

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:  
PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

March 19, 2015  
Meeting Minutes

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An audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted during public comment are available online at [www.PasoBasin.org](http://www.PasoBasin.org)

Approximately 2:00 pm the meeting is called to order

1. Introductions and determination of a Quorum- Quorum established.
2. Approve February meeting minutes- The February 19, 2015, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee minutes were reviewed. Amendments were made to state Member Kalvans voted under protest for the second motion and to append the correct voting record. Member Wilmore moves to approve the February meeting minutes, as amended, with a second by Member Engel. (21-0-1-2)
3. Election of Officers- Chairperson Neil announces he is stepping down as Chair of the Paso Basin Advisory Committee. He welcomes nominations and Member Halley nominates Member Luft as Committee Chair. Member Wilmore seconds the motion and it passes unanimously. (22-0-0-2) Vice Chair Wilmore nominates Member Diffenbaugh as the new Committee Vice Chair, Member Halley seconds. Member Diffenbaugh respectfully declines to take on the role. Member Kalvans is nominated for Vice Chair by Member Harvey with a second by Member Neil, he is unanimously elected. (22-0-0-2)
4. County Efforts (please see staff report)-
  - a. Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update (e.g. offset and water waste programs)- Courtney Howard, County Public Works, announces the Board of Supervisors directed County Staff to develop a Water Neutral New Development Program on February 24. Xzandrea Fowler, County Planning, mentions the Agricultural Offset Program is solely for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. She states County Staff is working on the draft EIR, it is expected to be released on March 31 and a 45 day review period will follow. Ms. Fowler notes County Staff is working with stakeholders to develop draft language for Water Neutral New Development, Agricultural Offset, and Urban, Rural and Agricultural Water Waste Prevention Programs. Program draft language is to be released in April or May. Discussion ensues regarding offset programs, how a 1:1 offset at a specific location will be calculated and monitored, and what offset locations are appropriate. The Committee discusses which Subcommittee(s) should comment on the draft language, and the Management and Conservation Subcommittees were identified.

- b. Water District Formation Update- John Diodati, County Public Works, updates the Committee on the Water District application. He explains the Board of Supervisors will be presented with the LAFCO application on April 21<sup>st</sup>, during which time the Board may approve the application and direct it to LAFCO. Mr. Diodati informs the Committee that County Staff is working on a GIS map of the district boundary for the Paso Basin website. He mentions he has been attending neighborhood meetings to inform the community on the LAFCO application and its process. The LAFCO application will be posted for public review on the Board of Supervisors agenda a week before the April meeting. Discussion ensues regarding community outreach to CSDs and cities.
  - c. Ordinance Regulating the Exportation of Groundwater Update- Ms. Howard announces the Board directed County Staff to move forward with this ordinance for all basins within the County. The County is no longer exempt from the ordinance and the issue of exempting “county contractors” was eliminated. The Committee discusses reviewing ordinance language, groundwater levels of severity, and groundwater exportation within the County.
  - d. Rural At-Large Alternate Member Vacancy- Ms. Howard reports Alternate position to Rural Residential At-Large Member William Frost is vacant. She requests all applications for the vacancy be in by April 3.
  - e. Consider Advising the Board of Supervisors regarding County efforts- No discussion.
5. Subcommittee Reports/ Recommended PBAC Actions-
- a. Computer Model Update- Ms. Howard spoke regarding model runs currently under investigation. She notes a future topic of interest for the Committee is to determine whether stabilization levels are to be determined from the original Groundwater Management Plan or from the January 2015 levels.
  - b. Conservation- Subcommittee Member Devin Best summarizes topics discussed at the Subcommittee’s meeting on March 5. Topics include review of outreach letter to irrigators, collaborating with In-Basin Projects Subcommittee to prioritize water conservation practices in a focal area, and an update on the Conservation Innovation Grant submission by the Resource Conservation District (RCD). The Committee briefly discusses possible reviews to the charge of the Subcommittees.
  - c. In-Basin Projects- Member Larry Werner reports on the Subcommittee’s March 5 meeting. The Subcommittee discussed the history of the Salinas Reservoir permitting process and funding sources for Rural Residential Projects. An example of a Rural Residential project is the connection of the Jardine community to a water system. Discussion ensues regarding capacity of Salinas Dam and the live stream agreement.

- d. Management- Alternate Member Christine Halley provides a summary of the Subcommittee's March 2 meeting. The Subcommittee primarily discussed the Interim Ag Offset plan and groundwater exportation. The Subcommittee received updates on the Interlake tunnel project, progress of the Paso Robles Recycled Water Plant, and county efforts. The Subcommittee recommends the Committee reflect on the past year to identify accomplishments and areas for improvement. The Subcommittee also suggests the County adopt a strong ordinance regulating the exportation of groundwater. Discussion ensues on the language of the non-exportation ordinance, PBAC support of non-exportation ordinance, and whether BOS is seeking the PBAC's opinion on the ordinance. Upon a motion by Member Kalvans with a second by Member Harvey the Committee votes unanimously to support the Management Subcommittees recommendation to support a strong ordinance regulating the exportation of groundwater within the legal framework of County needs. (22-0-0-2)
  - e. Outreach and Education- Alternate Member Jaime Hendrickson announces the Subcommittee is providing suggestions regarding a Paso Basin Water District formation informational brochure and that Michael Baugh is the new chair, as she is stepping down. The Subcommittee's next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 pm on April 6 at Atascadero Mutual Water Company.
  - f. Supply Options- Alternate Member Halley mentions the Subcommittee's next meeting is scheduled for March 27. Ms. Howard notes the current status of the Supply Options study.
  - g. Review Charge of Subcommittees- The Committee discusses similarities of Subcommittees and means to avoid different Subcommittees from doing the same work. The Committee considers combining Management and Supply Options Subcommittees as well as Conservation and Outreach Subcommittees, and the chairs of the subcommittees agree to consider this option. Concern is expressed regarding Subcommittee Member agreement on items when Subcommittees have a large membership.
6. Consider Submitting the PBAC 2014 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors- Discussion ensues on whether to collect more information for the Annual Report or approve the attachments. The Committee suggests the addition of Subcommittee person-hours, accomplishments and any extra agency hours, and key votes to the Annual Report. Upon a motion by Member Luft and a second by Member Spencer the Committee votes unanimously to allow Member Neil to compile and send a letter to the Board of Supervisors summarizing the PBAC Annual Report without returning to the Committee for review. (22-0-0-2) The annual report is to be provided to the BoS before their April 21st meeting.
  7. Annual Bylaws Review- Member Spencer motions to recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the Committees Vision for At-Large Membership and filling

