

Paso Basin Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Paso Robles City Council Chambers **Thursday, January 22, 2015**
1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles **2 pm – 4 pm**

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| 1. Introductions and Determination of a Quorum | Committee/Public | 2:00 pm |
| 2. Approve December and January Special and Regular Meeting Minutes | Chair/Staff | 2:05 pm |
| 3. County Efforts (see staff report) | Staff/Chair | 2:15 pm |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. AB 2453 Paso Basin Water District Formation Process Update b. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update c. Computer Model Update d. Supplemental Water Supply Options Study Update e. Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update f. Draft Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater Update g. Consider advising the Board of Supervisors regarding County efforts | | |
| 4. Approach to Replacing Rural Resident Member (Steve Crouch) and Alternate Member (currently William Frost) (see staff report) | Chair | 3:10 pm |
| 5. Subcommittee Reports/Recommended PBAC Actions | Chair/Chairs | 2:45 pm |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approach to Replacing Subcommittee Vacancies (see staff report) b. Computer Model Update c. Conservation d. In-Basin Projects e. Management f. Outreach and Education g. Supply Options | | |
| 6. Public Comment | Public | 3:40 pm |
| 7. Future meeting topics/committee comments | Committee | 3:55 pm |
| 8. Adjourn | Chair | 4:00 pm |

The purpose of the Paso Basin Advisory Committee is to advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning policy decisions relating to:

- Implementation of the Basin Groundwater Management Plan
- Development of a "enhanced" Groundwater Management Plan for the Basin
- Formation of a new water district
- Transition of an initial County-supported district to an independent district
- Other policies and ordinances

The Committee will also serve as a public forum to discuss and collect comments on Basin

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
TEMPLETON COMMUNITY CENTER

December 18, 2014
Draft Meeting Minutes

An audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted during public comment are available online at www.PasoBasin.org

Approximately 2:00 pm the meeting is called to order

1. Introductions and determination of a Quorum- Quorum established.
2. Approve November Meeting Minutes- The November 20, 2014, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee was reviewed. One amendment was made to correct the spelling of Alternate Member Jaime Hendrickson's name in part e. Member Luft moves to approve the November meeting minutes, as amended, with a second by Alternate Member Cunha (19-0-1-4).
3. Subcommittee Reports/ Recommended PBAC Actions-
 - a. Computer Model Update- Subcommittee Chair Sue Luft requests that the Committee submit a letter advising the Board of Supervisors to support recommendations for model refinement and additional model runs. Discussion ensues regarding stabilization of sub- basins and supplemental water supply availability. Member Wilmore motions to approve the subcommittees request with a second by Member Christianson. Committee voted unanimously (20-0-0-4). Inflow calculations and basin watershed boundaries as provided by the consultant arise discussion.
 - b. Conservation- Subcommittee Chair Devin Best reports the subcommittee will meet on January 8, 2014, and will have recommendations for the Committee shortly thereafter.
 - c. In-Basin Projects- Subcommittee Chair Larry Werner mentioned that the subcommittee did not meet in December and the next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2014.
 - d. Management- Subcommittee Chair Christine Halley states that the subcommittee met on December 1, 2014. The subcommittee reviewed the assignment of power with respect to the LAFCO guidelines as well as LAFCO's role on the proposed Water District. The subcommittee also discussed the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) and what is necessary for all of the agencies across the basin to work together. Bulletin 118 basin boundaries and model boundaries were also a topic of discussion, specifically, which boundaries will be used to

determine GSA's. The next subcommittee meeting will be at 9:00 am on January 12, 2014 at the Paso Robles City Council Chambers; Ms. Halley asks the meeting be publically noticed. Discussion ensues on Proposition 1 grant money available, grant applications and a determination of an applicant.

- e. Outreach and Education- Subcommittee Chair Jaime Hendrickson announced the subcommittee met on November 24, 2014. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2014. Ms. Howard, Public Works Staff, notes that after consulting with County Counsel, Public Works determined it was not appropriate to fund the subcommittees outreach efforts. The decision was made due to Staff proceeding with the LAFCO application for a water district under the direction of the Board of Supervisors. Discussion ensues on the charge of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will take on a "review and advise" role due to the lack of funding.
 - f. Supply Options- Subcommittee Chair Jeff Britz reports that the subcommittee has not met since their last meeting. The subcommittee is awaiting the release of draft Technical Memorandums from County Staff, the Tech Memos will subsequently be reviewed and the Committee will then be advised.
4. Update on Paso Robles Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects- Matt Thompson, City of Paso Robles Public Works Department Environmental Engineer, gave a presentation on the city's water treatment plant, waste water treatment plant upgrades, and the recycled water initiative. Discussion ensues on water quality of recycled water. Mr. Thompson reports the preliminary design will be completed in the spring. The production of recycled water is estimated to cost \$10M- \$13M. The recycled water facility, projected to be completed in 3-4 years, will be located north of Highway 46 near the east interchange with Highway 101. Discussion arises regarding the salinity of water that will be placed back into the basin and hardness of Nacimiento water. The Committee discussed the introduction of supplemental water at different locations throughout the city.
 5. Update on Nacimiento Pipeline Repair- Ms. Howard, Public Works Staff, informs the Committee the Nacimiento pipeline repair is on schedule. Ms. Howard announced the Board of Supervisors authorization to proceed with the pipeline repair. Member John Neil, Atascadero Mutual Water Company, stated the goal is to have the pipeline available for use by April 1, 2015; Paso Robles successively will commission their water treatment plant. Nacimiento pipeline repair includes a 26" diameter high density polyethylene pipe to be inserted into the existing 30" steel pipe, in which the existing pipe will act as a sleeve. The new pipe will decrease capacity by about 14%, however, availability of the pipeline is more critical than a reduction in capacity. The County will be looking to expedite the bidding process. The cause of failure is being investigated.
 6. Public Comment- Resident Cindy Steinbeck speaks to the quiet title claim filed by her family and several other landowners overlying the Paso Basin and recent associated court action, as well as overlying landowner water rights, basin management and the potential

role of adjudication. Various Committee members speak to the expense and long time frames for adjudication proceedings and the need to focus on actions that provide additional water and/or offset demand for the benefit of the Paso Basin.

7. Future meeting topics/committee comments- Near- term topics include potential new uses of Lake Nacimiento water in the Basin, development of catchment basins for storm water, and Nacimiento/ Salinas contracts along with reservoir updates. Other recommendations include details on the City of San Luis Obispo water rights license; an update to the computer model including watershed area that drains to the lakes; and a time frame and a more detailed presentation on Proposition 1 money available. Water waste ordinance, update on exportation of water ordinance, and the possible development of a more robust annual monitoring and reporting program are all proposed topics.
8. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned approximately 4:00 pm.

Paso Robles Groundwater Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form

Organization	Representative		MOTION 1				MOTION 2				MOTION 3				
			AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS															
Atascadero Mutual Water Company	John Neil	M	X				X				X				
	Jaime Hendrickson	A													
Central Coast Vineyard Team	Kris Beal	M													
	Willy Cunha	A	X				X				X				
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M													
	Christine Halley	A	X				X				X				
City of San Luis Obispo	Carlyn Christianson	M	X				X				X				
	John Ashbaugh	A													
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Robert Johnson	M				X			X					X	
	Howard Franklin	A													
Paso Robles Imperiled Overlying Rights (PRIOR)	Steve Sinton	M													
	Kent Gilmore	A	X				X				X				
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	Patricia Wilmore	M	X				X				X				
	Jerry Reaugh	A													
San Miguel Community Services District	Anthony Kalvans	M				X			X	X					
	Dan Gilmore	A													
Shandon (County Service Area 16)	Donna Ellis	M				X			X					X	
	Susan Howard	A													
SLO County Cattlemen's Association	Kurt Bollinger	M		X			X			X					
	Dale Evanson	A													
SLO County Farm Bureau	Paul Clark	M				X			X					X	
	Megan Silcott	A													
Templeton Community Services District	Jeff Britz	M	X				X			X					
	Tina Mayer	A													
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD	Laura Edwards	M													
	Devin Best	A	X				X			X					
AT-LARGE															
Viticulture Agriculturalist At-Large	Dana Merrill	M													
	Robert Brown	A	X				X			X					
Non-Viticulture Irrigated Crop Agriculturalist At-Large	Bill Spencer	M	X				X			X					
	John DeRosier	A													
Environmental At-Large	Sue Harvey	M	X				X			X					
	Daniel Meade	A													
Rural Residential At-Large	Sue Luft	M	X				X			X					
	Michael Baugh	A													
	Claudia Engel	M	X				X			X					
	Maria Lorca	A													
	Edward C. Redig	M	X				X			X					
	Jim DeRose	A													
	Steve Crouch	M	X				X			X					
	William Frost	A													
	George Tracy	M	X				X			X					
	Don Wilson	A													
	(District 1)	Randy Diffenbaugh	M	X				X			X				
		Randy Heinzen	A												
(District 5)	Greg Grewal	M	X				X			X					
	Dr. Serena Friedman	A													
Undesignated At-Large	Larry Werner	M	X				X			X					
	Miller Newlon	A													
Total:			19	0	1	4	20	0	0	4	21	0	0	3	

