

Paso Basin Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Templeton Community Center
601 S. Main Street, Templeton

Thursday, February 19, 2015
2 pm – 4 pm

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| 1. Introductions and Determination of a Quorum | Committee/Public | 2:00 pm |
| 2. Approve January Meeting Minutes | Chair/Staff | 2:05 pm |
| 3. County Efforts (please see staff report) | Staff/Chair | 2:15 pm |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update (e.g. offset programs) b. Water District Formation Process Update c. Nacimiento-San Antonio Interlake Tunnel Project Discussions d. Computer Model Efforts Update e. Consider advising the Board of Supervisors regarding County efforts | | |
| 4. Subcommittee Reports/Recommended PBAC Actions | Chair/Chairs | 2:45 pm |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Computer Model Update b. Conservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Review and approve letter requesting input from stakeholder organizations regarding best conservation practices and programs and consider appropriate distribution procedure c. In-Basin Projects d. Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Recommend the PBAC send letter to SLO County regarding supplemental water study approach ii. Recommend the PBAC send letter to SLO County regarding use of surplus Nacimiento Water e. Outreach and Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Recommend approval of criteria for at-large members to be used for developing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and potential bylaw changes ii. Recommend approval of criteria for subcommittee membership f. Supply Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Same recommendation as 5.d.ii | | |
| 5. Public Comment | Public | 3:40 pm |
| 6. Future meeting topics/committee comments | Committee | 3:55 pm |
| 7. 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:
PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

January 22, 2015
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 December 18, 2014, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee was reviewed. One amendment was made to correct language of the last sentence in 3.a. Member Luft moves to approve the December meeting minutes, as amended, with a Second by Alternate Member Brown. (19-0-2-3) The January 12, 2015 Management Subcommittee special meeting minutes were reviewed. Member Luft moves to approve the special meeting minutes with a second by Alternate Member Cunha. (15-0-6-3)
3. County Efforts (see staff report)-
 - a. AB 2453 Paso Basin Water District Formation Process Update- John Diodati, Public Works, responds to questions from the Committee regarding the process and informs the Committee regarding staff's recommendation that the proposed water district boundaries align with Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118 boundaries with a negative sphere of influence depicting the areas that would detach if the Bulletin 118 boundaries were modified to reflect the 2002 Basin Study boundaries (Fugro boundary). Mr. Diodati also notes the timeline and process for pursuing a revision to the Bulletin 118 boundaries to match local studies.
 - b. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update- Courtney Howard, County Public Works, notes Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) will be unique to each basin and will be developed by its respective Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or Agencies.
 - c. Computer Model Update- Ms. Howard announced the Board of Supervisors' approval to proceed with additional model runs and refinements; including an additional run to model releases from Salinas Reservoir. The Committee determines that the In- Basin Projects and Computer Model Update subcommittees will jointly participate in the project at key milestones.
 - d. Supplemental Water Supply Options Study Update- No discussion.

- e. Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update- Ms. Howard announces that the Board of Supervisors will be discussing long- term programs and/or ordinances on February 3.
 - f. Draft Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater Update-No discussion.
 - g. Consider advising the Board of Supervisors regarding County efforts- Member Luft suggests sending a letter to the Board supporting staff’s efforts associated with the Water District Formation Process. Discussion ensues on content of the letter and whether a draft letter or a more specific action on the agenda is required to take an action. Upon a motion by Member Sinton, a second by Alternate Member Halley, and discussion to refine the proposed language to act on the specific issue of boundaries separately, the Committee votes to indicate to the Board of Supervisors that “the [Committee] appreciates the regular updates by County Staff regarding the water district formation application. [The Committee] supports the staff’s efforts and believe they are pursuing the correct course.” (21-1-0-2) Discussion ensues on the whether it is more appropriate to recommend that the proposed water district boundaries be consistent with the Bulletin 118 boundary or the Fugro boundary and whether the Committee has had enough time to consider the issue and make a recommendation. The Committee discussed whether using the Fugro boundary will save time or create problems. Upon a motion by Member Sinton with a second by Alternate Member Halley, the Committee votes to indicate to the Board of Supervisors that the Committee “supports the County’s proposal to utilize Bulletin 118 groundwater basin boundaries with the understanding that those areas outside of the Fugro boundary will be removed from the district boundary when allowed to do so by the Department of Water Resources.” (18-3-1-2) Brief discussion ensues regarding the potential for management of watersheds surrounding the basin as a part of overall basin management efforts.
4. Approach to Replacing Rural Resident Member (Steve Crouch) and Alternate Member (currently William Frost) (see staff report)- Ms. Howard informs the Committee that Steve Crouch has resigned and that his alternate, Bill Frost, would like to be the regular member. Ms. Howard suggests the Committee consider a “first right refusal to the alternate” principle. She mentions if the Committee supports Alternate Member Frost’s interest in taking over the member role, she would notice the vacancies and recommend that the Board of Supervisors appoint Mr. Frost as member. Then the vacant position to fill would be a new alternate rural resident member. After a brief discussion, a motion by Alternate Member Cunha and second by Member Spencer, the Committee votes to recommend that the Board of Supervisors appoint William Frost as the Rural Resident at-large member to replace Steve Crouch (22-0-0-2). A suggestion is made to contact interested parties whom were not initially awarded a seat to inquire whether they are still interested in being a part of the Committee. The Outreach and Education Subcommittee is tasked with developing proposed at-large member qualifications criteria to use when

considering new Committee members and developing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

