

Paso Basin Advisory Committee

Special Meeting Agenda

Paso Robles City Council Chambers
1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA

Monday, August 3, 2015
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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| 1. Introductions and Determination of a Quorum | Committee/Public | 11:00 AM |
| 2. General Public Comment | Public | 11:05 AM |
| 3. Consider recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the funding methodology for the Paso Robles Basin Water District Formation Process. | John Diodati | 11:15 AM |
| 4. Adjourn (Next Meeting August 20th, Templeton) | Chair | 12:00 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

TO: Paso Basin Advisory Committee

FROM: John Diodati, Department Administrator

DATE: August 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 3: Consider Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors Regarding the Funding Methodology for the Paso Robles Basin Water District Formation Process

Recommendation

Consider recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the funding methodology for the Paso Robles Basin Water District Formation Process.

Discussion

On August 18, 2015 the County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors, acting as the Board of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, will be asked to consider and approve the NBS Phase II report on Proposition 218 funding for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin's compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This report will be looking at the formula necessary for a parcel tax to fund approximately \$950,000 in annual revenue for SGMA compliance.

Based on stakeholder feedback, the objective of the funding allocation is to develop a reasonable and simple cost allocation that takes the following into consideration:

1. That all parcels are subject to SGMA, and need to pay a portion of SGMA compliance.
2. That groundwater studies estimates approximately 90% of the pumping in the proposed water district boundary is from irrigated agriculture, while the other 10% is others, such as residential and commercial (recognizing that actual water usage is not available).
3. Where appropriate, costs should be allocated to land use (if data is available).
4. That registered voters will be approving the funding and land owners will be approving the formation of the water district.

As of the time of this update, the NBS Phase II report is still being developed. However, by Monday, August 3, 2015, County Public Works staff will have enough information to present to both the Management subcommittee and Paso Basin Advisory Committee the final proposed funding formula. Staff will be seeking an endorsement of this funding formula and Proposition 218 process prior to the August 18, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting.