SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

SLO City/County Library Community Room 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA Wednesday, June 7, 2023 1:30 pm

Via Zoom Teleconference:

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

1.	Introductions & Welcome	1:30pm
2.	Approval of May 3, 2023 WRAC Meeting Minutes	1:35pm
3.	Receive Presentation from County Staff on Lopez Lake	1:40pm
4.	Receive Presentation from and provide feedback to County Staff on Master Water Report Update	2:00pm
5.	Receive Update from Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws	2:20pm
6.	Membership: Consider Endorsing Ag At-Large Application of Jon Winstead and Review At Large Membership Vision	2:25pm
7.	Consider Forming an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review and Comment on the Water Related Sections of Dana Reserve Project EIR	2:40pm
8.	 Ongoing Updates: a. Rain & Reservoir Report b. Drought Updates c. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts d. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) e. Master Water Report (MWR) Update f. State Water Project (SWP) g. Desalination h. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances i. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information 	2:45pm
9.	Future Agenda Items	2:55pm
10.	Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda	3:00pm
11.	Adjourn Meeting	3:05pm

WRAC Agenda

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

Next Regular Meeting:September 6, 2023, 1:30 pmSLO City/County Library Community Room995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA

Please contact WRAC Secretary, Brendan Clark, with any questions. <u>bclark@co.slo.ca.us</u>

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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SLO City/County Library Community Room 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 1:30PM

MINUTES (Draft)

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: <u>https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-</u><u>Resources-Advisory-Committee-(WRAC).aspx</u>

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 ~ <u>00:05:17</u>

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) <u>Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation</u> <u>District Budget for FY 2023/24 and Consider WRAC Actions</u> 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) <u>Presentation from City of San Luis Obispo Staff on Water Conservation Program</u> <u>Updates</u>

Item start time ~ <u>00:40:50</u>

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 ~ <u>01:09:05</u>

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 the City of Atascadero.

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

S. Carter asks about the City of Atascadero'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 ~ <u>01:21:40</u>

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 ~ <u>01:24:37</u>

- a) <u>Rain & Reservoir Report</u> No comments.
- b) <u>California Drought Monitor Summary</u> No comments.
- <u>Groundwater Basin Management Efforts</u>
 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) <u>Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)</u> No comments.
- e) <u>Master Water Report (MWR) Update</u> No comments.
- f) <u>State Water Project (SWP)</u> No comments.
- g) <u>Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)</u> No comments.

- h) <u>Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances</u> 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) <u>Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information</u>
 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 ~ <u>01:30:33</u>

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 ~ <u>01:33:23</u>

No comments.

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WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) GUEST LIST 2023

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TO:	Water Resources Advisory Committee
FROM:	Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer
DATE:	June 7, 2023
SUBJECT:	Item 6: Membership: Consider Endorsing Ag At-Large Application of Jon Winstead and Review At-Large Membership Vision

Recommendation

Consider endorsing application by John Winstead for selection by the Board of Supervisors and Review At-Large Membership Vision

Discussion – Application of Jon Winstead

The WRAC Secretary received the attached application for one of the vacant Agriculture At-Large positions from John Winstead on May 2nd, 2023.

As stated in the By-Laws (adopted 9/1/2020):

Applications submitted for members or alternates representing [environmental, Development and Agriculture At-Large] shall be agendized for consideration and input by the Committee prior to selection by the Board of Supervisors.

Additionally, specifically regarding the Agriculture At-Large Position:

Members (and alternates) representing [Agriculture At-Large] identified above shall be selected by the Board of Supervisors from applicants engaged in production agriculture. Their terms shall be for two years, to be replaced or reaffirmed in February of odd numbered years.

It is anticipated the application would go before the Board on in August.

Discussion – At-Large Membership Vision

Additionally, there was an "At-Large WRAC Membership Vision" document prepared in 2012. With continued openings in our At-Large seats, it's being brought before the Committee for review and comment. Particularly the second page which includes a list of organizations to contact regarding vacant At-Large positions. It's likely this list is out of date.

Attachments:

- 1. Application from Jon Winstead
- 2. 2012 At-Large Membership Vision Document



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE

	Date 5-2-23
Applying for appointment to WRAC	
	ard, Commission or Committee)
<u>General Information</u>	
Name Jon Winstead	
Address	
Business Phone_	Home Phone NA
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Supervisorial District District 1	_Years resided in County 20 yrs
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Obispo and Santa Barbara County viney	ard operations.
VP of Vineyard Operations, Vineyard Professi	
Management Strategy, Labor Relations,	
10+ years coaching youth soccer, baseball an	nd wrestling.