5. Subcommittee Reports/ Recommended PBAC Actions-

- a. Approach to Replacing Subcommittee Vacancies (see staff report)- Ms. Howard informs the Committee that Steve Crouch has resigned and that his alternate, Bill Frost, would like to be the regular member of the Management Subcommittee and resign his seat on the Conservation Subcommittee. Ms. Howard suggests the Committee consider a “first right refusal to the alternate” principle. Alternate Member Halley, chair of the Management Subcommittee, notes that others were also interested in participating on the Management Subcommittee. After a brief discussion, a motion by Alternate Member Cunha and second by Member Spencer, the Committee votes to appoint William Frost as the regular member of the Management Subcommittee, replacing Steve Crouch (22-0-0-2). The Outreach and Education Subcommittee is tasked with developing proposed qualifications criteria to use when considering new subcommittee appointments and it is noted that the Conservation Subcommittee now has a vacancy.
 - b. Computer Model Update- No report.
 - c. Conservation- The subcommittee continues to develop a list of best conservation practices.
 - d. In-Basin Projects- The subcommittee last met on January 7, and is focusing on stream retention opportunities during its next meeting on February 5, 2015.
 - e. Management- The next subcommittee meeting will be on February 2, 2015 and will be advertised as a special meeting in anticipation of a Committee quorum being present. Topics include the water district formation process, SGMA, and supplemental water projects.
 - f. Outreach and Education- The subcommittee continues to provide feedback on website improvements, the approach to outreach associated with the water district formation process and other outreach approaches regarding the Committee’s efforts. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2015.
 - g. Supply Options- The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2015.
6. Public Comment- Alternate Member Freidman requests that the Prop 218 process and opportunities for public input be clarified. Cindy Steinbeck speaks to the quiet title litigation, and adjudication and its relationship to SGMA provisions. Mr. Diodati explains that only basins that have been adjudicated as listed in the SGMA are exempt. Wayne Montgomery speaks to the findings of his research on adjudication outcomes. Alternate Member Halley speaks to the need to focus on finding a way to stabilize groundwater levels.
7. Future meeting topics/ Committee comments- The percolation study to be conducted by the Upper Salinas – Las Tablas RCD and Outreach and Education Subcommittee efforts are added to the future items list.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:00 pm.

Paso Robles Groundwater Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form

Organization	Representative	MOTION 1				MOTION 2				MOTION 3				MOTION 4				MOTION 5				MOTION 6				
		AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS																										
Atascadero Mutual Water Company	John Neil Jaime Hendrickson	M A	X			X				X				X				X				X				
Central Coast Vineyard Team	Kris Bear Willy Cunha	M A		X						X					X			X				X				
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel Christine Halley	M A				X				X				X				X				X				
City of San Luis Obispo	Vacant John Ashbaugh	M A				X				X					X				X						X	
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Robert Johnson Howard Franklin	M A			X			X		X			X			X		X				X				
Paso Robles Imperiled Overlying Rights (PRIOR)	Steve Sinton Kent Gilmore	M A	X			X				X			X			X		X				X				
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	Patricia Wilmore Jerry Reaugh	M A	X					X		X			X			X		X				X				
San Miguel Community Services District	Anthony Kalvans Dan Gilmore	M A			X				X	X			X			X		X				X				
Shandon (County Service Area 16)	Susan Howard Vacant	M A			X				X				X			X			X						X	
SLO County Cattleman's Association	Kurt Bollinger Dale Evanson	M A	X					X		X			X			X		X				X				
SLO County Farm Bureau	Paul Clark Megan Silcott	M A			X		X			X			X			X		X				X				
Templeton Community Services District	Jeff Britz Tina Mayer	M A	X			X				X			X			X		X				X				
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD	Devin Best Amy Smart	M A	X					X		X			X			X		X				X				
AT-LARGE																										
Viticulture Agriculturalist At-Large	Dana Merrill Robert Brown	M A																								
Non-Viticulture Irrigated Crop Agriculturalist At-Large	Bill Spencer John DeRosier	M A	X			X				X			X			X		X				X				
Environmental At-Large	Sue Harvey Daniel Meade	M A	X			X				X			X			X		X				X				
Rural Residential At-Large	Sue Luft Michael Baugh	M A	X			X				X			X			X		X				X				
	Claudia Engel Maria Lorca	M A	X			X				X			X			X		X				X				
	Edward C. Redig Jim DeRose	M A	X					X		X			X			X		X				X				
	Vacant William Frost	M A																								
	George Tracy Don Wilson	M A	X					X		X			X			X		X				X				
	(District 1) Randy Diffenbaugh Randy Heinzen	M A	X			X				X			X			X		X				X				
	(District 5) Greg Grewal Dr. Serena Friedman	M A	X			X				X			X			X		X				X				
Undesignated At-Large	Larry Werner Miller Newlon	M A	X			X				X			X			X		X				X				
Total:			19	0	2	3	15	0	6	3	21	1	0	2	18	3	1	2	22	0	0	2	22	0	0	2

MOTION 1	
Item #: <u> 2 </u>	Pass/Fail?: <u> Pass </u>
Motion Maker: <u> Luft </u>	Seconded: <u> Brown </u>
Motion: Approve December 18, 2014 meeting minutes	

MOTION 2	
Item #: <u> 2 </u>	Pass/Fail?: <u> Pass </u>
Motion Maker: <u> Luft </u>	Seconded: <u> Cunha </u>
Motion: Approve January 12, 2015 special meeting minutes	

MOTION 3	
Item #: <u> 3.g </u>	Pass/Fail?: <u> Pass </u>
Motion Maker: <u> Sinton </u>	Seconded: <u> Halley </u>
Motion: Express appreciation to staff for updates on the water district formation process and indicate belief that staff is pursuing the correct course.	

MOTION 4	
Item #: <u> 3.g </u>	Pass/Fail?: <u> Pass </u>
Motion Maker: <u> Sinton </u>	Seconded: <u> Halley </u>
Motion: Support staff's proposal to utilize Bulletin 118 boundaries with the understanding that areas outside the Fugro boundary will be removed when allowed to do so by DWR.	

MOTION 5	
Item #: <u> 4 </u>	Pass/Fail?: <u> Pass </u>
Motion Maker: <u> Cunha </u>	Seconded: <u> Spencer </u>
Motion: Recommend that the Board appoint William Frost as rural resident at large member, replacing Steve Crouch.	

MOTION 6	
Item #: <u> 5.a </u>	Pass/Fail?: <u> Pass </u>
Motion Maker: <u> Cunha </u>	Seconded: <u> Spencer </u>
Motion: Approve William Frost's appointment to the Management Subcommittee.	

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: February 19, 2015
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 3: County Efforts

Recommendation

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

Discussion

Countywide Water Conservation Development Programs

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

The Water Resources Advisory Committee has also formed subcommittees to develop recommendations to the Board of Supervisors as the programs are developed.

On February 3, 2015, staff sought Board of Supervisors direction on the key issues to address under each program, and presented a menu of options and associated considerations. A summary of the outcome is attached to the notes from the In Basin Projects subcommittee meeting (Agenda Item #4.c), however it should be noted that on February 10, 2015, the Board directed staff to bring back a discussion of the Water Neutral New Agriculture Program.

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, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to return within approximately 90 days with the draft water district formation application consistent with the following direction:

- Use DWR Bulletin 118 boundaries, but indicate that the Atascadero Subbasin is part of the sphere of influence to allow the Atascadero Subbasin to be added to the water district later if necessary.
- Include full AB 2453 powers in the draft application, with an analysis of AB 2453 in comparison to SGMA powers included in the staff report.
- Report back on possible Prop 218 funding mechanism processes and "clean-up" legislation for SGMA.

Staff will be attending area advisory committee meetings over the coming months.

Nacimiento-San Antonio Interlake Tunnel Project Discussions

Elected officials and staff of both Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties continue to participate in discussions regarding the Nacimiento-San Antonio Interlake Tunnel project and its design and cooperative opportunities. Discussion of the project by the full Board of Supervisors has yet to be scheduled.

Computer Model Efforts Update

The final Computer Model Update Report and a document containing the comments received and the consultant's responses are now posted on the website:

<http://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/Water%20Forum/Computer%20Modeling/index.htm>

The project team is initiating refinement work and will be initiating coordinating with the Model Update and In Basin Projects Subcommittees to develop the approach for the approved model runs in the coming months.

As part of the "Recharge Salinas River with surplus Nacimiento water" model run, the project team will be working with the existing participants to develop the operational pattern that would be anticipated given projected demands and existing facility capacities. It is anticipated that staff would bring consideration of this action to the Board upon review of the model run result and review of other related considerations, such as funding, contracts or regulations.

Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Conservation Subcommittee minutes

Date: February 5th, 2015 1-3pm RCD Office

1. Introduction and determination of a quorum:
 1. Members present:
 - A. Claudia Engel: Rural at large
 - B. Devin Best: US-LT RCD
 - C. Anthony Kalvans: San Miguel CSD
 - D. Mike Baugh: Rural at large
 - E. Bill Spencer: Non-viticulture irrigated agriculture at large
 - F. Robert Brown: Viticulture at large
 2. Member Reports:
 - A. The committee discussed the issues in collecting information regarding conservation and lack of any centralized information source.
 - B. Member Best and Engel presented to the in-basin subcommittee potential options for water conservation and strategies to implement.
2. Populate Conservation strategies list statement:
 1. List of potential and possible conservation strategies for each category.
 - A. The group continued populating the recommendation list for each category (*i.e.* Municipal, Rural/Residential, Ag, Open Space) and for each subcategory (policy vs. practice).
 - B. Subcommittee determined to outreach to list of vested stakeholder groups provided by Member Baugh.
 - C. Member Brown and Baugh drafted a letter to distribute to each stakeholder group asking for input on priority water conservation measures. The group reviewed and revised the form letter. In addition, it was discussed who should distribute the letter; PBAC vs. Subcommittee chair. It was agreed the letter should go to PBAC for review and direction on how to proceed.
 - D. Each member of the committee will continue on a section based on their expertise.
 - a. Municipalities: Anthony Kalvans
 - b. Rural Residential: Mike/Bob
 - c. Agriculture: Mike/Bob
 - d. Open Space: Claudia Engel/Devin Best
 2. Attendance
 - a. The group discussed attendance and requirements of being a member of the subcommittee. Since this discussion is going on in other subcommittees, the group decided to see what the outcome and direction was from PBAC
 3. County-wide Water ordinance
 - a. The group briefly discusses the outcome of the Board of Supervisors Meeting on February 3, 2015 and the role in which PBAC and its subcommittees have following the outcome of the meeting.

Next meeting March 5th.

February 5, 2015

Independent Grape Growers - Paso Robles Area

Dear

The Paso Basin Advisory Committee (PBAC) is charged with providing guidance to the County Board of Supervisors on issues concerning the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. The PBAC's Conservation Subcommittee is working on the development of water conservation guidelines and policies for municipal, rural residents, open area and agriculture that will help bring the Basin into balance. This is of vital importance as the State of California has enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) which requires the Paso Basin to be sustainably managed.

The County's latest Basin Model Update indicates the Basin has been pumping 2,600 acre feet per year (AFY), more than what has been recharged from 1981 to 2011. With no forecasted growth, the Model projects a 5,600 AFY deficit and a 26,000 AFY shortfall under a growth scenario. All Basin stakeholders therefore have a lot of work to narrow this gap.

Agriculture, while being the economic engine for the County, also consumes about 68% of the groundwater annually. Our Subcommittee wants to reach out to organizations such as yours to help us develop conservation policies and practices that will lead to sustainability. We believe more success will come if it is done as a bottom-up approach rather than having limits imposed from above.

Specifically, we are asking your group and its members to recommend policies and practices that could be implemented by your members. The goal would be to identify practices and the amount of annual acre feet that could be saved. To begin this process, we have attached some preliminary ideas our Subcommittee has developed that may help you and your members begin the process. It is clearly understood we cannot conserve our way out of this problem. Other PBAC subcommittees are working on supply solutions, however conservation is a vital part of the plan.

Our objective is to have your group and others like yours submit your conservation targets and strategies, however we would like to have this discussion with you prior to April 30th. It is our hope this data and the practices we cooperatively develop and implement can be written into the Basin's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) which is a requirement of the SGMA.

We would be happy to meet with you to answer any questions you may have and to insure we collaboratively work towards common sense conservation practices.

Sincerely yours,

Devin Best
Chairman
Conservation Subcommittee

**In-Basin Subcommittee
of
Paso Robles Basin Advisory Committee
Meeting of February 5, 2015**

11:30- 1:00

**North Coast Engineering
725 Creston Road Suite B**

Paso Robles

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Meeting Minutes

In-Basin Subcommittee of the Paso Robles Basin Advisory Committee

In Attendance:

Larry Werner

Sue Luft

Sue Harvey

Willy Cunha

Ed Redig

Patricia Wilmore

Claudia Engel

Guests:

Margy Lindquist from our local NRCS

Steve Gregory Councilman City of Paso Robles

Minutes of last meeting were accepted with a few minor corrections.

The Committee discussed the likelihood of finding existing maps or studies delineating areas of superior percolation potential in the basin. Several members are going to explore.

Margy Lindquist from the Templeton NRCS office <http://www.us-ltrcd.org/partners-2/nrcs-partnership/> spoke regarding potential projects they could help fund or guide in the basin to increase water infiltration. These projects will need to be on private property with the cooperation of the owner(s). They could help fund projects from catching run off from buildings and hard surfaces to water catchment and infiltration on appropriate sites on through helping with irrigation practices and monitoring. They need to take in account existing water rights of downstream users. Water quality concerns give the NRCS another reason to help fund projects similar to their efforts dealing with runoff from Ag greenhouses in the South County. New construction has good existing programs, but existing farms and ranches offer opportunities for projects. The NRCS and the RCD are looking for cooperators for potential projects within the basin. A group of nearby farms or vineyards could be put together under the auspices of a single project. The EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) offers contracts with financial incentives to individual farms. Interest parties could contact their office.

