

Groundwater Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)
March 31st, 2021

The following members or alternates were present:

- Bob Schiebelhut**, Chair, EVGMWC
- Toby Moore**, Alternate Member, GSWC
- Dawn Ortiz-Legg** Member, County of San Luis Obispo
- Dennis Fernandez**, Member, ERMWC/VRMWC
- Andy Pease**, Member, City of San Luis Obispo

1. Call to Order	Chair Schiebelhut: calls the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.																														
2. Roll Call	City Staff, Mychal Boerman: calls roll.																														
3. Pledge of Allegiance	Chair Schiebelhut: leads the Pledge of Allegiance.																														
4. Public Comment – Items not on Agenda	<p>Chair Schiebelhut: provides an update on recent discussions between Edna Valley Mutual Water Company members / agricultural users and the City of San Luis Obispo regarding a recent news article, recycled water, and potential future opportunities.</p> <p>Alternate Member, Aaron Floyd: comments that there have been constructive discussions about how the City of San Luis Obispo uses recycled water and is looking forward to future conversations.</p> <p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Karen Meriam: comments on concerns over drought conditions and planting of new agricultural crops in the Edna Valley.</p> <p>Member Pease: suggests agendizing an informational update on existing County regulations and processes for new production/planting versus changing out crops.</p>																														
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes:	<p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens discussion for Agenda Item 5 - Approval of Meeting Minutes for the February 17, 2021 and March 1, 2021 Groundwater Sustainability Commission meetings and asks for comments from the Commission; there are none.</p> <p>Motion By: Member Pease Second By: Member Ortiz-Legg Motion: The Commission moves to approve the February 17, 2021 and March 1, 2021 meeting minutes.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Members</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Ayes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Noes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Abstain</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Toby Moore (Alternate Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andy Pease (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennis Fernandez (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)	X				Toby Moore (Alternate Member)	X				Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)	X				Andy Pease (Member)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			
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<p>6. Responses to Comments Received on GSP Chapters 1-7</p>	<p>County Staff, Dick Tzou and Project Consultant, Dave O’Rourke: present on responses to comments received on GSP Draft Chapters 1-7.</p> <p><u>Discussion Summary:</u> Commission Members and staff discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well monitoring network data collection and funding, frequency of measurements, metering, and future implementation discussions. • Disseminating the findings associated with the Righetti Reservoir study which is near complete, and the terms of the permit to divert surface water which is under the purview of the State Water Board. • Written comment received on October 28, 2020 regarding environmental concerns and sustainable yield levels and staff’s response which cites measurable objectives and minimum thresholds. • Written comment received on January 27, 2021 regarding the official criteria for a monitoring well and the total number of agricultural wells in the network, which is approximately 45-50. • Written comment received on September 30, 2020 regarding precipitation, level of infiltration/percolation, and soil types in the Edna Valley. <p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment; there are none.</p>																														
<p>7. SLO County State Water Project Update</p>	<p>County Staff, Courtney Howard: presents on the SLO County State Water Project concepts for the SLO Basin.</p> <p><u>Discussion Summary:</u> Commission Members and staff discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity, infrastructure, and flexibility to exchange water through the CCWA between San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara. <p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment; there are none.</p> <p>Motion By: Member Ortiz-Legg Second By: Chair Schiebelhut Motion: The Commission moves to receive and file the presentation on the SLO County State Water Project Update.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="537 1577 1495 1801"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Toby Moore (Alternate Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andy Pease (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennis Fernandez (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)	X				Toby Moore (Alternate Member)	X				Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)	X				Andy Pease (Member)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			
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<p>8. Integrated Model Preliminary Results</p>	<p>Project Consultants, Michael Cruikshank and Dave O’Rourke: present on the Integrated Model Preliminary Results and Sustainable Management Criteria.</p>																														

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and Sustainable Management Criteria	<p><u>Discussion Summary:</u> Commission Members and staff discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeling runs and considerations to pumping/extraction impacts and groundwater flow between the SLO Valley and Edna Valley areas of the basin. • Model run results that incorporate reduced pumping, no reduced pumping, and the amount of pumping needed to augment or sustain current agriculture production. <p>Member Pease: comments on the minimum thresholds and measurable objective levels and suggests continuing the discussion for setting these levels during the proposed April 7th GSC meeting, having a future discussion on metering production wells, and the timing of sustainable management criteria implementation.</p> <p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Rod Curb: speaks.</p> <p>Project Consultants, Dave O'Rourke: responds to public comment regarding water level decline in the Edna Valley.</p> <p>Motion By: Member Pease Second By: Member Ortiz-Legg Motion: The Commission moves to receive and file the presentation on the Integrated Model Preliminary Results and Sustainable Management Criteria and continue the discussion on Sustainable Management Criteria at the April 7, 2021 GSC meeting,</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Members</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Ayes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Noes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Abstain</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Toby Moore (Alternate Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andy Pease (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennis Fernandez (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)	X				Toby Moore (Alternate Member)	X				Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)	X				Andy Pease (Member)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			
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9. Future Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSC Meeting – April 7, 2021 • Draft Chapter 8 – Sustainable Management Criteria • Draft Chapter 9 – Projects and Management Actions • Draft Surface Water/Groundwater Modeling Calibration Technical Memorandum 																														
10. Next Regular Meeting	April 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom																														
11. Adjourn	The Commission adjourns the meeting at 5:05 PM.																														