

## **Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Meeting**

### **\*\*\*Notice of Meeting Cancellation\*\*\***

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Regular Meeting of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee scheduled for **Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 4:00 PM** at the City of Paso Robles Council Chambers, 1000 Spring street, Paso Robles, CA **has been canceled.**

For information on future meetings, please visit:

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# Meeting Canceled

## Paso Basin Cooperative Committee

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee will hold a Regular Meeting at **4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020** at the City of Paso Robles Council Chambers (1000 Spring St., Paso Robles, CA 93446).

NOTE: The Paso Basin Cooperative Committee reserves the right to limit each speaker to three (3) minutes per subject or topic. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, all possible accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities so they may attend and participate in meetings.

**John Hamon**, Treasurer, City of Paso Robles  
**Kelly Dodds**, Vice Chairperson, San Miguel CSD  
**John Peschong**, Chairperson, County of SLO  
**Matt Turrentine**, Secretary, Shandon-San Juan WD

**Steve Martin**, Alternate, City of Paso Robles  
**Vacant**, Alternate, San Miguel CSD  
**Debbie Arnold**, Alternate, County of SLO  
**Kevin Peck**, Alternate, Shandon-San Juan WD

### **Agenda**

#### **March 18, 2020**

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1. **Call to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll call**
4. **Public Comment – items not on Agenda**
5. **Approval of November 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
6. **Project Status Update / Upcoming Schedule**
7. **Receive presentation and consider recommending the Paso Robles Subbasin First Annual Report for submission to the Department of Water Resources by the April 1, 2020 deadline**
8. **Receive presentation on proposed amendments to the County Land Use Ordinance and Building Code to update maps of the Paso Basin and Area of Severe Decline, and incorporate a fallowing option and clarify terminology in the Agricultural Offset Ordinance**
9. **Committee Member Comments** – Committee members may make brief comments, provide status updates, or communicate with other members, staff, or the public regarding non-agenda topics
10. **Upcoming meeting(s)**
11. **Future Items**
12. **Adjourn**

*For more information, please visit the Groundwater Sustainability Agency websites at:*

- County of San Luis Obispo – [www.slocounty.ca.gov/sgma](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/sgma)
- Shandon-San Juan Water District – [www.ssjwd.org](http://www.ssjwd.org)
- City of Paso Robles – [www.prcity.com](http://www.prcity.com)
- San Miguel CSD – [www.sanmiguelcgsd.org](http://www.sanmiguelcgsd.org)

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

**John Peschong**, Chairperson, County of San Luis Obispo  
**Kelly Dodds**, Alternate Member, San Miguel CSD  
**Matt Turrentine**, Secretary, Shandon-San Juan WD  
**John Hamon**, Treasurer, City of Paso Robles

