

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

Wednesday May 5, 2021

Via Teleconference: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/392816021>

Call-in information: 1 (408) 650-3123, Access Code: 392-816-021

WRAC Informational Packet

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| 1. | Determination of a Quorum and Introductions | 1:30pm |
| 2. | Approval of February 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes | 1:35pm |
| 3. | Approval of April 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes | 1:40pm |
| 4. | Ongoing Updates: a. Rain & Reservoir Report b. California Drought Monitor Summary c. Groundwater Basin Management Efforts d. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) e. Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP) f. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances g. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information | 1:45pm |
| 5. | Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District budget for FY 2019/2020 and Consider Actions | 2:00pm |
| 7. | Discuss Approach for Future Meeting Planning and Future Agenda Items | 2:20pm |
| 8. | Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda | 2:35pm |

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Next Regular Meeting: June 2, 2021, 1:30 pm
 Teleconference

Please contact WRAC Secretary, Brendan Clark, with any questions. bclark@co.slo.ca.us

Purpose of the Committee:

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors specific water resource and water conservation programs with recognition of the economic and environmental values of the programs. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

Excerpts from WRAC By-Laws dated September 1, 2020

MINUTES (Draft)

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 **February 3rd, 2021** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

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Call to order at 1:30 PM

1) Determination of a Quorum and Introductions

A quorum of 18 is established.

2) Approval of December 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes

H. Graves moves for the approval of the previous meeting minutes which is seconded by C. Mulholland (17-0-1). Motion carries.

3) Membership Updates

B. Clark comments that there are many new members that have been appointed by their respective agencies, but these appointments need to be approved by the BOS. The BOS will review the new member appointments on March 2nd. New members' votes cannot be counted during this meeting (February 3rd, 2021), but they will be counted during the next meeting (March 3rd, 2021).

4) Ongoing Updates:

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comment

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comment

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

A. Pease comments about recent Public Policy Institute of California Article regarding partnerships between cities and farms. D. Chipping comments on the Los Osos Basin and chloride levels. He also mentions water offsets that are not in the impact area. K. Hensley states that water offsets can come from the sewer service area and outside the sewer surface area, but all come from within the groundwater basin.

G. Grewal comments about fresh water released via delta to ocean and lack of statewide storage.

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

E. Eby asks a question about the finances which is answered by B. Clark who states they are working on an agreement with DWR which will be followed by an agreement with the district and finally an invoice can be submitted. He states that it will probably be completed by Fall 2021.

e) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP)

B. Clark comments that if an agency or group is looking for state funding on a stormwater project it must be on a SWRP. If projects need to be added B. Clark directs agencies to contact Sarah Crable to add them to the SWRP so they can receive funding.

f) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

K. Hensley provides an update for the Paso Robles Ground Basin and states that the BOS provided direction to staff to develop land use ordinance to require permitting for new and expanded irrigated crop planting through year 2045 with a 3-tiered approach.

g) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

No comment

5) Receive Update from Stormwater Capture Sub-Committee

R. Munds provides an update from the subcommittee's meeting. They first discussed objectives for SWC. Then they received a presentation by George Kendall on his Santa Rosa Creek groundwater recharge project leading to more discussion of opportunity of small-scale projects and overcoming barriers of those projects. The next meeting will be February 25th, 2021.

6) Consider recommendation approval of the Water Management Tools contract amendment to the State Water Project Contract.

H. Graves introduces the main discussion points from the subcommittee and comments on the value of water management towards not only recharge and stabilization but also greater flexibility and tools for future water shortage. It ensures more stable and reliable water supply to support all the county, not just state water contractors, and has potential to reduce cost and generate revenue from transfers.

C. Howard gives a presentation on Water Management Tools development. The main points of the presentation are as follows:

- An overview of Draft WM Tools study including the overall goal to develop WM strategies to optimize State Water use and a Draft Needs Assessment.
- Introduction of a potential pilot program.

- Recommendations by the ad-hoc subcommittee for the board to approve the Water Management Tools contract amendment to the State Water Project Contract.

C. Mulholland asks what the issues in each lawsuit are. C. Howard responds they are CEQA issues and referral to the Delta Stewardship Council.

D. Chipping asks where storage is expected to be located. C. Howard responds that the consultant is going to include reviews of local water storage.

