

**Paso Basin Cooperative Committee**

**Minutes (Approved)**

**April 24th, 2019**

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**The following members or alternates were present:**

**John Hamon**, Chairperson, Member, City of Paso Robles

**Debbie Arnold**, Alternate Member, County of San Luis Obispo

**Willy Cunha**, Secretary, Member, Shandon-San Juan WD

**Kelly Dodds**, Alternate Member, San Miguel CSD

<p><b>1. Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Hamon calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>2. Pledge of Allegiance</b></p>	<p>Secretary Cunha leads the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
<p><b>3. Roll call</b></p>	<p>County Staff, Angela Ruberto: calls roll.</p>
<p><b>4. Public Comment – Items not on Agenda</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:01:21</i></p> <p>Prior to opening the floor for Public Comment, City Staff, Dick McKinley explains that the election of officers, expected to be agendized for this meeting, was postponed so that Vice Chairperson Peschong (absent) could be present for the Item.</p> <p>Alternate Arnold: comments that she and Vice Chairperson Peschong both expected the election to occur during today’s meeting, citing the Cooperative Committee’s March 6<sup>th</sup> direction to agendize the Item for April 24<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Cody Ferguson: comments that the Cooperative Committee is a body subject to the Brown Act, cites the March 6<sup>th</sup> unanimous vote to agendize the election Item and asks why the Item was not included on the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: asks for clarification on why the election for Committee Chairperson was not agendized.</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ruberto: responds that postponement of Committee elections was based on the fact the County Member was not present and logistics of appointing the County Member in their absence was unclear to County staff.</p> <p>Cody Ferguson: suggests identifying the oversight and noting that elections will be agendized for the next meeting.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p><i>(Name inaudible)</i>: comments on family farming history in Paso Robles and concern over rapid growth and lacking pumping oversight in the Adelaide area; asks what regulations are in place there.</p>

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City Staff, Dick McKinley: responds to public comment stating that the Adelaide area is not part of the Paso Basin and is governed by the County of San Luis Obispo; cites the recent County Board of Supervisors meeting where the Adelaide area was specifically discussed in-depth.

Chairperson Hamon: recommends contacting District 1 Supervisor, John Peschong, or District 5 Supervisor, Debbie Arnold, for additional information regarding governance of the Adelaide area.

Greg Grewal: comments that stipulated agreement from quiet title action recently concluded and that Chapter 6 and the other Draft (*Paso Basin GSP*) Chapters should be modified to account for the amounts stipulated by the judgement; states that Brown Act rules apply to everyone, including agencies and staff, which need to be held to the same standards as the public.

Robert Galbraith: comments on the County's Emergency Offset Ordinance and how it has limited his water use to the last five years, designated all grain crops as "non-irrigated", and is preventing him from transitioning to a more profitable crop; concerned that water rights are being removed without compensation.

Dennis Loucks: comments on expectation that subsidence and the USGS InSAR program would be discussed during the April 24<sup>th</sup> Cooperative Committee meeting, stating that direction was provided during the March 6<sup>th</sup> Cooperative Committee meeting and noting a conversation with staff confirming that this topic would be agendized.

Robin Chapman: comments that more monitoring wells are needed throughout the basin; suggests minimizing qualifying criteria for monitoring wells in order to increase the number of wells used in the monitoring network.

Dana Merrill: recommends that the County increase efforts to obtain surplus water from the State; comments on language used in GSP Chapter 9.4 regarding agricultural land conversion, its role in conserving water, and the economic impacts of development and expansion affecting commercial agricultural.

Lowell Zelinski: asks if the Cooperative Committee is involved with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), asks what type of collaboration exists, and who can be contacted with follow-up questions regarding Ag Order 4.0.

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	<p>Secretary Cunha: comments on the status of Ag Order 4.0, adding that Shandon-San Juan GSA provided comments to the RWQCB, and that their agricultural well data is available, which is primarily focused on water quality.</p> <p>Alternate Arnold: responds to public comment and offers her contact information for follow up questions.</p> <p>Deborah Compton: comments on the process of preserving water rights for growers that remove crops; states that she is in the process of removing acres of walnut trees and asks what considerations are in place for maintaining her water rights without having to replant.</p> <p>Secretary Cunha: replies that in the current GSP, there may be a program to preserve water rights without wasting water; currently, there is a five-year window for growers to rescue those water rights; recommends keeping in contact with County Staff who can provide updates as the occur.</p> <p>Alternate Arnold: replies that these regulations are commonly referred to as the County's <i>Offset Ordinance</i>, which has a sunset date tied to the GSP; states that the replacement mechanism will be a land use authority/Board of Supervisors decision; suggests reaching out to County staff or her District Representative with any questions and to keep informed of any future changes to the regulations.</p>
<p><b>5. Continued Item to Approve October 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:31:21</i></p> <p>Audio from the October 17, 2018 Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Meeting is available at: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</a></p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: Moves to discuss approval of the October 17, 2018, Cooperative Committee Meeting Minutes; there are no comments from the Board; opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: Speaks.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: asks County Staff for clarification on whether documents presented during the public comment period are being entered into public record.</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ruberto: replies that comments are being posted online (<a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management-Act-(SGMA)/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin/GSP-Development.aspx">http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management-Act-(SGMA)/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin/GSP-Development.aspx</a>) as they are received and will verify that documents submitted during previous public comment periods have also been posted; comments that audio</p>