List dates/names of positions you have held on any advisory body or elected office 2008-2014. Central Coast Vineyard Team. Volunteer Board Member.

Treasurer and Vice Chair

2018-2019. Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance. Volunteer Board Member.

List Membership to Organizations
PRWCA
CCVT
IGGPRA

Please explain why you would like to serve in this capacity I enjoy volunteering in my community in industry related areas where I can use my 25 plus years of agricultural experience to help out. Water is a precious and declining resource in California and vital to our community to manage appropriately. If I can help in this area I would be happy to volunteer.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year, and if necessary, in numerous related meetings or subcommittees?

Yes \bigvee No \square Comments_____

If appointed, are you willing to file a Statement of Disclosure as a Public Official Under the standards of the Fair Political Practice Commission?

Yes 🖌 No 🗌 Comments

If appointed, do you want to have your address or telephone number(s) published?

Yes No Comments Unsure

Please mail this applicaton to: Board of Supervisors 1055 Monterey St., Rm. D430 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

WRAC Membership Vision – for At-Large Members

Approved by the WRAC June 6, 2012

WRAC bylaws state: Agricultural At-Large member – engaged in production agriculture

- Combined with Farm Bureau member, the agricultural members and alternates should ideally represent the current major agricultural sectors (cattle, wine grapes, and row crops/orchards) in SLO County.

WRAC bylaws state: Environmental At-Large member – record of membership in one or more environmental groups and/or independent environmental activism.

- Both inland and coastal water resources should be represented.
- Coastal representative would ideally live in the coastal area, have knowledge of creeks, streams, and watersheds, and be engaged in coastal environmental issues.

WRAC bylaws state: Development At-Large member – engaged in the building or construction industry. Preference given to applicants that have written support from one or more organizations that represent the home or commercial building industry.

Most important attributes for at-large members:

- Expertise in the area they are representing is essential.
- High level of interest in water issues is essential.
- Interest in being very involved in the WRAC is essential, even with water issues outside their home area.
- Technical/scientific background is preferable.
- Must speak for, and be in communication with, agriculturalists, environmentalists, or people in the building/construction industry, not for a specific organization. (At-large representatives must be able to make statements without seeking prior approval from an organization.)

Other factors:

- History of volunteerism and/or previous service on advisory bodies
- Letters of recommendation from local agricultural/environmental/building industry groups, as appropriate

We propose that the positions be advertised via the five Supervisors. In addition, notices should be sent to interested organizations, for example:

- California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG)
- California Polytechnic State University
- Central Coast Salmon Enhancement
- Central Coast Vineyard Team (CCVT)
- Central Coast Winegrowers Association
- Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District
- Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo County (ECOSLO)
- Home Builders Association
- Independent Grape Growers of the Paso Robles Area (IGGPRA)
- Marine Interests Group
- Morro Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP)
- Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance (PRWCA)
- Port San Luis Harbor District
- San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association
- San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau
- San Luis Obispo Vintners Association (SLOVA)
- Sierra Club
- SLO County Builders Exchange
- SLO GreenBuild
- Surfrider Foundation
- Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: June 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Item 8: Ongoing Updates

Recommendation

Receive updates on various ongoing efforts.

Discussion

a) Rain & Reservoir Report. See attached report.

b) Drought Updates.

- As part of SB-552, counties are required to have a standing Drought Task Force. Ours is led by the County of SLO Office of Emergency Services (OES).
- OES last went to the Board on April 18, 2023.
 - The Board terminated the Drought Declaration.
 - The Staff report can be found here: <u>https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/agendaitem/details/15621</u>

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.

