

Groundwater Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)
April 7th, 2021

The following members or alternates were present:

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

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| 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: opens the floor for public comment; comments on the amount of permanently retired acres of irrigated agriculture within the basin.</p> <p>Brent Burchett: comments on the collaborative process of GSP development for the SLO Basin, the efforts of Edna Valley farmers to provide input and data for the GSP, and the process of setting the minimum threshold (MT) levels for the basin.</p> <p>Member Pease: comments on cooperation and collaboration from basin stakeholders and the process of taking a productive approach in developing the GSP.</p> <p>Alternate Member, George Donati: comments on the amount of water previously pumped by the City of San Luis Obispo; asks if it possible to pump water from the San Luis Valley portion of the basin to the Edna Valley portion of the basin, what type of permitting would be needed to do so, and if extractions from one portion of the basin to the Edna Valley could be added to the augmentation list to assess feasibility.</p> <p>Project consultant, Dave O’Rourke: responds that it would not be considered an inter-basin transfer since water would be transferred from within the basin.</p> <p>City Staff, Mychal Boerman: comments on the amount of water pumped from the City of San Luis Obispo and the potential need for a technical and/or policy analysis regarding pumping from certain areas within the basin, and that additional discussion from the GSC members may be needed to analyze additional projects or management actions.</p> <p>Chair Schiebelhut: comments on the interests and distinctions between the San Luis Valley and Edna Valley portions of the basin.</p> |

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| | <p>Alternate Member, Toby Moore: comments on modeling the impacts of extractions from one portion of the basin to another and analyzing the basin as a whole.</p> |
| <p>5. Presentation on Existing County Regulatory Framework</p> | <p>County Staff, Mladen Bandov: presents on the County’s existing regulatory framework related to land and groundwater management.</p> <p>Member Fernandez: asks if the County’s offset ordinance applies only to specific basins, if the County could apply a similar ordinance to the SLO Basin, and why the offset ordinance was developed and implemented.</p> <p>County Staff, Mladen Bandov: responds that there are currently no offset ordinance restrictions on agriculture in the SLO Basin, that the County would have to pass a similar ordinance to apply to the SLO Basin, and summarizes of why the offset ordinance was originally developed and implemented.</p> <p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment; there are none.</p> |
| <p>6. Continued Item (from March 31, 2021) Integrated Model Preliminary Results and Sustainable Management Criteria</p> | <p>County Staff, Mladen Bandov and Project Consultants, Michael Cruikshank and Dave O’Rourke: present on the continued item from the March 31, 2021 GSC meeting on Integrated Model Preliminary Results and Sustainable Management Criteria.</p> <p><u>Discussion Summary:</u> Commission Members and staff discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How DWR defines undesirable results and best management practices, expectations from DWR, and the importance of 5-year milestones for achieving sustainability. • The frequency of well measurements, observed trends, and the number of representative wells and monitoring wells in the GSP. • Guiding concepts for setting measurable objectives (MOs) and MTs, setting MT 3 levels for representative wells in the Edna Valley, adaptive management, and flexibility for agricultural growers to avoid significant loss and unintended consequences, metering of non de minimis wells, and the Edna Ranch MWC water management plan that prioritizes water use for lot owners. <p>Chair Schiebelhut: proposes setting MT 3 levels for three representative wells in the Edna Valley and incorporating water level changes at 10 feet below the levels currently proposed.</p> <p>Member Pease: comments on considerations given to preventing future wells from going dry.</p> |

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| | <p>Member Fernandez: comments on the historical water levels in the Edna Valley, the level of water remaining in the basin, and the depths of wells drilled throughout the valley.</p> <p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Rod Curb and Jean-Pierre Wolff: speak.</p> <p>Alternate Member, George Donati: supports the proposed MT 3 levels for the representative wells in Edna Valley.</p> <p>Chair Schiebelhut suggests that Commission Members provide direction to staff regarding preferred MT levels; Commission Members deliberate and provide direction to staff as suggested, which will be considered for Draft Chapter 8 – Sustainable Management Criteria.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>7. Future Items</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Chapter 8 – Sustainable Management Criteria • Draft Chapter 9 – Projects and Management Actions • Draft Surface Water/Groundwater Modeling Calibration Technical Memorandum | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>8. Next Regular Meeting</p> | <p>May 5, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>9. Adjourn</p> | <p>Motion By: Member Fernandez Second By: Vice Chair Zimmer Motion: The Commission moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 PM</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="537 1230 1495 1463"> <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>Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)</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 | | | | Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair) | X | | | | Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member) | X | | | | Andy Pease (Member) | X | | | | Dennis Fernandez (Member) | X | | | |
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