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	<p>from the last two Cooperative Committee meetings has been posted to the County’s Paso Basin webpage.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: closes public comment.</p> <p><b>Motion by: Secretary Cunha</b> <b>Second by: Alternate Arnold</b> <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to approve the revised October 17, 2018, Meeting Minutes.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="553 562 1511 751"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debbie Arnold (Alternate)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willy Cunha (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kelly Dodds (Alternate)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Hamon (Chairperson)	X				Debbie Arnold (Alternate)	X				Willy Cunha (Secretary)	X				Kelly Dodds (Alternate)	X			
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<p><b>6. Approval of March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:35:19</i> Audio from the March 6, 2019, Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Meeting is available at: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</a></p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: moves to discuss approval of the October 17, 2018, Cooperative Committee Meeting Minutes; there are no comments from the Board; opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Cody Ferguson: speaks.</p> <p>Alternate Arnold: suggests a motion to agendize the election of officers for the next Cooperative Committee meeting, and to also carry over approving the March 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes.</p> <p><b>Motion by: Alternate Arnold</b> <b>Second by: Secretary Cunha</b> <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to agendize the following Items for the next meeting: (1) Appointment of Officers (2) Continued Approval of March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="553 1486 1511 1675"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debbie Arnold (Alternate)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willy Cunha (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kelly Dodds (Alternate)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Hamon (Chairperson)	X				Debbie Arnold (Alternate)	X				Willy Cunha (Secretary)	X				Kelly Dodds (Alternate)	X			
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<p><b>7. Recommend allocating Heritage Ranch Community Services District’s former 1% cost obligation to the remaining GSAs pro rata</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:38:14</i> Meeting presentations and materials for Agenda Item #7 available at: <a href="http://pasogcp.com/">http://pasogcp.com/</a> and <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</a></p> <p>City Staff, Dick McKinley: provides an overview of content included in the Agenda Item #7 Staff Report.</p>																									

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	<p>Chairperson Hamon: asks for comments from the Board and the public; there are none.</p> <p><b>Motion by: Alternate Arnold</b>  <b>Second by: Alternate Dodds</b>  <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to allocate Heritage Ranch Community Services District’s former 1% cost obligation to the remaining GSAs pro rata.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="553 562 1511 751"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debbie Arnold (Alternate)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willy Cunha (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kelly Dodds (Alternate)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Hamon (Chairperson)	X				Debbie Arnold (Alternate)	X				Willy Cunha (Secretary)	X				Kelly Dodds (Alternate)	X			
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<p><b>8. Consider recommending that each GSA receive and file Paso Robles Subbasin GSP Draft Sections and provide direction as necessary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Chapter 9. Projects &amp; Management Actions</li> <li>b. Chapter 11. Notice and Communications</li> <li>c. Appendix H. Water Supplies</li> <li>d. Appendix I. Technical Project Information</li> <li>e. Appendix J. Hydrographs</li> </ul>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:39:50</i></p> <p>See referenced Draft GSP Chapters and Appendices provided by the GSP Consultant Team, available during public comment period at <a href="http://www.pasogcp.com">www.pasogcp.com</a>; to view the PowerPoint presentation for this item, please visit <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</a>.</p> <p>Montgomery &amp; Associates, Derrik Williams: provides an overview of GSP Draft Chapters 9, 11, and Appendices H, I and J; recommends that each GSA receive and file these Paso Robles Subbasin GSP Draft Chapter and Appendices; comments that GSA efforts to include additional monitoring wells in the monitoring program have been successful, adding more monitoring wells will be included in the Final Report; asks for questions on Draft Chapter 9.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: comments on the inclusive nature of the Plan for all users overlying the Basin; asks if changes to Plan can be made now, or in the future, regarding de minimis users.</p> <p>Montgomery &amp; Associates, Derrik Williams: replies that the Plan could be changed to address de minimis users in a variety of ways, such as including de minimis users in the fee structure and specifying triggers for when this would take place.</p> <p>Alternate Arnold: comments that the exception for de minimis users should remain in the Plan, adding that rural de minimis users pump for domestic use and are not major contributors to overdraft.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: asks if the number of de minimis users in the Basin has been documented.</p>																									

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Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: responds that there are conflicting numbers, with some estimates suggesting 3000-3500 de minimis users; could pursue defining this number further with Board direction.

Secretary Cunha: comments that knowing these numbers would be helpful, but costly and impractical to pursue exact numbers.

Alternate Arnold: states that DWR defines de minimis users as those using 2 acre-feet or less per year (*for domestic purposes*).

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: concurs and suggests a more practical approach when addressing de minimis water use.

Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment.

Cody Ferguson, Dennis Loucks, Ann Myhre, William Everette, Jerry Reaugh, Steve Carter, Greg Grewal, Robert Galbraith, Robin Chapman: speak.

Montgomery & Associates, Derrik Williams: following public comment, states that the term “extractions” refers to natural groundwater extractions for Plan projects; replies that analyzing historical InSAR data could provide additional basin-wide subsidence information, adding that there’s a proposal from USGS to do the work; recommends addressing this as a data gap to be pursued after the Plan has been submitted; replies that projects will not be implemented unless data suggests them to be necessary (*and there are willing individual entities*).

Chairperson Hamon: closes the floor to public comment.

Alternate Arnold: suggests postponing receiving and filing the Draft Chapters as they are currently presented; requests that GSA staff incorporate additional public input, refine and rework sections on projects, pumping reductions, optimal measurable objectives and Appendices; asks that the Draft Chapters be brought back to receive and file at a future meeting.

Secretary Cunha: suggests that each GSA move forward with receiving, filing and providing continued input on the Draft Chapters as to what edits they would like to see.

The Committee deliberates whether the Draft Chapters should be received and passed on to the GSAs as they are currently written, or to

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	<p>postpone recommendation to receive/file the Draft Chapters to allow GSA staff additional time to rework the content of each Draft Chapter.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: asks what happens if DWR rejects the projects listed in Chapter 9, and if DWR relies on the GSAs to determine the acceptability of the projects.</p> <p>Montgomery &amp; Associates, Derrick Williams: replies that the responsibility lies with the GSAs to implement projects that will lead to sustainability, adding that projects are optional to be applied as needed.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: asks when GSA comments on specific projects would be brought back to the Board, if received and filed today.</p> <p>Montgomery &amp; Associates, Derrick Williams: replies that GSA and public comments will be incorporated as part of the larger Draft document, which will be available in late July along with another opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Alternate Arnold: recommends placing more emphasis on pumping reduction in Chapter 9, allowing best management practices, business decisions and projects to be decided by beneficiaries.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to recommend the GSAs receive and file the draft Paso Basin GSP chapters and direct staff to address Committee concerns. Motion by Secretary Cunha, Motion Seconded by Alternate Dodds. Motion failed.</p> <p><b>Motion by: Alternate Arnold Second by: Alternate Dodds</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to recommend that GSA staff revisit and revise Draft Chapters 9, 11 and Appendices H, I and J, and bring back to the Board at the next meeting to consider recommending that the GSAs receive and file.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="557 1476 1508 1665"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debbie Arnold (Alternate)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willy Cunha (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kelly Dodds (Alternate)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Hamon (Chairperson)	X				Debbie Arnold (Alternate)	X				Willy Cunha (Secretary)	X				Kelly Dodds (Alternate)	X			
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<p><b>9. Committee Member Comments</b> – Committee members may make brief comments, provide status updates, or communicate with other members, staff,</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 02:35:14</i></p> <p>Secretary Cunha: appreciates the comments being submitted through the GCP comment portal and through the GSAs.</p> <p>Alternate Dodds: comments on the importance of bringing back Draft Chapter content not discussed during today’s meeting.</p>																									

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or the public regarding non-agenda topics	
<b>10. Upcoming meetings</b> a. Consider scheduling a Special Meeting for late May or early June b. Regular Meeting – July 24, 2019	<i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 02:36:32</i> Committee Members discuss potential meeting dates for late May or early June, directing staff to target May 29 <sup>th</sup> for the next Special Meeting (Committee scheduled meeting for May 22, 2019).  Next Regular meeting: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 4:00PM in Paso Robles - City Council Chamber.
<b>11. Future Items</b>	<i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 02:37:50</i> (1) Appointment of Officers (2) Approval of revised March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes. (3) Consider recommending that each GSA receive and file revised Paso Robles Subbasin GSP Draft Sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chapter 9: Projects &amp; Management Actions</li> <li>○ Chapter 10: Plan Implementation</li> <li>○ Chapter 11: Notice and Communications</li> <li>○ Chapter 12: Interagency Agreements</li> <li>○ Appendix H: Water Supplies</li> <li>○ Appendix I: Technical Project Information</li> <li>○ Appendix J: Hydrographs</li> </ul>
<b>12. Adjourn</b>	<b>Motion by: Secretary Cunha</b> <b>Second by: Alternate Dodds</b> <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:40PM

I, Willy Cunha, Secretary to the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held on April 24, 2019, by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

Willy Cunha, Secretary of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.  
Drafted by: Joey Steil and Angela Ruberto, County of San Luis Obispo