BASIN UPDATES:

Basin	asin 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. The Draft Fall 2022 Los Osos Basin Lower Aquifer Water Quality Monitoring Results and Updated Chloride Metric was distributed to basin stakeholders 							

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

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	 on January 26, 2023. The Draft Fall 2022 Los Osos Basin Lower Aquifer Water Quality Monitoring Results and Updated Chloride Metric were reviewed at the February 15, 2023 BMC Meeting and final results, including water levels and results from the first water and upper aquifer monitoring, were included in the 2022 Annual Report. The next BMC meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2023. Warden Creek Subbasin is designated as a very low priority and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization.
	For more information, please visit: <u>www.slocounty.ca.gov/losososbasin</u>
Atascadero	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. The GSP was submitted on January 30, 2022 and is currently under review by DWR.
Basin	 The EC met on March 22, 2023 to 1) approve the Water Year 2021-2022 Annual Report which was submitted to DWR by the April 1st deadline, and 2) receive and file a brief update on the groundwater model refinement. No additional meetings are scheduled at this time.
	For more information or to view meeting material, visit: <u>www.AtascaderoBasin.com</u>
Santa	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. 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.
Maria Basin	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 have prepared a GSP. DWR plans to fly Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Surveys over the Arroyo Grande Subbasin to collect geophysical data. More information can be found at the following website: <u>https://water.ca.gov/programs/sgma/aem</u>
	For more information, please visit: <u>www.slocounty.ca.gov/santamariabasin</u> or <u>www.slocounty.ca.gov/agbasin</u>

Paso Basin	 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). The PBCC and Paso Basin GSAs submitted the amended GSP to DWR by the July 20, 2022 deadline which addresses deficiencies identified in DWR's initial assessment of the Paso Basin GSP. On March 3, 2023, DWR issued its recommended "approval" of the GSP and the final approval is expected in the next few months. Technical Advisory Committees (TAC) for the 1) Expanded Monitoring Network, 2) Blended Irrigated Water Supply, and 3) Multibenefit Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program continue to meet to provide guidance and feedback on implementation of grand-funded projects and programs. TAC reports and recommendations are provided at PBCC meetings. The County submitted an application for \$8.89M of grant funds under the California Department of Conservation (DOC) Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program block grant to develop and implement a MILR Program. County participated in a DOC grant application follow up interview on April 28, 2023, and draft award announcements are expected mid-June 2023. The next PBCC meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2023.
Cuyama Basin	 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. An amended GSP was submitted to DWR on July 20, 2022 and on March 3, 2023, DWR issued a recommended "approval" of the GSP. Final approval is expected in the coming months. The GSA is implementing pumping reductions for 2023 and 2024 in the Central Management Area and set final allocations at the May 3, 2023, Board meeting. New well permit policies have been approved by the Board and are available on the GSA's website. The groundwater extraction fee for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 was set at \$12 per acre-foot on May 3, 2023 following a public hearing. The next Cuyama Basin GSA Advisory and Board meetings are scheduled for July 6, 2023 and July 12, 2023, respectively.
San Luis Obispo Basin	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.

	 On April 27, 2023, DWR issued an "approved" determination for the SLO Valley GSP. DWR proposed five corrective actions and staff will be addressing these ahead of the next five-year GSP review due January 26, 2027. On May 19, 2023, DWR issued the draft SGMA Implementation Round 2 grant awards; however, the grant application submitted by the SLO Valley GSP was <u>not</u> included on the draft award list. The June 8, 2023, GSC meeting has been cancelled and the next scheduled meeting is September 14, 2023. 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. For more information, please visit: <u>https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/slobasin</u>
	 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. 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:
Adelaida Area	 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. County Staff, USGS, and the RCD are currently working with landowners in the study area to complete Task 2, which includes establishing a groundwater level monitoring network, water quality sampling, and surface water monitoring. USGS has established the initial groundwater level monitoring network, installed a stream gage along the Paso Robles Creek, and will continue to collect groundwater and surface water data.
	 For more information, please visit: <u>https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/adelaidastudy</u> <u>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</u>

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)

One May 17th, 2023, DWR announced the Proposition 1, Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Awards. For San Luis Obispo County, the awarded suite of projects is shown below:

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Funding Recommendation
City of Morro Bay	Indirect Potable Reuse	\$8,709,715	\$1,200,000
City of Pismo Beach	Central Coast Blue, Phase 1	\$54,469,000	\$1,000,000
Oceano CSD	Water Resource Reliability Projects	\$1,160,530	\$600,000
SLOCFC&WCD	Master Water Report Information System	\$1,645,729	\$549,755
San Miguel CSD	Water Reliability Projects	\$4,497,000	\$300,000*
SLOCFC&WCD	Grant Admin	\$ 132,374	\$ 132,374
	Total	\$70,614,348	\$3,782,129

* San Miguel's project had 3 components; this covers the entire estimated cost of one specific component.