MOTION 1	
Item #: <u> 2 </u>	Pass/Fail?: <u> Pass </u>
Motion Maker: <u> Luft </u>	Seconded: <u> Cunha </u>
Motion: Approve November meeting minutes as amended.	
MOTION 2	
Item #: <u> 3. a </u>	Pass/Fail?: <u> Pass </u>
Motion Maker: <u> Wilmore </u>	Seconded: <u> Christianson </u>
Motion: Committee submit a letter advising the Board of Supervisors to support recommendations for model refinement and additional model runs.	
MOTION 3	
Item #: <u> 8 </u>	Pass/Fail?: <u> Pass </u>
Motion Maker: <u> Harvey </u>	Seconded: <u> Brown </u>
Motion: Adjournment	

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
TEMPLETON COMMUNITY CENTER

December 8, 2014
Draft Meeting Minutes

Approximately 6:30 pm the meeting is called to order

1. Introductions and determination of a Quorum- Brief introductions.
2. Presentation on the Paso Basin Computer Model Update Project , including question/answer and comment period for committee members and the public – Joe Kingsbury from Geoscience Support Services, Inc. and Iris Priestaff from Todd Groundwater present a summary of the computer model update process, key outcomes and recommended next steps. Discussion ensues regarding the results, how the surrounding watershed was accounted for in the model and the basin hydrogeology. No actions were considered by the Committee.
3. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned approximately 6:30 pm.

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

January 12, 2015
DRAFT MEETING NOTES

A special meeting of the Committee was convened to facilitate a publicly-noticed meeting of the Management Subcommittee.

1. Introductions and Determination of a Quorum: Quorum lacking at onset of meeting such that Management Subcommittee discussion items were first addressed. Actionable Basin Advisory Committee item held until quorum later established.
3. Approve December Management Subcommittee Notes: Subcommittee Member Cunha moved to approve December 1, 2014, meeting notes with a second by Subcommittee Member Luft (5-0-1-3)
4. Water District Formation Discussion
 - a. LAFCO Update – David Church, Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission, confirmed that further consideration by LAFCO awaits application submittal by the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. He is participating in some Groundwater Sustainability Agency discussions such as those surrounding the Atascadero subbasin. Contemplated changes to State Dept of Water Resources’ “Bulletin 118” groundwater basin boundaries will require scientific, hydrogeologic evidence to be considered at the State level.

Craig Thomas, representing Spanish Lakes Mutual Water Co., asked about compliance with the newly enacted Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and remarked that the water company had yet to be approached on the subject. Carolyn Berg of San Luis Obispo County Public Works Dept shared that the Board of Supervisors would consider compliance and outreach topics at their January 13th and 27th meetings. She expects to open dialogue with broader set of stakeholders pending Board of Supervisors’ direction.
 - b. Formation Application Update – Carolyn Berg shared that staff is on track to submit Water District application materials for Board of Supervisors’ consideration in April 2015. Boundary matters are being evaluated now, as well as evaluating initial operating budget which is expected to be on the order of \$1 million/yr, excluding implementation programs and projects. NBS Financial Group has been hired to assist, utilizing information provided in the draft “Comparative Analysis and Conceptual Initial Operating Budget for the Proposed Paso Robles Water Management Agency” dated June 27, 2014, by HydroMetrics. The comparative cost to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act via perhaps a Flood Control District zone of benefit is being assembled by County staff.
 - c. Defining Basin Boundary and GSA’s – Christine Halley reviewed the need to confirm the boundary to be addressed in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Sustainability Plan, noting that groundwater basin portion of DWR Basin 3-4.06 is likely to be addressed in a single, coordinated Plan. Her understanding is that the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act sets an expectation that a single Groundwater Sustainability Agency would comply basinwide, but

allows for multiple “GSA’s” so long as the Plan is adopted by all.