<p><b>1. Call to Order</b></p> <p><b>2. Pledge of Allegiance</b></p> <p><b>3. Roll call</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Peschong: calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: leads the Pledge of Allegiance.</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 ~ 00:01:06</i></p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: comments on letter from California Department of Food and Agriculture to County Board of Supervisors regarding GSP outreach efforts to irrigated agriculture noting that the letter was directed to the County Board rather than the Cooperative Committee; comments on past efforts and agreements that were not carried out going back to 2005, hopes to see a Plan that will be followed through once submitted to the State, adding that everyone in the basin needs to work together since they all have rights to the beneficial use of water.</p> <p>Cody Ferguson: comments on the GSP development process, stating that the Cooperative Committee went from having five to having four GSAs but the direction to complete the GSP has not changed, comments about those who missed the State deadlines defined in SGMA and the letter sent from the Department of Food and Agriculture; expresses support of the actions taken by the Cooperative Committee, (GSA) staff and all those who have participated in development of the GSP adding that everyone has had an opportunity to provide input throughout the process.</p> <p>Robin Chapman: comments on recent allegations of irrigated agriculture being excluded from the GSP development process, stating specific occurrences when representatives of the wine industry attended, spoke and provided feedback at meetings and workshops.</p> <p>Patricia Wilmore: provides highlights from an October 2019 report published by the County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office regarding the economic contributions of San Luis Obispo County agriculture, stating that in 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of \$2.54 billion was contributed to the local economy, representing 7% of the County’s total economic output.</li> <li>• Agriculture provided 13,393 jobs, 10,651 direct employees, and 2,743 additional jobs attributable to expenditures by agricultural companies.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of these numbers, fruit and nut crops (including wine) were the single largest production category by dollar value, comprising 61% of the county total; production value of wine grapes being \$267.6 million.</li> <li>• The economic effect of locally sourced, value-added food processing was at \$858.4 million direct output from wineries processing grapes.</li> </ul> <p>Comments that all steps taken towards addressing groundwater sustainability need to be carefully considered, and any action which impedes or restricts the wine industry from succeeding will have the potential for severe negative economic impacts throughout the county; hopes to see the inclusion of the wine industry in any future groundwater management efforts.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: asks for additional public comments, seeing none, closes the public comment period and moves on to Item #5.</p>																									
<p><b>5. Approval of October 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 0016:00</i> Audio from the November 20, 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 Peschong: opens discussion for Agenda Item 5 – Approval of October 23, 2019 Cooperative Committee Meeting Minutes; asks for comments from the Committee, and then from the public; there are none.</p> <p><b>Motion by:</b> Secretary Turrentine <b>Second by:</b> Treasurer Hamon <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to approve the October 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1213 1430 1409"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Peschong (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kelly Dodds (Alternate Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Secretary/Clerk)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Peschong (Chairperson)	X				Kelly Dodds (Alternate Member)	X				Matt Turrentine (Secretary/Clerk)	X				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
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<p><b>6. Recommend the GSAs approve Amendment No. 1 to the MOA</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:16:27</i> Meeting materials for Agenda Item #6 are available at: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</a></p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ruberto: provides an overview of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA); explains that each GSA entered into the MOA in order to establish the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee to develop a single GSP over the basin; states that the MOA is set to automatically terminate upon DWR’s approval of the GSP, however, the GSAs would like to continue operating under the framework of the MOA; Amendment No. 1 to the MOA removes the automatic termination language so the GSAs can continue operating under the existing framework until such time as a long-term governance structure is put in place.</p>																									

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Treasurer Hamon: asks for clarification on the timing of amending the MOA.

County Staff, Angela Ruberto: responds that DWR has two years to approve the GSP and that the MOA would need to be amended within that timeframe.

City Staff, Dick McKinley: adds that it could reasonably take several months to put together a new MOA due to concurrent work efforts related to implementation, budgets, etc.; recommends that the GSAs approve the amendment to the MOA so that the Cooperative Committee and the community can continue working together on future groundwater efforts.

Chairperson Peschong: asks for questions from the Committee and, seeing none, opens the floor for public comments.

Greg Grewal: speaks.

Chairperson Peschong: asks for additional comments from the public, seeing none, closes the public comment period and brings the item back to the Committee.

**Motion by:** Treasurer Hamon  
**Second by:** Alternate Member Dodds  
**Motion:** The Committee moves to recommend that each GSA approve Amendment No. 1 to the MOA, consistent with MOA Section 4.8.

Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse
John Peschong (Chairperson)	X			
Kelly Dodds (Alternate Member)	X			
Matt Turrentine (Secretary/Clerk)	X			
John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			

**7. Receive and file Consultant scope for GSP Submission**

*Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:21:01*  
 Meeting materials for Agenda Item #7 are available at:  
[www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin)

City Staff, Dick McKinley: explains that the Cooperative Committee recently recommended that the GSAs adopt a change to the overall project budget, knowing that those funds would be reimbursable through the grant; notes that DWR recently released additional GSP submittal requirements that go beyond what was anticipated and included in the original Montgomery & Associates contract; the GSA partners asked Montgomery & Associates to give a quote to fulfill the GSP submittal process on behalf of the GSAs, which aligns with previous direction given; asks the Committee to receive and file the Consultant scope for GSP submission.

Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comments, seeing none, closes the public comment period and brings the item back to the Committee. The Committee receives and files.

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<b>8. Project Status Update/ Upcoming Schedule</b>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:23:41</i></p> <p>The presentation for Agenda Item #8 is available at: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</a></p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ruberto: provides a project status update on the GSP schedule, including the 5 year start up plan of implementation components and timing, upcoming GSA meetings and adoption hearings, DWR deadline for GSP submission (1/31/2020) and the subsequent review, DWR public comment period on submitted GSPs, DWR deadline for the First Annual Report (4/1/2020), and future GSP implementation updates during future Cooperative Committee meetings, noting that on-going outreach and engagement opportunities will be made available via each GSA's website as well as DWR's SGMA portal.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: asks staff to clarify what would happen if one or more GSAs did not adopt the GSP, and if the GSAs that approved the GSP would be still able to submit the Plan to the State.</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ruberto: answers that each GSA would be allowed to submit the GSP separately; however, DWR would deem the Plan as incomplete as there wouldn't be an agreement in place that meets DWR's requirements to bind multiple plans in the basin; additional actions would then need to be taken.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comments, seeing none, closes the public comment period.</p>
<b>9. Considering recommending that the GSAs Adopt the Paso Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan</b>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:29:22</i></p> <p>Meeting materials for Agenda Item #9 are available at: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</a></p> <p>City Staff, Dick McKinley: explains that if the Cooperative Committee unanimously moves to recommend that each of the GSAs adopt the GSP, that each GSA will then hold separate hearings to adopt the GSP.</p> <p>Derrick Williams, Montgomery &amp; Associates: acknowledges the Members of the Cooperative Committee, GSA Staff and the public for all of the time, input and hard work that went into developing the GSP; comments that submitting the GSP is the start of a long process for basin management that will require continued involvement from all parties, adding that there will be many opportunities to revise the Plan going forward and recommends that the Cooperative Committee recommend that the GSAs adopt the Plan.</p> <p>City Staff, Dick McKinley: asks if Tom Berg (DWR point of contact for the Paso Basin) would like to clarify any of the topics discussed related to the GSP submittal process.</p>

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	<p>Tom Berg, DWR: introduces himself and replies to the question of <i>who</i> can submit the Plan and what happens if one or more GSAs do not adopt the Plan, stating that there is only one GSP for the entire basin, which will be submitted by the subbasin GSP Plan Manager, and that it is the responsibility of each GSA to adopt the GSP and submit the their adoption documents; if one or more GSA decides not to adopt the GSP, the State will consider the GSP incomplete and it will not be reviewed until further action is taken; states that, following GSP submission, there will be a 60 day public comment period on the DWR portal 20 days after the GSP is submitted to the State.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comments.</p> <p>George Tracy, Greg Grewal, Anne Myhre, Jerry Raugh, and Cody Ferguson: speak.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: asks for additional comments from the public, seeing none, closes the public comment period and brings the item back to the Committee; thanks GSA Staff and the public for participating in the GSP development process over the last few years.</p> <p><b>Motion by:</b> Treasurer Hamon <b>Second by:</b> Secretary Turrentine <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to recommend that each GSA adopt the Paso Robles Subbasin GSP in final draft form, consistent with MOA Section 4.4.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="456 1108 1430 1297"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Peschong (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kelly Dodds (Alternate Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Secretary/Clerk)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Peschong (Chairperson)	X				Kelly Dodds (Alternate Member)	X				Matt Turrentine (Secretary/Clerk)	X				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
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<p><b>10. Committee Member Comments –</b> Committee members may make brief comments, provide status updates, or communicate with other members, staff, or the public regarding non-agenda topics</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:51:21</i></p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for Committee Member comments; there are none.</p>																									