Sue Luft gave us an overview of Public Work's report to WRAC regarding the Jan. 27th BoS meeting. According to Ray Dienzo of Public Works, four motions were approved by the BoS regarding the application to LAFCO for the Paso Robles Basin Water District:

1. Take out Atascadero sub-basin and make it a positive Sphere of Influence.
2. Apply for all powers under AB 2453, bring back to the BoS an analysis of each power.
3. Continue work on the funding mechanism / Prop. 218 engineering study and report on any cleanup legislation introduced in Sacramento.
4. Return to the BoS with the draft application in approximately 90 days.

Sue Luft also gave us an overview of Planning's report to WRAC: see below

Future Topics:

1. Salinas Dam – potential for water
2. Residential Rural Projects and Best Management Practices.
3. Can we help the NRCS and RCD bring together their existing practices and projects that are most suitable for our area to help create Best Management Practices?
 - a. These would fit nicely with new Board direction.
 - b. These could be implemented immediately by owners with the interest and money.
 - c. These could give potential grant or project cooperators ideas for what they might potentially do on their property.

Date: February 3, 2015
To: WRAC
From: Xzandrea Fowler, Planner, Dept. of Planning and Building
Subject: Status Update on Various Countywide Water Programs, Policies and Ordinances

On February 3, 2015 the Board directed the Department of Planning and Building modify the scope of work on the development and implementation of Countywide Water Conservation programs, policies and ordinances.

The scope of work for the Countywide Water Conservation Program has been modified for the following proposed programs, policies, and ordinances:

1. Water Neutral New Development program, policies, and ordinances related to:
 - a. Urban/Rural Water Conservation Offset
 - Turf Removal Incentives (“Cash for Grass”) program method for verifying water savings by relying on standard water savings calculations and low water use replacement landscaping verification
2. Water Waste Prevention program, policies and ordinance related to:
 - a. Agricultural Water Waste
 - No ordinance, instead Best Management Practices for efficient agricultural water use that apply to different types of agricultural operations will be identified and include in the Agricultural Element of the County General Plan.
 - Development of educational programs for the public on how agriculture uses water and the purpose behind certain practices, and development educational resources for agriculturalist such as an industry clearinghouse to identify innovative water-efficient practices.
 - b. Urban/Rural Water Waste
 - Reviewing draft ordinance language to address areas that currently lack water waste prevention policies.

The following previously proposed programs, policies, and ordinances will no longer be pursued:

1. Water Neutral New Development program, policies, and ordinance related to:
 - a. Agricultural Water Conservation Offset
2. Water Waste Prevention program, policies, and ordinance related to:
 - a. Agricultural Water Waste: ordinance option

3. Retrofit-on-Sale expansion policies and ordinance
4. Water Supply Study preparation mandate policies and ordinance for land divisions within a certified LOS III groundwater basin

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) - An EIR was being prepared to evaluate the potential impacts associated with the implementation of the Water Neutral New Development and Water Waste Prevention programs. However, with the recent elimination of ordinances for Agricultural Water Conservation Offset and Agricultural Water Waste, preparation of an EIR may no longer be necessary.

Staff is reevaluating the timelines for the remaining programs and will bring the "Public Review Drafts" to the WRAC over the next few months to receive feedback on each program. Once WRAC and all other comments are received on the public review drafts, public hearing drafts will be prepared and brought to the Planning Commission and subsequently the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Please contact Xzandrea Fowler at xfowler@co.slo.ca.us for additional information.

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PASO ROBLES CITY SAFETY CENTER

February 2, 2015
MEETING NOTES

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

1. Introductions and Members Present: Quorum of the Basin Advisory Committee not present. Carried on with Management Subcommittee discussion topics.

Subcommittee members present –Sue Luft, Sue Harvey, Willy Cunha, Bob Brown, Rob Johnson, Christine Halley, William Frost

County staff present – John Diodati and Carolyn Berg

Others present –John Neil, Claudia Engel, Gwen Pelfrey, David Church, Michael Baugh, Tim Bailey, John Hollenbeck, David Hueur, David Spencer
2. Approve January Management Subcommittee Notes: Subcommittee Member Luft moved to approve January 12, 2015, meeting notes with one correction – Item 4.b – the financial firm retained by the County is NBS Financial Group; seconded by Member Cunha; passed unanimously.
3. Water District Formation Discussion:
 - a. Purpose of Water District – Participants recapped the purpose of the proposed Water District. That is to “provide a governmental framework...to balance the supply to and consumption of groundwater” (AB 2453). There is a need to organize the unincorporated portion of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin within SLO County for sustainable water supply over the long-term. Two local options for organization are a “zone” of the SLO Flood Control District, or a Water District. The Water District has surfaced as the preferred local option, backed by both agricultural and rural residential interests.
 - b. Formation Application Update – John Diodati anticipated that the Water District formation application will go to the Board of Supervisors by late March/early April, likely to encompass approximately 8,000 parcels over 500,000 acres. Board expressed interest in the comparison of powers under AB 2453 and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.¹ LAFCO’s 9 am meeting on February 19, 2015, will include an item on the Act and powers.