Confirmation of the boundary and who will act as GSA(s) is foundational to compliance with the law. More importantly, getting thus organized is foundational to sustaining water supplies.

The Management Subcommittee appeals to the County Dept of Public Works to host strategy meetings initially with larger stakeholders with the intent of expanding the discussion through the Management Subcommittee and other venues to include more stakeholders over time. Christine agreed to contact the County Public Works Director to make the arrangements.

2. Rescheduling January 2015 Basin Advisory Committee Meeting – Upon confirmation that a quorum was now present by Committee Chairman Neil, Member Spencer moved to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting of the Basin Advisory Committee on January 15, 2015, and to instead hold a special meeting on January 22, 2015, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Paso Robles City Council Chambers. Member Brown seconded the motion; (14-0-0-0).

5. Groundwater Sustainability Action
 - a. No representative of Monterey County or the Monterey County Water Resources Agency was present to report status.
 - b. Carolyn Berg announced that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors would consider countywide Groundwater Sustainability Act compliance steps at their January 13, 2015, meeting. On January 27, 2015, they will discuss the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin area in particular.
 - c. Member Neil updated the group on the potential for the Atascadero subbasin area to organize as a separate GSA, poised to participate in and adopt the basinwide Plan. It is his view that unique issues surround the Atascadero subbasin area such as the presence of the Rinconada Fault and other hydrogeologic features and the large influence supplemental water has on groundwater levels in the subbasin, but perhaps most importantly are the historical and projected steady water levels that suggest sustainability. He believes the unique setting suggests that sustainability steps and oversight may be best apart from the proposed Water District. Expectations are that costs to organize as an Atascadero subbasin area GSA and to comply with the Plan would be significantly less than if approached as part of the broader Water District, particularly if Atascadero Mutual Water Co. were to provide primary GSA administrative support.

Management Subcommittee members made remarks confirming City of Paso Robles’ inclusion in the subbasin area, benefits of adhering to DWR Bulletin 118 basin boundaries, and questioning the basis for a groundwater “subbasin” designation. Overall, organizing the Atascadero subbasin into a GSA would follow the same basic steps as would be followed if the area were to join the Water District and others in the main basin.

Atascadero Mutual Water Company and others in the subbasin area will continue to meet to consider this topic.

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January 12, 2015 Meeting Notes

- d. No steps have been taken to act on the Basin Advisory Committee’s September 2014 recommendation to release surplus Nacimiento water for North County regional benefit.
6. Management Subcommittee 2015 Meeting Calendar – Schedule for first Mondays of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Paso Robles City Council Chambers (to be confirmed).
7. Future Management Subcommittee Meeting Topics – Member Steve Crouch has stepped down due to a health issue such that a replacement is needed. Members Frost, Engel, and Lorca express willingness to fill the open subcommittee seat.

Consider ways to involve mutual water companies and other stakeholders in Sustainable Groundwater Management Act compliance.

Meeting adjourned approximately 10:40 am.

Next meeting of the Management Subcommittee is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2015, at 9:00 am at Paso Robles City Council Chambers.

Notes prepared by C. Halley

**Paso Robles Groundwater Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form
January 12, 2015 Special Meeting**

Organization	Representative		MOTION 1			
			AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS						
Atascadero Mutual Water Company	John Neil	M	X			
	Jaime Hendrickson	A				
Central Coast Vineyard Team	Kris Beal	M				
	Willy Cunha	A	X			
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M				
	Christine Halley	A	X			
City of San Luis Obispo	Carlyn Christianson	M				X
	John Ashbaugh	A				
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Robert Johnson	M				X
	Howard Franklin	A				
Paso Robles Imperiled Overlying Rights (PRIOR)	Steve Sinton	M				
	Kent Gilmore	A	X			
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	Patricia Wilmore	M				X
	Jerry Reaugh	A				
San Miguel Community Services District	Anthony Kalvans	M				X
	Dan Gilmore	A				
Shandon (County Service Area 16)	Susan Howard	M				X
	Vacant	A				
SLO County Cattlemen's Association	Kurt Bollinger	M				X
	Dale Evanson	A				
SLO County Farm Bureau	Paul Clark	M	X			
	Megan Silcott	A				
Templeton Community Services District	Jeff Britz	M				
	Tina Mayer	A	X			
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD	Devin Best	M				X
	Amy Smart	A				
AT-LARGE						
Viticulture Agriculturalist At-Large	Dana Merrill	M				
	Robert Brown	A	X			
Non-Viticulture Irrigated Crop Agriculturalist At-Large	Bill Spencer	M	X			
	John DeRosier	A				
Environmental At-Large	Sue Harvey	M	X			
	Daniel Meade	A				
Rural Residential At-Large	Sue Luft	M	X			
	Michael Baugh	A				
	Claudia Engel	M	X			
	Maria Lorca	A				
	Edward C. Redig	M				X
	Jim DeRose	A				
	Vacant	M				
	William Frost	A	X			
	George Tracy	M				X
	Don Wilson	A				
(District 1)	Randy Diffebaugh	M	X			
	Randy Heinzen	A				
(District 5)	Greg Grewal	M				X
	Dr. Serena Friedman	A				
Undesignated At-Large	Larry Werner	M	X			
	Miller Newlon	A				
Total:			14	0	0	10

