thomson provided an overview of the incident at the Devil's Den Pumping Plant (DDPP) and the temporary bypass being completed to resume deliveries – with DWR projecting DDPP operational around the end of September. The Committee briefly discussed that this incident highlighted the need to have a water supply resiliency option that accounts for this kind of outage event. Dan Heimel commented that it would

have been helpful for Subcontractors to have more information on the timeline for repairs, or for water deliveries to resume – and perhaps an “EOC” equivalent could be set up for Subcontractors to get updates. Thomson noted a possible future water shortage scenario where there isn’t enough water available in the Coastal Branch to deliver the minimum flow rate needed to operate all the District’s turnouts.

Annual Shutdown – Thomson mentioned that the annual maintenance shut down might be deferred to 2024, and as soon as the District gets word we will pass it along.

B. DCP Planning Update

Thomson updated the group that DWR is on track to finish the EIR this calendar year. There are permitting issues that may push back the overall timeline. The District still anticipates needing to decide on long-term participation by late 2024. DWR has said an updated cost-benefit analysis is being prepared and will be available for review prior to the decision point.

C. Finance Update: DWR’s 2024 Statement of Charges

Jessica Johnson announced the possibility (and noted interest) for holding a separate meeting for agency staff from the Subcontractors to review the 2024 Statement of Charges from DWR and the associated billings to the Subcontractors.

D. SWSAC Membership Update

Thomson reported that the BOS recently approved membership updates requested by the Subcontractors. County staff changes were also made to minimize the possibility of establishing a quorum at the Water Management Subcommittee.

Clemens asked to have his board members added to the email lists that send out agenda information regarding the water-related advisory committees. Ballantyne said if he could follow up with her, she’d see to it that the request was completed.

5. SCHEDULED DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Water Management Subcommittee Update

Heimel presented updates on the progress made by the Subcommittee *“formed to focus on SLO County State Water supply management challenges & opportunities”* in response to the District’s loss of the stored water this year at San Luis Reservoir (SLR) which highlighted the need for more reliable storage options. He presented several “near-term” and “longer-term” storage options, both in and outside of the County that were identified, in addition to Subcommittee efforts now underway to develop water management strategy recommendations for the Subcontractors to consider.

B. Groundwater Sustainability Dept. Initiatives

Blaine Reely with the County’s Groundwater Sustainability Department (GSD) discussed some of the County’s efforts concerning the Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basins. He noted that the Groundwater Sustainability Plans for these two basins have now been approved by DWR, so they are transitioning into the implementation phase. There are opportunities to address the groundwater supply deficit by working together with the local water users and looking into water management actions that could also help drive behavioral changes in water usage.

The Paso Basin has approximately 40,000 irrigated acres with an average annual overdraft of about 14,000 AF, and in drought years it is much higher – the overdraft in 2022 was closer to 110,000 AF. Recycled water from Paso and San Miguel will likely be part of the solution to address the overdraft, along with NWP water. State Water might also be viable.

The County was awarded a \$7.6 million grant, and \$3.5 million was given to the City of Paso Robles to help with the cost of their new “purple pipe” pipeline being extended out into the basin where local growers can use the recycled water supply and reduce their groundwater pumping. Another \$1 million will go towards the design of San Miguel’s recycled water system. Grant funds are also being put towards a Nacimiento blending program so Nacimiento water could be blended with the treated wastewater to improve quality for use in agricultural settings. Funds will also go toward the planned feasibility study to determine if State Water could also benefit the Paso Basin.

C. District’s Unsubscribed (“Excess”) Allocation

Thomson has received feedback from Subcontractors concerning the District’s request to the Subcontractors – that they consider the priority opportunity before them to increase drought buffer contracts. He reiterated the response heard from some who asked for extended time to better understand the water storage options before committing to a larger water contract. The Committee briefly discussed the water service amount, and the limitations of the drought buffer contracts.

6. SCHEDULED ACTION ITEMS – None.

7. REPORTS FROM SUBCONTRACTORS

Fine reported that the City of Pismo Beach is recruiting to fill two engineering positions. Brad Hagemann reported that Avila Beach CSD has an open house on September 12th (after the 1:00 pm board meeting).

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Heimel asked about the \$6 million from previous State Water sales and potential opportunities to use those funds for State Water initiatives. Ballantyne responded that the County is working at a policy level to be able to address the funding options. Engelskirger mentioned the potential for future discussion of County staffing changes to support State Water initiatives.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – SWSAC’s next meeting was scheduled for Nov. 3, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Clemens adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:25 AM.

-- DRAFT MINUTES BY: JT / WT



FOR SWSAC REVIEW, 11/3/2023

2024 SWSAC CALENDAR (PROPOSED)

STATE WATER SUBCONTRACTORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWSAC) & WATER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE (WMS)

SWSAC (Public Meetings): Dates as shown, from 10:00 -11:30 AM – quarterly meetings held at the County Government Center, Rm. D361, 1055 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

WMS: Location, dates & times TBD.