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<p><b>11. Upcoming meeting(s)</b> a. 2020 Quarterly Meeting Schedule (March, June, September, December)</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Regular Meeting set for March 18, 2020 at 4:00 PM, Location: Paso Robles - City Council Chamber.</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ruberto: explains that Section 4.5 of the MOA states that the Cooperative Committee shall meet at least quarterly and, based on anticipated milestones such as the first Annual Report, Staff recommends the following quarterly meeting schedule for 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 18, 2020</li> <li>• June 24, 2020</li> <li>• September 23, 2020</li> <li>• December 23, 2020</li> </ul> <p>The Committee agrees on all proposed meeting dates except for December 23, 2020; an alternative meeting date shall be determined.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comments, seeing none, closes the public comment period and brings the item back to the Committee.</p> <p><b>Motion by:</b> Treasurer Hamon <b>Second by:</b> Matt Turrentine <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to approve 2020 quarterly meeting schedule as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 18, 2020</li> <li>• June 24, 2020</li> <li>• September 23, 2020</li> <li>• <del>December 23, 2020</del> <b>TBD</b></li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 1199 1430 1392"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Peschong (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kelly Dodds (Alternate Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Secretary/Clerk)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Peschong (Chairperson)	X				Kelly Dodds (Alternate Member)	X				Matt Turrentine (Secretary/Clerk)	X				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
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<p><b>12. Future Items</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:53:22</i></p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: asks for any future items to be brought before the Committee.</p> <p>City Staff, Dick McKinley: comments that future items will include topics related to GSP Implementation, the MOA and GSP Implementation Funding.</p> <p>Chairperson Peschong: opens the floor for public comments.</p> <p>Hilary Graves: speaks.</p>																									



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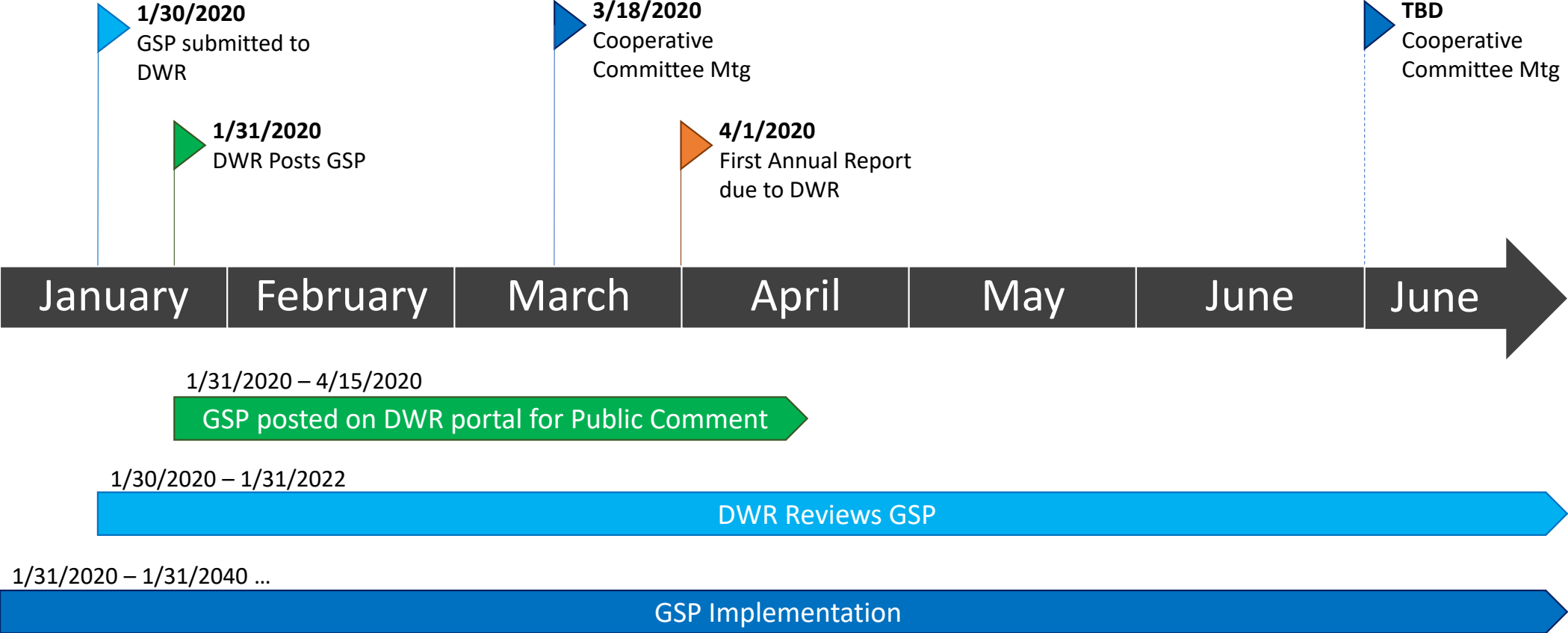
	Chairperson Peschong: asks for additional comments from the public, seeing none, closes the public comment period and brings the item back to the Committee for final discussion.
<b>13. Adjourn</b>	Chairperson Peschong: invites meeting attendees to participate in a post meeting reception and adjourns the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

