

## **MINUTES (Approved)**

Chairperson: Andy Pease  
Vice Chairperson: Ray Dienzo  
Secretary: Brendan Clark

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 **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021** 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: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-\(WRAC\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-(WRAC).aspx)

Call to order at 1:30 PM

### **1) Determination of a Quorum and Introductions**

A quorum of 18 is established.

### **2) Approval of June 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

S. Sinton moves to approve the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes and C. Mulholland seconds the motion. Motion carries (18-0-0).

### **3) Ongoing Updates:**

a) Rain & Reservoir Report  
No comment

b) California Drought Monitor Summary  
No comment

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts  
M. Bandov provides an update on the Cuyama Basin GSA Board of Directors meeting schedule and the SLO Basin draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Public comments on the draft Plan can be submitted at [slowaterbasin.com](http://slowaterbasin.com) through September 19, 2021.

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

B. Clark comments on upcoming DWR grant programs and guidelines for urban and non-urban water suppliers. Program funding is specific for water supply needs.

e) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP)

No comment

f) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

D. Chipping comments on the Paso Basin Planting Ordinance and asks what “per site” means and why additional water use is being allowed for up to 25 AF per parcel; comments on the Los Osos Community Plan and allowing mitigation for taking washing machines outside of the basin. M. Bandov responds.

E. Greening comments on the definition of de minimis use. M. Bandov responds.

W. Cunha comments on the Planning Department’s upcoming meeting which will discuss the scope and focus of the EIR for the Paso Basin Planting Ordinance.

g) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

E. Greening comments on the reorganization of the County Water Resources Division and asks if it will affect the functioning of the WRAC. M. Bandov and C. Howard respond.

**4) Drought in San Luis Obispo County, Panel Discussion: Scotty Jalbert, County of SLO Office of Emergency Services; Ben Fine, City of Pismo Beach; Ray Dienzo, Cambria Community Services District**

A. Pease introduces the item and B. Clark facilitates the panel discussion. A recording of the panel discussion is available at <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/wrac>.

The following topics were discussed:

- Panelist introductions, roles, and history with water.
- The role and intent of the Countywide Drought Task Force, the goals and indicators that will be used, and what to expect from the Task Force moving forward.
- The status of Cambria’s water supply compared to a year ago, plans to help guide Cambria CSD’s Board of Directors and staff through drought, the State’s requirements for 2020 UWMP planning, and the status of the Water Reclamation Facility.
- The status of Pismo Beach’s water supply compared to a year ago, plans to help the City of Pismo Beach get through drought, the State’s requirements for 2020 UWMP planning, the Lopez Lake Low Reservoir Response Plan, and an update on Central Coast Blue.

A. Pease asks for questions/comments from the Committee.

D. Chipping asks how far the cities and Countywide Drought Task Force are looking ahead, if there will be intercity collaboration, and what a worst-case scenario may look like. B. Fine responds.

A. Pease comments on drought conservation measures and watering restrictions and asks what types of conservation strategies are being considered for effectively reducing water use. R. Dienzo responds.

C. Mulholland comments on water conservation habits, California's historical drought conditions and responses, and asks what will happen when current conservation efforts are not enough. R. Dienzo responds.

E. Greening asks about the timing for drought reaffirmation. S. Jalbert responds.

**5) Receive Presentation from Staff regarding Draft Regional Water Infrastructure Resiliency Plan**

A. Pease introduces the item.

B. Clark presents on the Draft Regional Water Infrastructure Plan. Presentation topics include:

- A background on the 2012 Master Water Report, 2011-2017 drought response, and the creation of the Countywide Water Action Team and its approach towards regional resiliency and priorities.
- The purpose of the Regional Water Infrastructure Resiliency Plan (RWIRP) to address Master Water Report recommendations, preempt upcoming State Drought Planning requirements, provide a launching pad for project planning and collaboration, and support drought preparedness.
- An outline of the RWIRP Methods, including the Supply and Demand Assessment, Drought Risk Assessment, Supply Source Risk Assessment, Resiliency Risk Score, and Resiliency Risk Mitigation Opportunities Evaluation.
- Next steps for relevant agencies to take the lead, the State Water Management Tools process, and the Master Water Report update.

A. Pease asks for questions/comments from the Committee.

E. Greening comments on project funding and asks if there is a process to ensure that projects focus on increased resiliency and follows-up about connection to the IRWM program. B. Clark responds.

A. Pease asks if there are any actions or if the WRAC could provide a role in providing recommendations; also asks when the WRAC will hear more about the Master Water Report update. B. Clark and C. Howard respond.

D. Chipping comments on the highest-ranking Resiliency Risk Mitigation Opportunity identified for San Miguel (page 1-3 of the RWIRP) and asks about the probability or likelihood of implementing the improvements. C. Howard responds.

J. Reid asks for an update on Cambria's desalination treatment permit. R. Dienzo responds.

E. Greening asks if Cambria's permit process include a supplemental EIR. R. Dienzo responds.

## **6) Future Agenda Items**

A. Pease comments that an agriculture panel discussion will be agendized for the October WRAC meeting.

B. Clark comments on an IRWM Grant item that may be agendized for the October WRAC meeting.

E. Greening suggests agendizing a discussion on the EIR for Diablo Canyon Decommissioning and inviting the SLO Beaver Brigade to provide a presentation.

J. Reid asks about the status of returning to in-person meetings. B. Clark responds.

C. Mulholland asks if there is a way to advocate for extending the ability to continue meeting via teleconference. E. Greening asks if there are any outdoor meeting options available. B. Clark responds.

## **7) Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

A. Pease asks if there are any comments for items not on the agenda from the Committee or the public; there are none.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.