Rob Johnson is attending a series of meetings in Monterey County to discuss the Groundwater Sustainability Agency appointment.
4. Strategy Meeting: There is a need to confirm both the boundary and the Groundwater Sustainability Agenc(ies). The Management Subcommittee considered urging SLO County to host a “strategy meeting” in this regard. Concerns were voiced regarding inclusiveness and the merits of broad, open discussions. Alternative points were made regarding the need to be ready for broad

¹ See comparison of powers included in Management Subcommittee Feb 2, 2015, agenda materials.

discussions so that they are effective. Subcommittee chose not to forward a recommendation to host the strategy meeting.

5. Actions to Sustain Supplies:

- a. **Interlake Tunnel** – Rob Johnson presented the proposed Interlake Tunnel project, an approximately \$48 million physical solution to allow more combined storage in Lakes Nacimiento and San Antonio. The contemplated tunnel is 10 foot diameter and would flow by gravity from Nacimiento to San Antonio, with the inlet resting perhaps 50 feet below the Nacimiento dam crest. Also under consideration is a \$15 million project to raise San Antonio dam. Preliminary engineering is underway and MCWRA is entertaining proposals for environmental work.

The intent of the tunnel is to sustain/increase releases to the Salinas River, to ward off seawater intrusion and as additional recharge to the northern portion of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. Subcommittee members asked if SLO County were participating in the tunnel project to secure carryover storage and/or additional entitlement. As due diligence, SLO County is encouraged to assess the reliability impact of the proposed tunnel operations on the 17,500 AFY entitlement, and to participate in evaluations of habitat impacts.

- b. **Recycled Water** – Christine Halley shared that Paso Robles’ recycled water master plan identifies a delivery system extending to both in-City customers and to irrigators to the east. Treatment system design is underway, with outreach to potential customers and application for State low-interest funding later this year (provided City Council supports these steps).
- c. **Nacimiento Full Subscription** – Christine Halley reported that partners are considering “fully subscribing” the Nacimiento Water Project to divvy up the remaining entitlement. This is expected to be considered on various public agency agendas throughout 2015.
- d. **County Actions** – No progress reported on the release of surplus Nacimiento water to the Salinas River nor on the possibility of organizing Jardine as a community water system. Design of a State Water connection for Shandon is underway, allowing that community to take its 100 AFY entitlement. Santa Margarita may also take delivery of Nacimiento Water through an exchange during emergency situations.

6. Recommendations to the Main Basin Advisory Committee:

- a. **Comparison of Powers** – John Diodati will make use of the comparison provided. No further action needed. Subcommittee requested that County bring back their draft writeup for input.
- b. **Use of Surplus Nacimiento Water** – Sue Harvey moved to advise the main BAC to send a follow up letter to SLO County encouraging release of surplus Nacimiento Water to the Salinas River; Bob Brown seconded. Passed unanimously.
- c. **Approach to Supplemental Water Study** – Sue Harvey moved to advise the main BAC to send a follow up letter to SLO County encouraging a summary of supplemental water options; Bob Brown seconded. Passed unanimously.

7. Future Subcommittee Topics: Suggested topics include taking a position on water export concept and allegations of “big ag” involvement in the Water District.

Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee – Special Meeting
February 2, 2015 Meeting Notes

Meeting adjourned approximately 10:45 am. Next meeting of the Management Subcommittee is scheduled for Monday March 2, 2015, at 9:00 am at Paso Robles City Council Chambers.

Notes prepared by C. Halley

Paso Basin Advisory Committee

An Advisory Body to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

February XX, 2015

D R A F T - for BAC
consideration

Honorable Debbie Arnold, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo
1050 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Inquiry Regarding Amended Approach to Supplemental Water Study

In October of last year, your Paso Basin Advisory Committee unanimously advised amending the approach to the Supplemental Water Study. A short-list of supplemental water options was advised, allowing time for your Basin Advisory Committee and Subcommittees to make use of the more immediate action list before proceeding further.

In the four months since that request, the recommended short-list has yet to appear.

We reiterate our advice that a summary of supplemental water options, in terms suitable for a broad audience, would be valuable. Sustaining water supplies in the North County remains our principal aim and supplemental water is likely to play a role in that sustainability. Describing just how that might be accomplished is foundational.

On behalf of the Paso Basin Advisory Committee, I reiterate our recommendation to prepare such a short-list and inquire as to the status of this request.

Sincerely,

John B. Neil
Chairperson, Paso Basin Advisory Committee

cc: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, All Districts

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Honorable Debbie Arnold, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors
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Re: Inquiry Regarding Release of Nacimiento Surplus Water for North County Benefit

In September of last year, your Paso Basin Advisory Committee unanimously advised use of available surplus water from the Nacimiento Water Project for release into the Salinas River for the general benefit of North County water supplies.

In the five months since that recommendation, we have yet to see any authorization put forward for the Board of Supervisors' consideration.

Nacimiento water is available to put to regional use. Discharge permits are in hand for releases at three locations along the Salinas River. Using Flood Control General funds for actual water delivery is an advisable water management step, especially given the current drought conditions and the fact that the County may not carry over unused water from year to year. Thus, the Paso Basin Advisory Committee's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors is:

1. To use available surplus water from the Nacimiento Water Project for release into the Salinas River for the general benefit of North County water supplies;
2. To allocate sufficient funding to make such releases; and
3. To monitor the results of releases as data points for ongoing/future similar actions.

On behalf of the Paso Basin Advisory Committee, I reiterate our advice that arrangements be made for Nacimiento releases now, so that water may flow once the pipeline is back in service.

Sincerely,

John Neil
Chairperson, Paso Basin Advisory Committee

cc: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, All Districts

Paso Basin Advisory Committee
February 19, 2015

ACTION ITEM

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee
c/o Mr. John Neil, BAC Chairman

FROM: Outreach & Education Subcommittee
Ms. Jaime Hendrickson, Chair

At the January 22, 2015 meeting of the Paso Basin Advisory Committee the Outreach and Education Subcommittee was charged with developing the BAC Membership Vision and the following recommendations.

1. Recommend approval of criteria for at-large members that will be used for developing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and
2. Recommend approval of criteria for subcommittee membership

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If adopted the BAC should formally charge the Outreach and Education Subcommittee with membership duties.

At its meeting of February 2, 2015 the Outreach & Education Subcommittee reviewed the WRAC Membership Vision and drafted criteria that could be used for recommending Paso Basin Advisory Committee Members and Alternates to the Board of Supervisors. Using the aforementioned the Outreach & Education Subcommittee drafted guidelines and criteria for filling BAC subcommittee vacancies.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Draft BAC Membership Vision

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BAC Membership Vision – for At-Large Members

Approved by the BAC _____, 2015

Viticulture Agriculturalist At-Large Member – engaged in production agriculture, producing wine grapes, lives on a parcel within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Non-Viticulture Irrigated Agriculturalist At-Large Member - engaged in production agriculture, excluding the production of wine grapes, lives on a parcel within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Rural Resident At-Large Member - lives on a parcel within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Environmental At-Large Member – record of membership in one or more environmental groups and/or independent environmental activism, lives on a parcel within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Undesignated At-Large Member - offers technical expertise that is of value to BAC, lives on a parcel within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Rural Resident At-Large District 1/5 Member - appointed by District 1/5 Supervisor, lives on a parcel within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin boundaries.

Most important attributes for At-large Members:

- Expertise in the area they are representing.
- High level of interest in basin water issues.
- Committed to being very involved in the BAC.
- Ability to attend one to three meetings per month, during daytime hours.
- Must be able to speak for the specific category they represent.
- Interest in basin issues demonstrated by past attendance at BAC meetings.

Selection criteria and other factors:

- Active Alternate*
- Geographic diversity
- History of volunteerism and/or previous service on advisory bodies.

*Active Alternate = attends and participates in at least 50% of BAC/subcommittee meetings.

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

- California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG)
- Central Coast Olive Growers
- Central Coast Vineyard Team (CCVT)
- Central Coast Winegrowers Association
- Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo County (ECOSLO)
- Independent Grape Growers of the Paso Robles Area (IGGPRA)
- Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance (PRWCA)
- San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association
- San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau
- San Luis Obispo Vintners and Growers' Association
- Sierra Club - Santa Lucia Chapter
- Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District
- 4H clubs

DRAFT

Filling of Vacant BAC Membership Positions – for At-Large Members

Approved by the BAC _____, 2015

Procedure for vacant positions on Basin Advisory Committee.

Bylaws should be changed to state that Active Alternates* have first right of refusal for the vacant position. (Verify that okay per Maddy Act.)

If Active Alternate is not willing/able to fill position, the Outreach and Education Subcommittee will vet applications per the vision statement and make recommendations. BAC will approve/disapprove of Outreach Subcommittee choice. BoS makes final appointment.

Procedure for vacant positions on subcommittees.

First right of refusal will be given to Active Alternate (or Active Member if subcommittee member is an Alternate).

Outreach and Education Subcommittee will make recommendation and BAC will approve/disapprove. Person chosen should be from same category as the person who vacated the position. No BoS approval is needed.

*Active Alternate = attends and participates in at least 50% of BAC/subcommittee meetings.

Outreach and Education Subcommittee of Paso Basin Advisory Committee Meeting of February 2, 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	Feb
Jaime Hendrickson, Chair	Alternate	x	x
Sue Luft	Member	x	x
Robert Brown	Alternate	x	x
Bill Spencer	Member	x	x
Michael Baugh	Alternate	x	x
Laurie Gage	Guest	x	
Bruce Baird	Guest	x	x
John Diodati	SLO Co.	x	
Carolyn Berg	SLO Co.	x	x
Hilary Graves	Guest		x

The Outreach and Education Subcommittee (O&E) received an update from County staff and addressed the Subcommittee’s comments. Staff’s address and further O&E comments are as follows.