E. Greening asks if the assumption is that those receiving water will be purveyors and distribution systems instead of groundwater basins. Also, what are advantages and disadvantages if WRAC members joined the CCWA. C. Howard responds that Water Management strategies will include direct delivery to water purveyors or groundwater storage programs that exists, and the consultant will review terms of water storage program partnerships. Appropriate governance options will be explored as Water Management strategies are narrowed.

G. Grewal comments on lack of delivery and wet-year storage by State, county tax-payer contributions and lack of benefit, and unused water from Nacimiento project. C. Mulholland responds.

C. Bourbeau asks about levels of interest in this project. C. Howard states that recovery of cost through selling unused water poses an interest for County wide taxpayers.

E. Greening makes a motion for WRAC to recommend the Board approve the Water Management Amendment on February 9th which is seconded by T. Walters. Verbal vote. Motion carries.

E. Greening asks about details of what the pilot study would include. C. Howards responds that staff would be directed to come back with details of what the pilot program entails.

H. Graves makes a motion to recommend getting additional information on a potential water transfer pilot program for 2021 which is seconded by S. Gibson. Verbal vote. Motion carries.

7) Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

G. Grewal comments regarding waters of north County watersheds being utilized in south County.

8) Future Agenda Items

No comment

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30.

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2021

| Organization | Representative | Member | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|--|----------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| SUPERVISOR DISTRICT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| District 1 | Dennis Loucks | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| District 2 | (Vacant) | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Neal MacDougall | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| District 3 | Paavo Ogren | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Natalie Risner | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| District 4 | (Vacant) | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| District 5 | (Vacant) | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| AT-LARGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture At-Large | Kurt Bollinger | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Agriculture At-Large | (Vacant) | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Development At-Large | Greg Nester | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Tim Walters | A | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Environmental At-Large | Christine Mulholland | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Environmental At-Large | Eric Greening | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Environmental At-Large | David Chipping | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Stephnie Wald | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| RCDs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coastal San Luis RCD | Linda Chipping | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Rob Rutherford | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Upper Salinas RCD | Michael Broadhurst | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Tom Mora | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| OTHERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Atascadero Mutual | John Neil | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Jaime Hendrickson | A | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| California Men's Colony | Scott Buffaloe | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Mike Schwartz | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Camp SLO | John Reid | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Jubilee Satele | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| County Farm Bureau | Steve Carter | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Brent Burchett | A | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Cuesta College | (Vacant) | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Golden State Water | Anthony Lindstrom | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Matthew Hubbard | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Shandon-San Juan Water District | Stephen Sinton | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Kevin Peck | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District | Lee Nesbit | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Hilary Graves | A | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| CITIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Arroyo Grande | Lan George | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Kristen Barneich | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| City of Atascadero | Charles Bourbeau | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Nick DeBar | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| City of Grover Beach | (Vacant) | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| City of Morro Bay | Marlys McPherson | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Rob Livick | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| City of Paso Robles | Christopher Alakel | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Kirk Gonzalez | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| City of Pismo Beach | Marcia Guthrie | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Sheila Blake | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| City of San Luis Obispo | Andy Pease | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Carlyn Christianson | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| CSDs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Avila Beach CSD | Brad Hagemann | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Cambria CSD | Ray Dienzo | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Melissa Bland | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Heritage Ranch CSD | Scott Duffield | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Jason Molinari | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Los Osos CSD | Chuck Cesena | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Ron Munds | A | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Nipomo CSD | Craig Armstrong | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Ed Eby | A | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Oceano CSD | Shirley Gibson | M | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Linda Austin | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| San Miguel CSD | Anthony Kalvans | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| San Simeon CSD | Charles Grace | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Templeton CSD | Tina Mayer | M | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Geoff English | A | / | | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| STAFF | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agricultural Commissioner | Lynda Auchinachie | Staff | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Planning and Building | Kylie Hensley | Staff | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| Public Works | Courtney Howard | Staff | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Mladen Bandov | Staff | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Brendan Clark | Staff | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Sarah Crable | Staff | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Lucia Mercado | Staff | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |
| | Mark Chiramonte | Staff | / | X | | | | | / | / | | | | |

