

**Paso Basin Cooperative Committee
Minutes (Approved) – April 28th, 2021**

The following members or alternates were present:

Debbie Arnold, Chair, County of San Luis Obispo

Matt Turrentine, Vice Chair, Shandon-San Juan WD

John Hamon, Treasurer, City of Paso Robles

1. Call to Order	Chair Arnold: calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.																				
2. Pledge of Allegiance	Chair Arnold: leads the Pledge of Allegiance.																				
3. Roll call	County Staff, Angela Ford: calls roll.																				
4. Public Comment – items not on Agenda	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:01:53</i></p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: comments on potential conflict of interest of consultant staff working independently for both the Cooperative Committee and SSJWD, and the time provided for public review of the Annual Reports.</p> <p>Mike Mullen: comments that the goal of the GSP is to protect the basin and that there should be more discussion on the CEQA report regarding water banking.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: closes the public comment period</p>																				
5. Approval of March 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:06:20</i></p> <p>Audio from the March 17, 2021 Paso Basin Cooperative Committee meeting is available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens discussion for Agenda Item 5 – Approval of March 17, 2021 Cooperative Committee Meeting Minutes; opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: speaks.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: asks if PBCC meetings are recorded, staff responds that they are recorded and posted online.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: closes the public comment period.</p> <p>Motion by: John Hamon Second by: Matt Turrentine Motion: Committee moves to approve the March 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Members</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Ayes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Noes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Abstain</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Debbie Arnold (Chair)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Turrentine (Vice Chair)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Treasurer)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Debbie Arnold (Chair)	X				Matt Turrentine (Vice Chair)	X				John Hamon (Treasurer)	X			
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<p>6. Receive overview of Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Program</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:09:28</i> Meeting materials for Agenda Item #6 are available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>County Staff, Brendan Clark: presents on Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Program, including program structure and current funding opportunities, project needs to qualify for grant such as CEQA, property acquisitions and easements, permitting, and other funding within the next 12-18 months; comments that groundwater projects will have additional approval process to verify that it is in alignment with the GSP and GSA structure.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: asks if the project needs to be shovel ready, staff confirms that this specific opportunity is for shovel-ready projects; asks how it connects to Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB), staff responds that it is separate and distinct, however any permits/approval from CCRWQCB need to be in place to be awarded grant.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: speaks.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: closes public comment; receives and files presentation.</p>
<p>7. Receive presentation on Paso Basin Aerial Groundwater Mapping Pilot Study</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:21:10</i> Meeting materials for Agenda Item #7 are available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ford: presents on Paso Basin Aerial Groundwater Mapping Study which identified potential groundwater recharge areas and created a hydrogeologic conceptual model.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: asks about elevations on the cross sections, staff confirms that the cross sections are based on elevation from sea level.</p> <p>Vice Chair Turrentine: asks if there any other further steps, staff responds that this study is essentially finished but DWR is planning more statewide AEM surveys.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: asks if the favorable recharge areas that were identified would be good areas for stormwater capture, staff responds that the areas would require further investigation to determine other characteristics needed for recharge.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: asks if the Board of Supervisors (BOS) would need to direct staff to look at how to use the study, staff responds that BOS would need to direct staff to pursue further investigations in potential recharge areas.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor for public comment.</p>

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	<p>Greg Grewal and Ann Myhre: speak.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: closes public comment.</p>
<p>8. Receive presentation on Shandon-San Juan Water District Applications to State Water Resources Control Board to Appropriate Water for Nacimiento and Santa Margarita Lakes</p>	<p><i>Meeting Audio: Item start ~ 00:50:00</i></p> <p>Meeting materials for Agenda Item #8 are available at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</p> <p>Shandon-San Juan Water District Staff, Randy Diffenbaugh: presents on SSJWD’s applications for appropriating 14,000 acre-feet from Nacimiento Lake and 14,000 acre-feet from Santa Margarita Lake that were submitted to SWRCB on February 4th, 2021; SSJWD intends to construct conveyance facilities to convey water from the reservoirs to the basin for recharge, where it will later be pumped for use.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: asks if water will be conveyed into the basin and then be extracted in another location within the basin.</p> <p>Shandon-San Juan Water District Staff, Randy Diffenbaugh: responds that the plan is to put the water where it can then be extracted and used within the district’s boundaries</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: asks where the 14,000 acre-foot calculation came from.</p> <p>Shandon-San Juan Water District Staff, Randy Diffenbaugh: responds that quantities for each lake were derived independently of each other and that it was a coincidence that they both happen to be 14,000 acre-feet.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal, Ann Meyer, Dennis Loucks, Nancy Issacson, Patricia Wilmore, and Cody Ferguson: speak.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: closes public comment.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: speaks about surprise to see the two applications for water appropriations from two infrastructure projects that are important to the health of the Salinas River; expresses that as a representative for county residents she does not believe county residents would want water from the watershed used for groundwater recharge in the SSJWD; motions to write to the SWRCB from the PBCC expressing opposition to the SSJWD’s two applications.</p> <p>The motion does not pass.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: expresses that the City of Paso Robles would like to see more information and the applications for the water appropriations.</p>

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	<p>Vice Chair Turrentine: expresses that SSJWD sees the applications as the first steps towards achieving basin sustainability.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: applauds SSJWD on finding possible supplemental water supply, expresses concerns on conveyance and lack of information.</p> <p>Vice Chair Turrentine: SSJWD welcomes input and partnership with other GSAs and stakeholders.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: reiterates that he is not sure about taking a position yet and that the Cooperative Committee needs to continue working together to find solutions.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: does not see these applications as “finding water”, sees it as water that is citizen-owned that are part of the county’s future water plans; expresses concerns of large agricultural entities utilizing the water to their benefit; expresses need for more discussion on SSJWD applications for water appropriations.</p> <p>Vice Chair Turrentine: reiterates SSJWD’s intention is to help bring basin into balance, hopes for collaboration with other GSAs moving forward.</p> <p>Chair Arnold: expresses that the appropriations were not what the Naci partners or County had in mind.</p> <p>Treasurer Hamon: reiterates that he would have preferred if the project was from the PBCC as a whole and not just one of the GSAs.</p> <p>Vice Chair Turrentine: reiterates need to collaborate as a committee, need to seize the opportunity to capture flood flows.</p>
9. Committee Member Comments	No comments.
10. Upcoming meeting(s)	<p>Committee Meeting Schedule for 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, July 21, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. • Wednesday, October 27, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
11. Future Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee agrees to continue the discussion on Item 8 at the PBCC meeting on July 21, 2021.
12. Adjourn	Chair Arnold moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m.