



## Notice of Meeting

### STATE WATER SUBCONTRACTORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Friday, May 5, 2023 – 10:00 – 11:30 AM

County Government Center, Rm. D361

1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

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**Chair:** Ben Fine (Pismo Beach)

**Vice Chair:** Nola Engelskirger (CSA 16)

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## AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Roll Call & Quorum Count
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (*For matters within Committee's jurisdiction, not on agenda. Limited to 3 minutes each.*)
3. **MEETING MINUTES**  
*Staff Recommendation: Approve the Minutes from March 2023.*
4. **SWP WATER STORAGE OPPORTUNITIES – Presentation**  
*Staff Recommendation: Informational Item Only.*
5. **SCHEDULED DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - A. District's Unsubscribed "Excess" Allocation
  - B. Supply Management Challenges & Opportunities, Technical Advisory Committee Concept
6. **SCHEDULED ACTION ITEMS** (*None*)
7. **REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT**
  - A. Water Supply & Operations Report  
*Staff Recommendation: Informational Item Only.*
7. **REPORTS FROM SUBCONTRACTORS** (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)
8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** July 7, 2023, at 10:00 AM.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

### Attachments

1. Agenda Item 3 – Draft Minutes, March 2023
2. Agenda Item 7.A – Staff Report

**CONTACT:** Please contact SWSAC Secretary, Wes Thomson, with any questions: [wthomson@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:wthomson@co.slo.ca.us) or (805) 781-5252.

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**The purpose of the Committee** is, "to monitor all aspects of this agreement and related agreements and to advise the governing bodies of District and Contractor on the functioning of this agreement and related agreements, and to recommend to the governing bodies of District and Contractor any modifications to said agreements that may, from time to time, be appropriate."  
(Art. 31, Water Supply Agreement, 1992)

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**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE WATER SUBCONTRACTORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MARCH 3, 2023  
(DRAFT)**

Chair: Ben Fine  
Vice Chair: Brad Hagemann (absent)  
Secretary: Wes Thomson

The following minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee (SWSAC) and as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for March 3, 2023, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Call to order at approx. 10:03 AM; quorum established (5 or more). Ben Fine presided as chair.

Subcontractors Present:

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>*Notes</b>
Nola Engelskirger	CSA 16 Shandon	
Annie Secrest	County Ops Center	
Scott DeMello	Cuesta	
Greg Kwolek	Morro Bay	
Ben Fine	Pismo Beach	
Geoff English	San Miguelito MWC	
Wes Thomson	District (non- voting)	
Scott Buffalo*	CMC	Not counted toward quorum; on board after "Item 3, Review of Last Meeting's Minutes."
Shirley Gibson*	Oceano CSD	Not counted toward quorum; on board after conclusion of "Item 4, Committee Action Items."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Geoff English announced that he was recently appointed as the first General Manager of the Central Coast Blue Regional Recycled Water Authority and will be leaving San Miguelito Mutual Water Company (SMMWC). SMMWC is in the process of recruiting a new GM.

3. REVIEW OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Committee approved draft SWSAC minutes from November 2022 as distributed. Kwolek motioned to approve, Fine seconded; minutes approved with a simple verbal vote.

4. COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

A. Nominate and Approve the 2023 SWSAC Officers (Chair and Vice Chair).

English motioned to recommend Ben Fine as “Interim Chair” until Will Clemens (Ocean CSD) is appointed by BOS, and then, assuming Clemens is appointed, Clemens to become Chair. Kwolek seconded; motion passed with simple verbal vote. (None opposed or abstained.)

Fine motioned to recommend Nola Engelskirger (CSA 16) for Vice Chair; English seconded; motion passed on simple verbal vote. (None opposed or abstained.)

A. Approve the Proposed 2023 SWSAC Calendar. Fine motioned to recommend approval of the Proposed 2023 SWSAC Calendar; English seconded; motion passed on simple verbal vote. (None opposed or abstained.)

5. REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT – for Information Only

A. Water Supply & Operations Report. Thomson reported on the current water supply and SWP allocation increase (as of 2/22/23, DWR’s allocation for SWP is 35%, or 8,750 AF for SLO County, or about twice the annual demand locally). Asked if there was any information on the potential for SWP allocations to increase further, Thomson indicated that he anticipates the allocation will increase. However, DWR is taking a conservative approach to the allocation to avoid having to reduce it later in the year because they were too optimistic about how much of the snowpack would translate into capturable runoff for the State Water Project.

Randy Diffenbaugh asked, if San Luis Reservoir (SLR) does spill, how much of the District’s water is at risk of spilling? Thomson responded, saying most of SLO County water is essentially overstored and at risk. Diffenbaugh continued, asking if there is any mechanism the District could use in the future to better protect, or utilize, the stored water? Thomson responded that the County is willing to work with the Subcontractors to investigate possible storage options and reiterated that SLR provides temporary storage (high risk), and the District/Subcontractors should not rely on it for long-term storage.

Diffenbaugh expressed interest in starting a conversation on storage management, considering the high risk of spill at SLR. English noted that San Miguelito is concerned about storage losses at SLR, and affirmed that it would be appropriate for the SWSAC to start talking about possible alternative options and using the new water management tools, and recommended adding this topic to a future agenda. Fine voiced support for that. Blaine Reely (County GSD) asked that future discussion on this topic include the potential for groundwater storage. Ballantyne affirmed the District’s commitment to working with the Subcontractors on improving supply management (using the new tools) and noted that it will be considering additional staff needed to advance these efforts.

