

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
ZONE 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY JULY 18, 2019**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** -- The Zone 3 Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Oceano Community Services District by City of Arroyo Grande Representative, Kristen Barneich.

County Public Works Utilities Division Senior Engineer, Jill Ogren, called roll. Members in attendance were:

- Shirley Gibson, Oceano CSD
- Kristen Barneich, City of Arroyo Grande
- Marcia Guthrie, City of Pismo Beach
- Brian Talley, Agriculture Member
- Brad Hagemann, County Services Area 12

- II. Public Comment** -- No public comment given

**III. Officer Rotations**

**A.** Committee Chair rotating from Member at Large to City of Arroyo Grande Representative.

**B.** Committee Vice-Chair rotating from City of Arroyo Grande to City of Grover Beach Representative.

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**A. March 21, 2019** – (May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting cancelled) Member Barneich motioned approval; Member Gibson second. Member Brad Hagemann questioned if a Member should vote if they were not present at the last meeting. Ms. Ogren agreed that any Member not present at the last meeting would abstain. Member Talley questioned if a quorum would be met due to several absences. Ms. Ogren stated due to no quorum being met with current attendance, approval will be delayed until September.

**V. Operations Report**

**A. Water Plant Operations, Reservoir Storage, Downstream Releases** -- Ms. Ogren indicated: Lopez Lake elevation was 495.08 feet; storage was 28,041 acre-feet (AF), which is 57% capacity; rainfall to date, since July 1, 2019, was 0 inches; plant production was 5.3 million gallons per day (MGD); downstream release was 3.133 MGD; and State Water was 0.7 MGD. Ms. Ogren stated downstream release is usually 1.9 MGD, but recently increased to 2.2 MGD to maximize use for farmers and environmental.

**B. Projected Reservoir Levels** -- Jill Ogren, Senior Engineer with the Public Works Utilities Division, referring to the Lopez Reservoir Projections Chart, indicated that Lopez reservoir was above what was projected.

**C. May & June Monthly Operations Report** -- Ms. Ogren, reviewed the monthly operations reports with the committee. Ms. Ogren pointed out a column on the Monthly Operations Report titled Surplus. Beginning July 2019, this column will either be

renamed and/or another column will be added next to it entitled Surplus Requested. Member Talley requested clarification on if there will be a new column or just the name of the Surplus column will change. Ms. Ogren stated it depends on the formatting, but the focus is showing how much water agencies have purchased.

Member Guthrie asked for clarification on whether the remaining acre feet of water will be tracked as well for each agency. Ms. Ogren confirmed agencies are tracked on how much of their Entitlement is used and if Surplus can be utilized towards the end of the water year.

Member Hagemann, clarified that Entitlement water is usually used first before Surplus water is used. Most agencies don't get through their Entitlement by the end of the water year and don't purchase Surplus water.

No public comment was given.

## **VI. Information Items**

**A. New Website Address** -- Ms. Ogren introduced the new website address for agenda accessibility: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/zone3](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/zone3)

No public comment was given.

**B. Present End of Year Reconciliation** -- Kristi Smith, Public Works Finance, reviewed the 19/20 Fiscal Year **Tru Up estimate**. There are savings for Routine O&M, Non-Routine O&M, and Capital Projects, and the total credit for all agencies is estimated at \$370,000. Ms. Smith did review options of what agencies can do with the credit: Offset the second installment 19/20 billing or increase contractor funded reserves. Ms. Smith stated a decision would need to be made by the September Advisory Committee meeting regarding the credit options.

Member Barneich asked Ms. Smith if the \$370,000 credit had been discussed with Zone 3 TAC. Ms. Smith has not discussed the estimated credit to Zone 3 TAC as the amount was calculated recently and will be discussed with TAC as the topic of utilizing any credit for contractor funded reserves had been discussed briefly in the past with TAC members.

**C. PG&E Planned Power Outages** – Ms. Ogren stated that County staff had attended a regional meeting hosted by PG&E where information was presented on the planned power outages. In that meeting, PG&E discussed two main feeds/corridors where San Luis Obispo County receives power. One is located along Highway 46 and the other is along Highway 58. If PG&E needs to shut down power under their criteria, it's possible both corridors are likely to shut down both due to the close proximity of both corridors which would cause the entire County to be without power. This could last 1-3 days, possibly longer, as the entire line would need to be inspected. A 48-hour notice would be provided if an outage was to occur, though it could be less.

Ms. Ogren briefly discussed the Wildfire Safety plan and covered PG&E's criteria for this plan to be initiated.

Ms. Ogren discussed the Lopez Water Treatment Plant site generator and it's specifications in how it would function during a power outage. If water usage is cut back by residents, water can be provided to Zone 3 for up to 5 days.

Member Talley asked if State Water can be provided without power. Ms. Ogren stated that State Water is powered up at Polonio Pass and would most likely be affected by the power outage. It is unclear what their generator capabilities are. Member Talley followed up if there is a communications strategy being put together. Ms. Ogren answered the Office of Emergency Services is working on a communications plan and currently has a standard plan in place.

Member Barneich announced PG&E has been invited to the Arroyo Grande City Council Meeting to conduct a presentation on what to expect with the planned power outages as people do still have questions and concerns.

**D. Water Supply Contract Changes Update** – Ms. Ogren discussed the update on contract changes concerning water storage during a drought. Ms. Ogren discussed the timeline of transpired in moving through the process of updating the LRRP and contract changes.

Member Hagemann asked if an assessment was done regarding the storage of the fire tank. Ms. Ogren stated that costs for the fire tank were lower than originally estimated and options are still being considered.

No public comment was given.

## **VII. Capital Projects Update**

**B. Bi-Monthly Update** – Ms. Ogren, referencing the staff report on Capital Improvement Project Updates, presented the current list of projects to be completed and a brief discussion of the status of each project. Since the March meeting, there has not been much change in project status.

No Public comment was given.

## **VIII. Action Items (No Subsequent Board of Supervisors Action Required)**

No Action Items discussed.

## **IX. Action Items (Board of Supervisors Action is Subsequently Required)**

**A. Cloud Seeding**– Ms. Ogren confirmed Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for August 13, 2019 to discuss Cloud Seeding. Meeting was to originally be a public hearing but has since become a consent item. A Letter of Support was submitted to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of TAC, letter has been included in the agenda packet. Board item going forward is all about Zone 3. Originally the initial study included Salinas and Lopez watershed, however there is no interest with Salinas at this time. Due to the lack of interest, Cloud Seeding is now strictly a Lopez watershed consent item.

No Public comment was given.

## **X. Future Agenda Items**

**A. Contract Changes**

**B. Cloud Seeding**

**C. Low Reservoir Response Plan (LRRP)**

**XI. Committee Member Comments** – Member Talley requested a future agenda item on cost benefit analysis on the continuing operation of the Lopez Terminal Reservoir as opposed to a different way to treat water. Ms. Ogren noted the future agenda item.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Williamson  
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