- 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.
 - The County intends to send out the first outreach piece before the first draft of the Water District application goes to the Board. The first piece will include language about the state law requirements, history of the basin, and the BAC.
 - The O&E requested that the model update, alternatives to a water district, and definitions of negative and positive sphere of influence also be included. The O&E suggested that the materials be labeled “you are receiving this because you are an overliar in the basin.” The O&E requested that while County staff cannot allow the O&E to review the mailer, that County staff provide as much insight to content as possible so that members of the BAC do not receive any bombshells in the mail.
- Identifying who the stakeholders are and making sure the non-resident landowners are notified.
 - Staff is still working on this issue.
- Having a presence on social media including Facebook.
 - Carolyn was unsure about whether or not the County would use social media as an outreach tool.
- Not creating another County website and utilizing the pasobasin.org website as the clearing-house for the water district formation.
 - Pasobasin.org will be the primary website for the water district formation.
- Outreach in basin areas not under advisory bodies.
 - Staff is compiling a list of area advisory committees. The Subcommittee is assisting in developing a list of CSD and Mutual Water Companies and their contacts.

- Creston Hills Ranch CSD, Judy Blankenship
- Ground Squirrel Hollow CSD, Pam Fulmer/John D'Ornellas
- Independence Ranch CSD, Mark Kenyon/Don Duke
- Linne CSD, Ellen Frost
- Santa Ysabel Ranch MWC, Dan Lloyd
- Spanish Lake MWC, Mike Steinbock
- Estrella-Pleasant Valley Cemetery District Service Area
- The Subcommittee suggested to County Staff to have a GIS parcel map with the Paso Basin boundary available for landowners.

It is the intent of Staff to create an interactive GIS map showing the draft water district boundary and sphere of influence line. The Subcommittee emphasized the importance of the overlies in the area of discrepancy understanding their inclusion in the water district formation.

The Subcommittee reviewed the WRAC Membership Vision and drafted criteria that could be used for recommending Paso Basin Advisory Committee Members and Alternates to the Board of Supervisors. The O&E drafted guidelines and criteria for filling BAC subcommittee vacancies. Action on this item by the BAC is requested.

Next meeting: Monday, March 2nd, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, AMWC Office

Supplemental Water Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

February 5, 2015

Present: Jeff Briltz, Subcommittee Chair; Rob Johnson, MCWRA; Dana Merrill; Maria Lorca, Greg Grewal, and George Tracy, Rural Residents; Christine Halley, Paso Robles Water Resource Consultant; Gwen Pelfrey and Wayne Gretter.

- Item 1 - The subcommittee unanimously supports sending a letter requesting the County to take action relative to releasing surplus Nacimiento water in North County, utilizing existing participants capacity to discharge it near the Salinas River. The Basin Management Subcommittee unanimously supported the letter as well. The merits of potentially moving Nacimiento water into Salinas Dam as opposed to releasing it to the river were touched upon. The additional energy cost and lack of inter-agency agreements translate into higher costs and longer delays.
- Item 4 (Item 4 was moved up in the agenda at the consensus of the meeting participants) Rob Johnson presented the planned Nacimiento – San Antonio Interlake Tunnel project. Noteworthy is that the proposed 10 foot diameter tunnel intake would be set 50-60 feet below the Nacimiento spillway elevation, suggesting that lake level would be held lower and perhaps reach minimum pool earlier than absent the tunnel. Committee members suggested that SLO County should update the reliability assessment to test the impact on SLO's 17,500 AFY. The potential for carryover storage or increased SLO entitlement was discussed, with Rob Johnson respectfully suggesting that the balance of the entitlement could be stored in the Paso GW basin as opposed to the lake. A public meeting is set at Heritage Ranch on February 26th; the committee requested that Rob provide the details to Courtney for distribution to all Paso Basin Committee members. Committee members were interested in having a SLO County Public Works staff member brief the committee on the staff's position on the proposed project.
- Item 2 - Christine Halley provided an update on Paso's recycled water potential and the real possibility of offsetting basin extractions in the Estrella area. There was discussion on the seasonal nature of the irrigation demand, whether or not Nacimiento pipeline water would be available for blending, and if the City was planning storage for use during the winter months. Committee members were generally receptive and supportive.
- Item 3 – Committee Chair Jeff Briltz relayed Courtney's update on the State Water Project turnout in Shandon – construction could potentially begin this summer or fall. Committee members were unaware of any further progress relating to unincorporated neighborhoods pursuing community water systems,

i.e., Jardine. Christine expressed the City of Paso Robles' willingness to wheel water to Jardine should a community water system be created.

- Item 5 – The next Committee Meeting is expected to be called in late March, to coincide with the release of the next Tech Memo from Carollo on the Supply Options Study. At the next meeting, the Committee will also discuss whether or not it would continue to meet as needed, or set up a regular monthly meeting schedule.

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
- Percolation areas in the groundwater basin
- Basin hydrogeology overview

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)