The full list of awards can be accessed here: <u>https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Proposition-1/Implementation-Grants</u>

At this time, additional IRWM-related grant opportunities are not anticipated. To be notified of the upcoming meetings or any project-related documents, visit <u>www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm</u>.

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	Complete	
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	Complete	
FCD Funding Administration	\$20,700	Complete	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	Close-out	Nipomo CSD
Water Resource Reliability Program, Projects #1-1, #1-9	\$274,500	Close-out	Oceano CSD

For questions, contact: Brendan Clark, IRWM Program Manager Email: <u>bclark@co.slo.ca.us</u> Phone: (805) 788-2316

e) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

Last summer, the District Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc. to develop the Master Water Report Update and Information System. This occurred on June 7, 2022: <u>https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/agendaitem/details/14655</u>

A detailed update is provided as Item 4 of this month's agenda.

f) State Water Project (SWP)

- The 2023 SWP allocation increased to 100% on 4/20/23, amounting to 25,000 AF for SLO County.
- The next State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee (SWSAC) meeting will be held on July 7, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the County Government Center, Room D361, San Luis Obispo, CA.

For more information, please visit <u>https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-</u> Works/Committees-Programs/State-Water-Project-and-Subcontractors-Advisory-Co.aspx

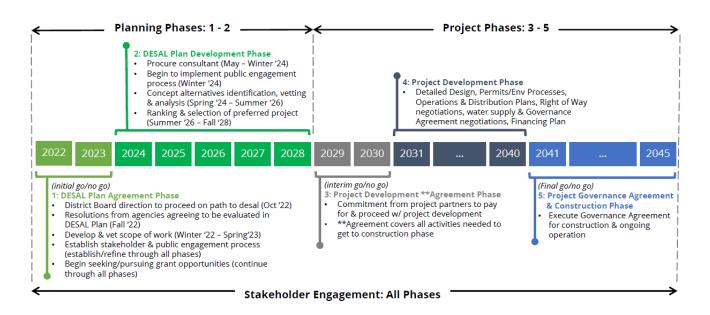
g) Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)

Desalination, the process of removing salt from seawater and/or brackish water to create freshwater, can provide a safe, long term, drought-proof and resilient water supply. The District Board of

Supervisors has authorized staff to kickoff a planning effort, in coordination with partner agencies who have agreed to be considered in the DESAL Plan, to identify a desalination project in San Luis Obispo County and to pursue grants to help offset the associated costs. The next step is for District staff to return to the Board with a consultant contract for DESAL Plan development.

The following graphic lays out a potential timeline and phase descriptions for a desalination project. For more information, please visit the County's new DESAL Plan webpage at <u>https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/DESAL</u>.

Desalination Executable Solution And Logistics Plan DESAL Plan*



h) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

The County Department of Planning & Building's website for the 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. Funding is currently limited for the rebate programs and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. 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: <u>https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-</u>

Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Nipomo-Mesa-Water-Conservation-Area-(NMWCA).aspx

Paso Basin

Offset Programs. In the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, there are funds available for the Cash for Grass, Washer Rebate, and Plumbing Retrofit Programs, available to both residential and commercial property owners. A well meter is required for compliance with Title 19.

The Ag Offset ordinance 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. 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.

Los Osos

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: <u>https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Grid-Items/Community-</u> 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 and/or hot water recirculation pumps 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: <u>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</u>

Water Offset Study. The County has hired Maddaus Water Management Inc. 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 is anticipated to be completed by the end of June 2023. Updates are 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. 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 15th are available at: <u>https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LosOsosPlan-1.aspx</u>.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). On April 4, 2023, the County BOS heard the California Coastal Commission's suggested modifications to the Coastal ADU Ordinance. The most significant of the modifications was the exclusion of Los Osos and Cambria from the areas of the Coastal Ordinance where ADUs are an allowable use. Please find the April 4th meeting recording and staff report here: <u>https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Home/Meetings-Calendar.aspx</u>.

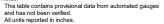
Please contact <u>waterprograms@co.slo.ca.us</u> for further information or questions.

