

## 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 **February 6, 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

A quorum of 21 is established (12 is required).

2. Approval of December 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes

A motion by Acting Member C. Mulholland and a second by Member J. Garing moves to approve the December meeting minutes with changes. Meeting Minutes Approved – with changes (17-0-4).

3. Ongoing Updates:

a. Rain & Reservoir Report

b. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

Member G. Grewal mentions that there will be a meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> for the Paso Basin. Heritage Ranch according to the DWR website got the boundary modification, Heritage Ranch may no longer be part of the GSA.

c. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

There are no comments.

d. Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP)

There are no comments.

e. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

Member E. Greening states that on March 12 the County Supervisors will look and take action on proposed changes for County CEQA guidelines that will affect all projects.

Member T. Walters states that the CEQA guideline is a document that the county uses to interpret CEQA not anything related to CEQA itself. There have been discussions to update the guideline to be more current and more aligned with the process today.

f. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

There are no comments.

4. Report from Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Additional Water Conservation Measures that can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for Their Consideration and Consider Actions

Member L. Chipping states that the Subcommittee was formed last spring and have met 6 times with each meeting lasting one and a half hours. The members consist of George Kendall, Andy Pease, Linda Seifert, Stephnie Wald, David Chipping, and Linda Chipping. The meetings included County of San Luis Obispo Planning Staff and City of San Luis Obispo Staff.

Member E. Greening suggests that Mobile Irrigation Lab could be very useful on urban turf such as school districts, golf courses, and cemeteries.

**Water Conservation Recommendations**

Item 1

There are no comments.

Item 2

Member C. Replogle mentions the Ocean Friendly Garden Program, outreaches to landscape architects and contractors to train them in water wise principles and designs.

Member E. Greening suggests plant nurseries as sites to publicize and carry water frugal stock.

Acting Member C. Mulholland mentions that the letter has seven recommendation headings while the conservation measures chart has four heading.

County Staff S. Crable mentions that the Irrigation Training Research Center offers classes for landscape irrigation.

Member T. Walters expresses worry that the conservation measures are not specific enough.

Member B. Garfinkel suggests another column to the recommendation chart corresponding to the letter.

Member D. Chipping states that the letter is programmatic, which starts a set system. Member D. Chipping recommends to keeping the same loading of language to keep it more impactful.

Member G. Grewal states that a lot of the information that directly benefits different water basins in the proposal are already being done in the GSPs.

Member E. Greening states that the purpose of the letter is to alert the supervisors on opportunities to act on.

Item 3

There are no significant comments.

Item 4

Member E. Greening recommends developing a criterion to evaluate and prioritize areas of study for fractured rock sources.

Item 5

Various members suggested adding resource library to the SLO County Water website.

Item 6

Member G. Grewal mentions that state laws and permits should be considered when creating a diversion.

Member G. Kendall states that on a small scale there are many opportunities to use the water.

Acting Member C. Mulholland suggests adding a note that connects groundwater recharge to well pumping.

Member D. Chipping mentions that private parties storing groundwater for their own use in the future can be an incentive for groundwater storage.

Member E. Greening suggests adding direct staff to analyze and expand physical and regulatory recharge opportunities in both rural and urban environments.

Item 7

Member E. Greening suggest keeping the door open to larger presentation and events.

A motion by Acting Member C. Mulholland and a second by Member E. Greening moves to forward the Findings of the WRAC Water Conservation Ad Hoc Committee as amended to the Board of Supervisors. Motion carries by voice vote.

5. Consider Scheduling Updates of Water Resources Issues from Each Group or Agency

County Staff R. Dienzo states that members are encouraged to provide updates on water resources relevant to each group or agency.

Member T. Walters suggest expanding issues to needs and challenges.

Member E. Greening suggests at a future meeting to add, discuss future member presentations as item on the agenda.

6. Discuss Future Agenda Items

Member E. Greening suggests adding an update and form a sub-committee to prepare for review of the Draft Environment Impact Report on the tunnel proposed by the Monterey County Resources Agency between Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio.

Member D. Chipping suggest in the future to discuss the issues of economics and recreation under WRAC for Lake Nacimiento water.

Member T. Walters mentions that reports from the ad-hoc committees can be useful for tracking results.

7. Public Comment

Patricia Wilmore appreciates outreach to ALAB and manage expectations as the Water Division is heavily focused on SGMA.

David Blakely speaks in favor of Member E. Greening's effort on getting the Nacimiento and San Antonio Draft EIR reviewed by WRAC and use the Draft EIR as a vehicle to ensure that there are adequate reserves of water.

Member G. Grewal explains why communities are not using the water from Nacimiento.

Meeting adjourns at 3:15PM.