

MINUTES (Approved)

Chairperson: Andy Pease
Vice Chairperson: Linda Seifert
Secretary: Ray Dienzo

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) and as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **March 7, 2018** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

The audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted to the WRAC are available online: <http://www.slocountywater.org/site/Water%20Resources/Advisory%20Committee>

Call to order at 1:30PM.

1. Determination of a Quorum and Introductions

New District 3 WRAC representatives: Linda Seifert, member and Natalie Risner, member alternate.

A quorum of 18 is established (12 is required).

2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

A motion by member T. Mora and a second by S. Luft moves to approve the February meeting minutes with a correction from January to February on the agenda. Minutes approved (17-0-2).

3. Consider Submitting the WRAC 2017 Annual Report to the County Board of Supervisors

There is an error in the 3rd paragraph regarding committee members. A correction should be made from “two new county water districts” to “one county water district” and the addition of the Avila Beach Community Service District.

A motion by member B. Garfinkel and a second by member D. Chipping moves to accept the cover letter to the board of supervisors as amended. A hand count vote is made, motion approved (18-0-0).

4. WRAC Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Member D. Chipping and a second by member E. Greening nominates Andy Pease for WRAC Chairperson. Andy Pease approved as WRAC Chairperson (20-0-0).

Member S. Luft and a second by member B. Harmon nominates L. Seifert for WRAC Vice-Chairperson. L. Seifert approved as WRAC Vice-Chairperson (20-0-0).

5. Ongoing Updates:

a. Rain & Reservoir Report

There are no comments.

b. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

Member E. Greening mentions a public process started by the Board of Supervisors to request a boundary modification in the fringes of the Santa Maria Basin at the Pismo Creek Area. County staff C. Howard explains recent technical studies and administrative processes taken to submit a boundary modification. A public draft regarding the boundary modification will be available by the end of the month.

c. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

There are no comments.

d. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

Member J. Hendrickson mentions an annual joint water conservation staff meeting held for San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County.

e. WRAC and/or SGMA Mailing Updates

There are no comments.

6. Consider Forming an Ad-hoc Subcommittee to Review the Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District budget for FY 2018/2019

County staff R. Dienzo states the yearly process to submit a budget for the Flood Control District. A subcommittee can be formed to review the budget prior to the presentation in May. County staff C. Howard states that there is no expectation of large shifts that signifies a new program or service.

No Ad-hoc Subcommittee is formed.

7. Consider Forming an Ad-hoc Subcommittee to Consider Additional Water Conservation Measures that can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for Their Consideration

The subcommittee will discuss what conservation measures that can be suggested for county wide action to be presented at WRAC meetings for approval to be sent to the Board of Supervisors.

A motion by member L. Seifert and a second by member L. Chipping moves to form an Ad-hoc subcommittee for additional water conservation measures. A hand count vote is made, formation of Ad-hoc subcommittee is approved (18-0-2).

Subcommittee members: L. Chipping, L. Seifert, S. Wald, D. Chipping, A. Pease

Subcommittee chair: L. Chipping

8. Report from Ad-hoc Subcommittee to Plan a Water Law Informational Forum, and Consider Actions

The Water Law Informational Session next month will be located at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers. One of the confirmed speaker is Stephanie Hastings. A representative from the State Water Resources Control Board intends to participate. A flyer will be made next week.

Member L. Chipping will moderate.

9. Discuss Future Agenda Items

Member D. Chipping discusses vineyards moving out of the East Paso Robles Basin to the West Paso Robles Basin and potential explorations in handling groundwater drawdown in non-alluvial basins. Member E. Greening mentions the creation of extensive and intensive agricultural zones. Patricia Wilmore suggests a future presentation by wineries in the west Paso area to discuss their water conservation techniques for their winery operations. Member S. Wald mentions future presentations regarding groundwater development ecosystems.

10. Public Comment

There are no comments.

Meeting adjourns at 2:34PM.

I, Ray Dienzo, Secretary to the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Water Resources Advisory Committee do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held 3/7/2018, by the Water Resources Advisory Committee. The Water Resources Advisory Committee approved these minutes on 5/2/2018.

/s/ Ray Dienzo

RAY DIENZO

Secretary