vacancies with proposed formatting modifications, Member Neil seconds, motion passes unanimously. (22-0-0-2)

8. Future meeting topics/committee comments Committee- Committee requests a presentation on Salinas Reservoir Operation Requirements, Basin hydrogeology overview, and water surface elevation trends (after Spring measurements).
9. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned approximately 4:00 pm.

The Paso Robles Advisory Committee approved these minutes on April 16, 2015.

/s/ Courtney Howard

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Public Works Staff

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**Paso Robles Groundwater Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form**

Meeting Date: 03/19/2015

Organization	Representative	MOTION 1				MOTION 2				MOTION 3				MOTION 4				MOTION 5				MOTION 6				MOTION 7				
		AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
<b>AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS</b>																														
Atascadero Mutual Water Company	John Neil	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Jaime Hendricksor	A																												
Central Coast Vineyard Team	Kris Beal	M			X		X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Willy Cunha	A																												
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M																												
	Christine Halley	A	X								X				X			X				X				X				
City of San Luis Obispo	John Ashbaugh	M					X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Noah Evans	A	X								X				X			X				X				X				
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Robert Johnson	M			X						X				X			X				X				X				
	Howard Franklin	A																												
Paso Robles Imperiled Overlaying Rights (PRIOR)	Steve Sinton	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Kent Gilmore	A																												
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	Patricia Wilmore	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Jerry Reaugh	A																												
San Miguel Community Services District	Anthony Kalvans	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Dan Gilmore	A																												
Shandon (County Service Area 16)	Susan Howard	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Vacant	A																												
SLO County Cattlemen's Associator	Kurt Bollinger	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Dale Evansor	A																												
SLO County Farm Bureau	Paul Clark	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Megan Silcott	A																												
Templeton Community Services District	Jeff Britz	M																												
	Tina Mayer	A	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD	Devin Best	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Amy Smart	A																												
<b>AT-LARGE</b>																														
Viticulture Agriculturalist At-Large	Dana Merri	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Robert Brown	A																												
Non-Viticulture Irrigated Crop Agriculturalist At-Large	Bill Spencer	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	John DeRosier	A																												
Environmental At-Large	Sue Harvey	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Daniel Meadt	A																												
Rural Residential At-Large	Sue Luft	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Michael Baugh	A																												
	Claudia Engel	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Maria Lorca	A																												
	Edward C. Redig	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Jim DeRose	A																												
	William Frost	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Vacant	A																												
	George Tracy	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Don Wilson	A																												
	(District 1) Randy Diffenbaugh	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
	Randy Heinzer	A																												
	(District 5) Vacant	M																												
	Dr. Serena Friedmar	M			X				X			X			X			X				X				X				
Undesignated At-Large	Larry Werner	M	X				X				X				X			X				X				X				
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<b>Total:</b>			<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**MOTION 1**

Item #: 2 Pass/Fail?: Pass  
 Motion Maker: Wilmore Second: Engel  
 AYE: 21 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 ABSENT: 2  
 Motion: Approve February meeting minutes.

**MOTION 2**

Item #: 3 Pass/Fail?: Pass  
 Motion Maker: Halley Second: Wilmore  
 AYE: 22 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2  
 Motion: Approve Sue Luft as the Committee Chair.

**MOTION 3**

Item #: 3 Pass/Fail?: Pass  
 Motion Maker: Harvey Second: Neil  
 AYE: 22 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2  
 Motion: Approve Member Kalvans as Vice Chair of the Committee.

**MOTION 4**

Item #: 5.d Pass/Fail?: Pass  
 Motion Maker: Kalvans Second: Harvey  
 AYE: 22 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2  
 Motion: Support Management Subcommittees statement to support a strong ordinance regulating the exportation of groundwater within the legal framework of County needs.

**MOTION 5**

Item #: 6 Pass/Fail?: Pass  
 Motion Maker: Luft Second: Spencer  
 AYE: 22 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2  
 Motion: Agree Member Neil compiles and sends a letter to the Board of Supervisors summarizing the PBAC Annual Report without returning to the Committee for review.

**MOTION 6**

Item #: 7 Pass/Fail?: Pass  
 Motion Maker: Spencer Second: Neil  
 AYE: 22 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2  
 Motion: Recommend the Board to approve the Committees Vision for At-Large Membership and filling vacancies with proposed formatting modifications.

**MOTION 7**

Item #: 9 Pass/Fail?: Pass  
 Motion Maker: Spencer Second: Wilmore  
 AYE: 22 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2  
 Motion: Adjourn