Thomson suggested that more active management of the water supply should be considered, and that perhaps the next step is the formation of a technical subcommittee as a way for staff from the Subcontractors and District to collaborate on supply management. Another idea floated for consideration was to have the SWSAC simply meet more regularly, and Will Clemens voiced support, commenting that many of the SWSAC members would likely be on a technical subcommittee, and if so, this would be a way to minimize Brown Act compliance issues.

- B. Update on Contract Extension. Thomson briefly updated the group that the contract extension waiver was approved by the BOS in December. DWR had its 25 waivers to implement the extension amendment in January. It is now in effect and will be reflected in next year's billing cycle. Thomson went on to reiterate some of the updates resulting from the contract amendment.
- C. Update on Delta Conveyance Project. Thomson reported that DWR remains on track with schedule and budget and is processing comments on the Draft EIR with plans to issue a Final EIR in late 2023. We are in year 3 of 4 of the preliminary planning stage which means that the District has 2023 and 2024 to complete the effort. The District anticipates needing to decide on its long-term participation in mid-to-late 2024, or soon thereafter (decision timing TBD). DWR will be developing an updated cost-benefit analysis to support this decision.

Dan Heimerl asked if this decision point for the County would mean that a Subcontractor would have to be "all in" or if it could have a portion of its Table A "in the DCP" and a portion "outside of it?" Thomson responded that the District must be either fully in or out with respect to its Table A – there isn't an option to be "partially in," so unless the District were to find an alternative arrangement, the District's full participation would impact all of its Table A. He noted two alternative ways for the District to still participate in DCP but at a reduced cost (and benefit) - (1) the District could consider permanently reducing its Table A, or (2) the District could consider developing a side agreement with another Contractor willing to share in the cost and benefit of the District's participation.

## 6. SCHEDULED DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Continued Discussion on Proposed Guidelines for Allocation of Emergency SWP Water. The transfer with CCWA was completed in early 2023, and the District is now able to exercise the option (coordinated with CCWA) to deliver up to 1,000 AF of its water above the 4,830 AF annual limit contracted. This option with CCWA does not have a time limit – it remains available to the District until the 1,000 AF total is reached. The District intends to use that capacity for meeting emergency needs within the County, and the draft policy document provides details on the qualifying criteria and priorities proposed for the use and allocation of the District's emergency supply. Clemens reiterated Oceano's continued opposition to the existing guidelines. Committee members expressed a preference to continue working towards developing a policy document that has full support among the Subcontractors now that we are not facing the urgency of the drought situation. Fine recommended that this topic be set aside for a future meeting when there is time to go into greater detail and have an extended discussion.
- B. Continued Discussion on District's Excess ("Unsubscribed") Allocation. Thomson discussed the letter that was sent to the Subcontractors and the table within that illustrated how much drought buffer the Subcontractors would need to get their full allocation under a "20% allocation" scenario with DWR assuming a future where the District does not have the excess allocation. Ballantyne requested a staff-level response from the Subcontractors by April 30th to let the District know of their intended plans for requesting additional drought buffer.

## 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- (1) Alternative storage or supply management options to San Luis Reservoir that would minimize risk of spill – options may include (but not limited to) storing in existing reservoirs, investing in new storage projects, transfer/exchanges, and groundwater storage projects.

(2) Further discussion on the proposed guidelines for allocation of emergency SWP water.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

SWSAC's next regular meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Fine adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:07 AM.

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*DRAFT MINUTES BY: JT / WT*

## 2023 STATE WATER DELIVERY REPORT (DRAFT)

-- Actual deliveries thru Mar 2023 --

Current SWP "Table A" allocation (per DWR, 4/20/2023) = 100%

For the District's 25,000 AF contract, this equates to >> **25,000** AF

### DELIVERIES TO SUBCONTRACTORS (2023)

	AGENCY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
<i>SHANDON TO</i>	CSA 16	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>CHORRO V. TO</i>	CMC	31.5	28.7	34.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	95.0
	County Ops	33.4	30.4	37.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.8
	Cuesta	15.9	14.5	17.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.0
	City of Morro Bay	81.3	72.5	75.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	229.3
<i>LOPEZ TO</i>	City of Pismo Beach	97.1	92.2	89.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	278.5
	Oceano CSD	62.5	62.5	62.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	187.5
	San Miguelito MWC	7.9	2.7	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.8
	Avila Beach CSD	4.8	4.7	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.8
	Avila Valley MWC	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5
	San Luis Coastal USD	0.10	0.26	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>335.4</b>	<b>308.8</b>	<b>326.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>970.4</b>

**Notes:** 1. Deliveries based on CCWA monthly delivery reporting and subcontractor request.

2. All delivery values reported are in volumetric units of acre-feet (AF).

### SUBCONTRACTOR DELIVERY REQUEST SCHEDULE<sup>1,2</sup>

	AGENCY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
<i>SHANDON TO</i>	CSA 16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>CHORRO V. TO</i>	CMC	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	396
	County Ops	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	420
	Cuesta	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	200
	City of Morro Bay	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1200
<i>LOPEZ TO</i>	City of Pismo Beach	103.3	103.3	103.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	310
	Oceano CSD	62.5	62.5	62.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187.5
	San Miguelito MWC	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	90
	Avila Beach CSD	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	5	70
	Avila Valley MWC	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	20
	San Luis Coastal USD	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	6
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2899</b>

**Notes:** 1. Assumes District can supply 100% of requested delivery, to meet requests that exceed current DWR allocation.

2. Updated schedule reflects mid-year revisions requested by Pismo and OCSD; changes effective 4/1/2023.