MOTION 1	
Item #: <u>2</u>	Pass/Fail?: <u>Pass</u>
Motion Maker: <u>Spencer</u>	Seconded: <u>Brown</u>
Motion: <u>Cancel the regular meeting (1/15/15) and hold special meeting (1/22/15)</u>	

MOTION 2	
Item #:	Pass/Fail?: _____
Motion Maker:	Seconded:
AYE: NO: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	
Motion:	

MOTION 3	
Item #:	Pass/Fail?: _____
Motion Maker:	Seconded:
AYE: NO: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	
Motion:	

MOTION 4	
Item #:	Pass/Fail?: _____
Motion Maker:	Seconded:
AYE: NO: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	
Motion:	

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee

FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer

DATE: January 22, 2015

SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 3: County Efforts

Recommendation

Receive an update on County efforts and consider developing recommendations for the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion

SLO County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Role

With respect to the role of the County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (County), it is important to note that the County is funded by Countywide tax payers at a level that is generally adequate to produce a moderate volume of technical studies and reports focused on water and flood control issues, when these tax monies are supplemented by grant funds and other one-time sources.

A long standing policy of the Board of Supervisors is that when any specific project, especially one involving construction activities, is proposed, the beneficiaries of that project must provide the necessary funding. This is because the overall water and flood control needs throughout the County clearly exceed the County's ability to fund physical projects. In order to initiate work on a specific water supply project/program (which presumably would include an ongoing operations, maintenance and monitoring program), a specific long-term funding source would need to be established towards paying the costs of developing, building, and operating the water supply project/program.

The following is a brief update on the efforts County staff has been directed to accomplish in accordance with the County's role.

AB 2453 Paso Basin Water District Formation Process

On October 14, 2014, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to lead the effort to potentially form an AB 2453 Paso Basin Water District. It is important to note three of the major guiding statutes associated with this effort and approval processes:

Statute	Approval Processes
Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formation Application (Local Agency Formation Commission)
AB 2453	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formation Vote (1 Landowner, 1 Vote) Election of Board of Directors (Landowner/Resident Hybrid)
Prop 218	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding of Water District Governance Operations (Appropriate Method TBD)

On January 27, 2015, staff will be discussing the following topics associated with the process of potentially forming an AB 2453 Paso Basin Water District with the Board of Supervisors:

- Water District Boundaries
- Water District Powers
- Mechanism to fund Water District
- Water District Formation Process Schedule

It is anticipated that the staff report and associated materials will be available at the following link the week of January 20th:

http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/clerk/BoardofSupervisors/Live_and_archived_meetings_online.htm

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

On January 14, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved the attached SGMA Strategy, and directed staff to implement the policy as written. Next steps include coordinating meetings for preliminary discussions amongst government agencies and water purveyors in each high and medium priority basin.