<p><u>JAN</u> SWSAC – Dark WMS – Date TBD</p>	<p><u>FEB</u> SWSAC – Dark WMS – Date TBD</p>	<p><u>MAR</u> SWSAC – Mar 1 (Fri.) WMS – Date TBD -- <i>(1) Annual election of Chair & Vice Chair; (2) Approval of 2024 Calendar.</i></p>
<p><u>APR</u> SWSAC – Dark WMS – Date TBD</p>	<p><u>MAY</u> SWSAC – Dark WMS – Date TBD</p>	<p><u>JUN</u> SWSAC – June 7 (Fri.) WMS – Date TBD</p>
<p><u>JUL</u> SWSAC – Dark WMS – Date TBD</p>	<p><u>AUG</u> SWSAC – Dark WMS – Date TBD</p>	<p><u>SEP</u> SWSAC – Sep 13 (Fri.) WMS – Date TBD -- <i>Subcontractors submit SWP water delivery request for 2025 (on or before 9/1/24).</i></p>
<p><u>OCT</u> SWSAC – Dark WMS – Date TBD -- <i>District submits SWP water delivery request for 2025 to DWR (on or before 10/1/24).</i></p>	<p><u>NOV</u> SWSAC – Dark WMS – Date TBD -- <i>Distribution of draft proposed calendar for 2025.</i></p>	<p><u>DEC</u> SWSAC – Dec 6 (Fri.) WMS – Date TBD -- <i>(1) DWR issues Initial SWP Allocation for 2025 (on or before 12/1/24); (2) District furnishes 2025 delivery schedule to Subcontractors (on or before 12/15/24).</i></p>

***Meeting logistics are subject to change.** Please contact County Public Works at 805-781-5252 or pwd@co.slo.ca.us for confirmation of date, location & time.

2023 STATE WATER DELIVERY REPORT (DRAFT)

-- Actual deliveries thru Sept 2023 --

Current SWP "Table A" allocation (per DWR, 4/20/2023) = 100%

For the District's 25,000 AF contract, this equates to >> 25,000 AF

DELIVERIES TO SUBCONTRACTORS (2023)³

	AGENCY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
<i>SHANDON TO</i>	CSA 16	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
<i>CHORRO V. TO</i>	CMC	31.5	28.7	34.9	30.4	25.9	28.1	26.0	18.5	23.7	0	0	0	247.5
	County Ops	33.4	30.4	37.0	32.3	27.5	29.8	27.5	19.6	25.1	0	0	0	262.5
	Cuesta	15.9	14.5	17.6	15.4	13.1	14.2	13.1	9.3	12.0	0	0	0	125.0
	City of Morro Bay	81.3	72.5	75.5	79.0	91.5	96.9	105.4	59.6	87.3	0	0	0	749.0
<i>LOPEZ TO</i>	City of Pismo Beach	97.1	92.2	89.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	160.0	149.0	120.0	0	0	0	707.5
	Oceano CSD	62.5	62.5	62.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	187.5
	San Miguelito MWC	7.9	2.7	4.2	8.0	6.0	4.0	0.35	5.9	6.0	0	0	0	45.1
	Avila Beach CSD	4.5	4.7	4.3	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	6.0	0	0	0	50.4
	Avila Valley MWC	0.6	0.5	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0	0	14.1
	San Luis Coastal USD	0.12	0.26	0.08	0.29	0.29	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.29	0	0	0	2.83
	TOTAL	334.7	308.8	326.2	173.3	172.3	181.5	340.9	271	282	0	0	0	2391.4

- Notes:**
1. Deliveries based on CCWA monthly delivery reporting and subcontractor request.
 2. All delivery values reported are in volumetric units of acre-feet (AF).
 3. Deliveries to CV during Aug/Sep were impacted by unplanned outage at Devil's Den Pumping Plant.

SUBCONTRACTOR DELIVERY REQUEST SCHEDULE^{1,2,3,4}

	AGENCY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
<i>SHANDON TO</i>	CSA 16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>CHORRO V. TO</i>	CMC	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	396
	County Ops	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	420
	Cuesta	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	200
	City of Morro Bay	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1200
<i>LOPEZ TO</i>	City of Pismo Beach	103.3	103.3	103.3	0	0	0	160	150	120	120	120	90	1070
	Oceano CSD	62.5	62.5	62.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62.5	62.5	312.5
	San Miguelito MWC	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	90
	Avila Beach CSD	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	5	70
	Avila Valley MWC	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	20
	San Luis Coastal USD	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	6
	TOTAL	364	364	366	201	201	201	361	352	320	320	382	352	3784

- Notes:**
1. Assumes District can supply 100% of requested delivery, to meet requests that exceed current DWR allocation.
 2. Updated schedule reflects mid-year revisions requested by Pismo and OCSD; changes effective 4/1/2023.
 3. Revised schedule starting 7/1/23 to reflect changes at Lopez for Pismo (updated totals at Lopez only, July-Dec).
 4. Revised schedule starting 11/1/23 to reflect changes at Lopez for Oceano (updated totals at Lopez only, Nov-Dec).