I, Matt Turrentine, 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 November 20, 2019, by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

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

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# Project Status Update / Upcoming Schedule



**PASO BASIN COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**March 18, 2020**

**Agenda Item #7 – Receive presentation and consider recommending the Paso Robles Subbasin First Annual Report for submission to the Department of Water Resources by the April 1, 2020 deadline**

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee) receive a presentation by the First Annual Report Consultant - GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI) and consider recommending the Paso Robles Subbasin First Annual Report for submission to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by the April 1, 2020 deadline.

**Prepared By**

GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI)  
Angela Ruberto, County of San Luis Obispo

**Background**

SGMA regulations require GSAs to submit an Annual Report to DWR by April 1 following adoption of a GSP and annually thereafter. Given that GSAs have only recently submitted GSPs, DWR anticipates these first reports to be missing some information. The GSP Annual Reports are intended to provide information on groundwater conditions and implementation of the GSP over the prior water year.

**Discussion**

On October 23, 2019, consistent with MOA Section 6.3, the Committee recommended that the City of Paso Robles contract with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI) for development of the First Annual Report. The Paso Robles Subbasin First Annual Report – Public Draft was published January 30, 2020 and the Draft Final was published February 28, 2020 with the Report due to DWR by April 1, 2020.

**Attachments**

1. Presentation on Paso Robles Subbasin GSP First Annual Report
2. Draft Final Paso Robles Subbasin First Annual Report (2017 – 2019)

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**PASO BASIN COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE**  
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**Agenda Item #8 – Receive presentation on proposed amendments to the County Land Use Ordinance and Building Code to update maps of the Paso Basin and Area of Severe Decline, and incorporate a fallowing option and clarify terminology in the Agricultural Offset Ordinance**

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (Committee) receive a presentation by the County Department of Planning & Building on the proposed amendments to Title 22 and Title 19 to update the maps of the Paso Basin Boundary and Area of Severe Decline to be consistent with the Paso Basin GSP, and to incorporate a fallowing option and clarify terminology in the Agricultural Offset Ordinance.

**Prepared By**

Kylie Hensley, County of San Luis Obispo

**Background**

The County Department of Planning & Building is proposing amendments to the County Land Use Ordinance and Building Code to update the maps of the Paso Basin and the Area of Severe Decline within the Paso Basin to be consistent with the Paso Robles Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The updated maps would change which properties are subject to County restrictions on new irrigated crops (Agricultural Offset Ordinance), the water offset fee requirement for new construction, and prohibitions on General Plan Amendments and land divisions. The proposed amendments would also incorporate a fallowing option and clarify terminology in the Agricultural Offset Ordinance.

An interactive map of the proposed changes is available at: [www.slocountywwcp.org/prgwb](http://www.slocountywwcp.org/prgwb).

A Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for April 23rd.

**Attachments**

1. Presentation on County Water Neutral New Development Phase 1.5 Ordinance Amendments
2. County Planning Commission Hearing Packet for Water Neutral New Development Phase 1.5 Ordinance Amendments

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