Computer Model Update

On January 14, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the contract with Geoscience Support Services, Inc. to refine the model and perform the following analyses (model runs):

- Updated Baseline with Growth
- Analysis 1 – Demand Reduction Scenario
- Analysis 2 – Salinas River Recharge
- Analysis 3 – Offset Basin Pumping with Recycled Water
- Analysis 4 – Offset Water Demand in Estrella Sub-Area
- Analysis 5 – Additional Releases to Huer Huero Creek
- Analysis 6 – Additional Releases to Estrella River
- Analysis 7 – Offset Pumping in Creston Sub-Area
- Analysis 8 – Offset Pumping in Shandon Sub-Area
- Analysis 9 – Additional Salinas Reservoir Releases

This effort is estimated to take approximately 6 months. It is anticipated that Model Update Subcommittee would be the appropriate subcommittee to review refinement efforts. However, the PBAC may wish to discuss which subcommittee(s) is appropriate to review analyses efforts. For example, Analysis 2 (Salinas River Recharge) specifically addresses a recommendation by the Management Subcommittee to consider using unused Nacimiento water to recharge the Salinas River.

Supplemental Water Supply Options Study

Please find attached a summary of the study and current status. Staff has not been directed to stop work on the study. Information contained in the documents associated with the study will be important for SGMA implementation (particularly for Sustainability Plan development) and

any alternative analysis documentation required by funding applications or the California Environmental Quality Act.

Countywide Water Conservation Programs Development

The County Planning Department has been tasked with developing the following county-wide programs:

- Water Neutral New Development and Agriculture (LOS III basins only)
 - Agriculture Offset Program
 - “Cash for grass”
 - Plumbing retrofits
- Water Waste Prevention (Urban/Rural, Agricultural)
- Retrofit-on-Sale
- Water Supply Studies for new subdivisions (LOS III basins only)
- New landscaping requirements

On February 3, 2015, staff will be seeking Board of Supervisors direction on the key issues to address under each program, and presenting a menu of options and associated considerations. The Water Resources Advisory Committee has also formed subcommittees to develop recommendations to the Board of Supervisors as the programs are developed. If the programs are approved later this year, program aspects similar to those in the Paso Basin Urgency Ordinance (mainly within the Water Neutral New Development Program) would replace the Urgency Ordinance requirements, which expire on August 26, 2015. All of these new programs would be implemented on a county-wide basis, except where specified above.

Draft Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater

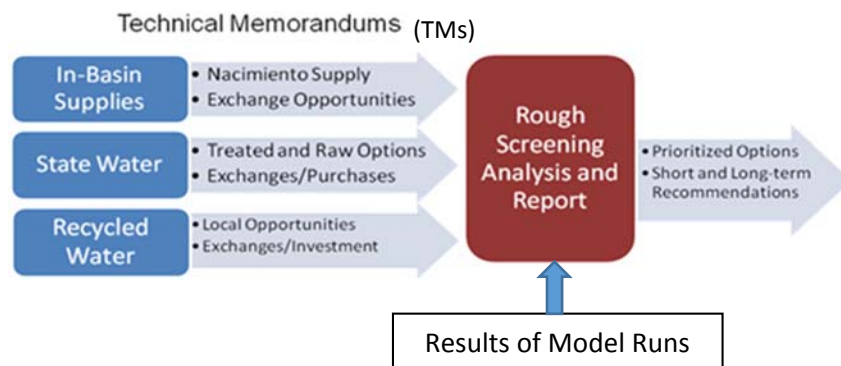
On November 25, 2014, the Board of Supervisors continued consideration of the ordinance off calendar.

Attachments:

County SGMA Strategy (separate due to size)
Supplemental Water Supply Options Study Timeline

Paso Basin Supply Options Study Status – January 2015

- ▶ How much State Water, Nacimiento Water and Recycled Water are available?
- ▶ What time of the year is it available and for how long into the future?
- ▶ At what points geographically is the water available?
 - ▶ What would it take to get it there?
 - ▶ Is it treated or raw water? Suitable uses?
 - ▶ What would it take to make it available to a Basin Management District?
 - ▶ How much does it cost?



Timeline

- ✓ Contract Signed – May 2014
- ✓ Project deferred – June – Aug 2014 (Drought Priorities)
- ✓ Project Restarted – Sept – Oct 2014 (TM #1 – Project Approach)
- ✓ Develop Nacimiento, Recycled and State Water Tech Memos (Nov 14 – Jan 15)

TM Review/Release Steps Anticipated Completion Timing:

Water Option	Recycled	Nacimiento	State Water
Admin Draft Received	✓	✓	✓
Staff Review	✓	Mid Feb	Late Feb
Release Approval	Late Jan	Early March	Mid March
Agency Review	Mid Feb	Mid March	Late March
Subcommittee/Public	Mid March	Mid April	Late April
Final Draft	Early April	Early May	Mid May