Rainfall and Reservoir Updates

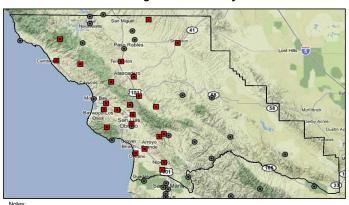
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Sub-Region	Area / Rain Station	Average Annual Rainfall	Water Year Total Rainfall	July 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Cumulative Total	% of Total Average
North Coast	Cambria Area (ALERT #717)	22.0	14.65 (67%)	0	0	1.10	0	1.55	10.01	10.94	4.12	12.36 ^A	0.02 ^A	0.62 ^A		40.72	185%
	Whale Rock Reservoir (County Site #166.1)	16.0	11.64 (73%)	0	0	0.76	0.03	0.99	5.78	8.47	3.41	9.16 ^A	0 ^A			28.60	179%
Inland	Paso Robles (County Site #10.0)	14.1	11.66 (83%)	0	0	0.29	0	0.89	6.77	10.46	3.13	7.17 ^A	0 ^A	0.15 ^A		28.86	205%
	NE Atascadero (ALERT #711)	17.0	8.51 (50%)	0	0	0.47	0	1.26	7.09	10.56	3.39	5.99 ^A	0 ^A	0.11 ^A		28.87	170%
	Atascadero MWC (County Site #34.0)	17.5	12.07 (69%)	0	0	0.63	0	1.70	7.67	15.12	4.19	8.13 ^A	0 A	0.14 ^A		37.58	215%
	Santa Margarita (ALERT #723)	24.0	11.97 (50%)	0	0	1.22	0	1.56	11.02	15.03	6.86	11.55 ^A	0 ^A	0.53 ^A		47.77	199%
	Salinas Dam (ALERT #719)	20.9	13.94 (67%)	0	0	1.24	0	1.74	13.08	15.59	7.45	11.59 ^A	0 ^	0.50 ^A		51.19	245%
	Rocky Butte (ALERT #703)	40.0	30.02 (75%)	0	0	3.23	0	4.09	26.83	26.95	8.04	27.00 ^A	0 ^A	0.04 ^A		96.18	240%
South Coast	SLO Reservoir (ALERT #749)	24.0	13.48 (56%)	0	0	1.34	0	1.16	13.19	15.66	5.52	15.28 ^A	0.02 ^A	0.66 ^A		52.83	220%
	Lopez Dam (ALERT #737)	21.0	12.94 (62%)	0	0	2.70	0.01	2.16	10.59	12.88	5.89	12.99 ^A	0 ^A	0.51 ^A		47.73	227%
	Nipomo South (ALERT #730)	16.0	8.35 (52%)	0	0	1.36	0	0.93	5.77	7.45	4.47	6.01 ^A	0.05 ^A	0.39 ^A		26.43	165%
	Nipomo East (ALERT #728)	18.0	10.43 (58%)	0	0	0.94	0	0.83	8.10	10.91	5.68	10.67 ^A	0.10 ^A	0.82 ^A		38.05	211%
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Reservoir Update

Reservoir	Date	Water Elevation (ft)	Spillway Elevation (ft)	Storage (acre-feet)	Capacity (%)
Nacimiento	May 24, 2023	796.65	787.75 - 800.0	358,908	95%
Reservoir	May 24, 2022	731.90	(w/gates fully inflated)	96,860	26%
San Antonio	May 24, 2023	759.20	780.0	232,800	69%
Reservoir	May 24, 2022	680.60		36,982	11%
Lopez	May 24, 2023	522.64	522.7	49,425	100%
Reservoir	May 24, 2022	465.60		13,744	28%
Salinas Reservoir	May 24, 2023	1,300.72	1300.7	23,824	100%
(Santa Margarita Lake)	May 24, 2022	1,285.2		14,250	60%
Whale Rock	May 24, 2023	216.00	218.3	38,967	100%
Reservoir	May 24, 2022	198.30		29,457	76%
Twitchell	May 24, 2023	622.7	651.5	107,241	55%
Reservoir	May 24, 2022	n/a		0	0%



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.

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.

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: June 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Item 9: Future Agenda Items

Upcoming Meetings

<u>September 6:</u>

- Evapotranspiration Use Case
- Consider updates to the Bylaws

<u> Areas of Interest – Future</u>

- 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
- Mater Water Report Update
- Desalination opportunities / DESAL Plan
- Nacimiento and San Antonio Lake Tunnel Project
- Regional Water Quality Control Board Stormwater Capture
- Biosolids Updates (i.e. barriers, regulations, etc.)
- 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.