- 2 Town Hall Meetings to discuss which opportunities move to rough screening and why, plus Q&A (April/May 2015)
 - Nacimiento and Recycled Water TM (April)
 - State Water (May)
- Model Runs (April/May 2015)
- Rough Screening with Public Subcommittee Workshop (April – July 2015)
- Reporting of Results and Public Meetings (Fall 2015)

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee

FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer

DATE: January 22, 2015

SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 4: Approach to Replacing Rural Resident Member (Steve Crouch) and Alternate Member (currently William Frost)

Recommendation

Consider approach to replacing Rural Resident at-Large Member (Steve Crouch) and Alternate Member (currently William Frost).

Discussion

Steve Crouch, Rural Resident at-Large Member from the Jardine area east of Paso Robles, has voluntarily resigned from the Paso Basin Advisory Committee (PBAC) for personal reasons. His alternate, William Frost, has indicated that he would like to serve as the member. Applying the principle of first-right-of-refusal for the alternate member, and after proper noticing of the vacancy per the Maddy Act, staff would recommend to the Board that William Frost replace Steve Crouch as a Rural Resident at-Large Member for the PBAC.

This action would open a vacancy for the alternate member to Mr. Frost. The PBAC may wish to consider the following with regards to the approach for evaluating applications for that position and developing recommendations. Ultimately, the appointment is made by the Board of Supervisors.

Original Criteria

When the PBAC was created, staff had developed recommendations for the members and alternate members based on previous participation on the Blue Ribbon Committee and the geographic location of applicants' residences (a diverse representation geographically in the Basin was sought).

Vision for at-Large Members

The PBAC may wish to consider forming an ad-hoc subcommittee to develop alternative criteria and/or a vision for at-large members in order to facilitate the development of recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Water Resources Advisory Committee's Vision for At-Large Members is attached for reference.

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: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: January 22, 2015
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 5.a: Approach to Replacing Subcommittee Vacancies

Recommendation

Consider approach to replacing subcommittee vacancies.

Discussion

Steve Crouch, Rural Resident at-Large Member from the Jardine area east of Paso Robles (or William Frost, as his alternate, in Mr. Crouch's absence), served on the Management Subcommittee. William Frost has indicated that he would like to serve as the member on the Management Subcommittee rather than retaining his role on the Conservation Subcommittee. Others are also interested in participating on the Management Subcommittee. Applying the principle of first-right-of-refusal for the alternate member, there would be a vacancy on the Conservation Subcommittee. The rosters for the Management and Conservation Subcommittees are attached for reference.

Groundwater Management Planning Subcommittee

Representative	Position	Organization	Type
Paul Clark	M	Farm Bureau	Agricultural
Bob Brown	A	Viticulture Agriculture	Agricultural
Willy Cunha	A	Vineyard Team	Conservation/Environmental
Sue Harvey	M	Environmental	Conservation/Environmental
Sue Luft	M	Rural Residential	Rural Residential
Jim DeRose	A	Rural Residential	Rural Residential
Steve Crouch	M	Rural Residential	Rural Residential
Robert Johnson	M	County of Monterey	Water Purveyor
Christine Halley	A	City of Paso Robles	Water Purveyor

Note: Subcommittee chair is highlighted above.

Conservation Subcommittee

Representative	Position	Organization	Type
Bill Spencer	M	Non-Viticulture Irrigated Crop	Agricultural
Bob Brown	A	Viticulture At-Large	Agricultural
Kris Beal	M	Vineyard Team	Conservation/ Environmental
Devin Best	M	US-LT RCD	Conservation/ Environmental
Michael Baugh	A	Rural Residential At-Large	Rural Residential
Steve Crouch	M	Rural Residential At-Large	Rural Residential
Randy Heinzen	A	Rural Residential At-Large (D1)	Rural Residential
Claudia Engel	M	Rural Residential At-Large	Rural Residential
Anthony Kalvans	M	San Miguel CSD	Water Purveyor

Note: Subcommittee chair is highlighted above.

**Outreach and Education Subcommittee
of
Paso Basin Advisory Committee
Meeting of January 5, 2015**

1:00 – 2:30 pm

**Atascadero Mutual Water Company Office
5005 El Camino Real, Atascadero**

Charge of the Subcommittee:

- *Provide input on the integration of outreach, education and conservation programs into the amended AB 3030 Plan*
- *Provide input on the approach to advertising for and conducting public workshops associated with basin efforts*
- *Provide input on the basin website(s)*
- *Provide input on how to convey technical information, such as the computer modeling results*

Agenda

ATTENDANCE

Name		Jan
Jaime Hendrickson, Chair	Alternate	x
Sue Luft	Member	x
Robert Brown	Alternate	x
Bill Spencer	Member	x
Michael Baugh	Alternate	x
Laurie Gage	Guest	x
Bruce Baird	Guest	x
John Diodoti	SLO Co.	x
Carolyn Berg	SLO Co.	x

1. O&E Update from County Staff –

County Staff John Diodoti and Carolyn Berg presented an overview of the outreach and education included in the Paso Basin Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) strategy plan. The outreach and education plan will be comprised of the three following elements:

1. Literature
2. Web, social media, e-newsletter
3. Attendance by County Staff at advisory committee and town hall meetings.

County Staff indicated that the literature element will include two direct mail pieces, the first by early April 2015. The first being an educational “what and why” related to the Proposition 218 and LAFCO processes. The second direct mail piece will include cost of the water district formation.

At minimum a description of the PBAC and actions taken will be included in part of the literature.

County Staff indicated that the election for Proposition 218 and the water district formation would likely take place in late 2015 via mail-in ballot.

The O&E Subcommittee voiced their concerns and provided input to County Staff on the following issues:

1. That the outreach and education described does not identify the problem in the basin or address the lack of awareness by many of the landowners.
 2. Identifying who the stakeholders are and making sure the non-resident landowners are notified.
 3. Having a presence on social media including Facebook.
 4. Not creating another County website and utilizing the pasobasin.org website as the clearing-house for the water district formation.
 5. Outreach in basin areas not under advisory bodies.
2. Discussion on the process for the O&E Subcommittee to “provide input.”
The Subcommittee agreed that input to County Staff will be directed through the O&E Subcommittee Chair.
3. Paso Basin Website –
The Subcommittee suggested to County Staff to have a GIS parcel map with the Paso Basin boundary available for landowners.
4. Frequently Asked Questions –
To address Subcommittee concerns with questions and misinformation being distributed the O&E Subcommittee moved to continue developing the FAQ. Staff said they would be willing to receive the input.
5. Future meeting topics/committee comments
The Subcommittee discussed developing an informational handout based on the facts and efforts of the PBAC Subcommittees. The information provided would be an update of the “About the Basin” text in the Blue Ribbon Committee website.
The Subcommittee is working on a list of sites for Town Hall Meetings:
- San Miguel Parish Hall (<http://www.missionsanmiguel.org/parish-center>)
 - San Miguel Fire Station
 - Meridian Fire Station (CalFIRE, off Hwy. 46E)
 - Estrella Warbird Museum, Paso near airport (not sure if within city limits, but it is quite far east) (<http://www.ewarbirds.org/about-us.html>)
 - Creston Elementary School auditorium
 - Creston Fire Station
 - Shandon High School auditorium
 - Shandon Fire Station
6. Future Items
- Development of PBAC Facts and Findings
 - Development of FAQ
7. Next meeting: Monday, February 2nd, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, AMWC Office

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: January 22, 2015
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 7: Suggested Future Agenda Items

The following list was developed to help members of the PBAC, the public, and County staff track requests for future PBAC agenda items. This list contains some of the potential items that have been requested by PBAC members, by the public, or by County staff. *Near-Term Items* are expected to come to the PBAC within several months, whereas *Long-Term Items* are expected to take longer. Items under the heading of “*Ongoing Updates*” reflect ongoing efforts/programs that staff or others would provide updates on as appropriate.

Near-Term Items

- Potential new uses of Lake Nacimiento water in the Basin
- Potential for development of catchment basins for storm water
- Proposition 1 opportunities
- Presentation on Salinas Reservoir Operation Requirements

Long-Term Items

- Development of recommendations for a more robust monitoring and reporting program

Ongoing Updates (as needed)

- Reservoir Conditions
- Nacimiento Water Project Repair and Water Use
- Water District Legislation (AB 2453)
- Ordinances (Export, Water Waste, Net Water Neutral Development)
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)
- Shandon State Water Turnout Project progress
- Paso Robles Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects progress
- Subcommittee Reports
- Member Reports
- Water Surface Elevation Trends (annually after Spring measurements)