Notes: M = Member; A = Alternate Member

Water Resources Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form
Meeting Date: 2/3/2021

| Organization | Representative | MOTION 1: Minutes | | | MOTION 2: Recommend SWP WMT Amendment/Approval | | | MOTION 3: Recommend SWP WMT Pilot Program | | | MOTION 4: | | |
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| | | AYE | NO | ABSTAIN | AYE | NO | ABSTAIN | AYE | NO | ABSTAIN | AYE | NO | ABSTAIN |
| District 1 | Dennis Loucks (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| District 2 | Neal MacDougall (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| District 3 | Piavo Ogren (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| District 4 | Natalie Resner (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| District 5 | (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AT-LARGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture At-Large | Kurt Bollinger (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture At-Large | (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Development At-Large | Greg Neaster (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Environmental At-Large | Christine Mulholland (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Environmental At-Large | Eric Greening (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Environmental At-Large | David Chipping (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Environmental At-Large | Stephnie Wald (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RCDs | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coastal San Luis RCD | Linda Chipping (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Upper Salinas RCD | Michael Brownst (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tom Meza | Tom Meza (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OTHERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Atascadero Mutual | John Neil (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California Men's Colony | Jaime Hendrickson (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camp SLO | Mike Schwartz (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| County Farm Bureau | John Reid (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cuesta College | Jubilee Salele (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Golden State Water | Steve Carter (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shandon-San Juan Water District | Brent Burchett (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Etiwille El Pomar Creston Water District | Anthony Lindstrom (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Arroyo Grande | Matthew Hubbard (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Atascadero | Shirley Smith (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Grover Beach | Leo Nashik (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Morro Bay | Lee Nashik (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Paso Robles | Hilary Graves (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Pismo Beach | Jan George (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of San Luis Obispo | Charles Barnech (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Avila Beach CSD | Chris Boutheau (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cambria CSD | Nick DeBar (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Heritage Ranch CSD | Marys McPherson (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Los Osos CSD | Christopher Alakel (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nipomo CSD | Rob Luck (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean CSD | Shirley Gilson (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| San Miguel CSD | Shirley Gilson (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| San Simonton CSD | Anthony Kavana (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Templeton CSD | Shirley Gilson (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Geoff English | Geoff English (Vacant) | M | | | | | | | | | | | |

| QUORUM (MIN. 12); 18 | | MOTION 1 | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|-----------|
| Item #: 2 | Pass/Fail?: Pass | AYE: 17 | NO: 1 |
| Motion Maker: H. Graves | Second: C. Mulholland | ABSTAIN: 1 | ABSENT: 0 |
| Minutes | | | |
| Recommend BOS approve State Water Project Water Management Tools Amendment | | | |
| MOTION 2 | | MOTION 3 | |
| Item #: 6 | Pass/Fail?: Pass | AYE: 17 | NO: 1 |
| Motion Maker: E. Greening | Second: T. Wallers | ABSTAIN: 0 | ABSENT: 0 |
| Recommend BOS approve development of a pilot program for SWP Water Management Tools | | | |
| MOTION 4 | | MOTION 5 | |
| Item #: 6 | Pass/Fail?: Pass | AYE: 17 | NO: 1 |
| Motion Maker: H. Graves | Second: S. Gibson | ABSTAIN: 0 | ABSENT: 0 |

MINUTES (Draft)

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

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Call to order at 1:30 PM

1) Determination of a Quorum and Introductions

A quorum of 18 is established.

2) Approval of February 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

A. Pease makes corrections of the year from 2020 to 2021 in the previous minutes as well as changing the Vice Chairperson to R. Dienzo. D. Loucks comments that G. Grewal made public comment that was not noted. Minutes will be revisited and approved at the next meeting.

3) Election for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

C. Mulholland nominates A. Pease to continue as Chairperson and A. Pease accepts nomination. S. Sinton seconds nomination. Roll call vote. Motion carries (17-0-0).

A. Pease nominates Ray Dienzo for Vice Chairperson and C. Mulholland seconds. Roll call vote. Motion carries (17-0-0).

C. Mulholland verifies that B. Clark will remain Secretary by consensus.

4) Ongoing Updates:

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comment

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comment

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

No comment

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

No comment

e) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP)

No comment

f) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

K. Hensley provides an update on hearing item 26 from the BOS meeting.

H. Graves asks about state intervention for Tier 1 and K. Hensley responds.

S. Carter asks about the six year look back period and K. Hensley responds.

D. Loucks asks for the CEQA report for SWP amendments from 8/2020 to be posted on the WRAC website for all members to review. B. Clark responds.

C. Mulholland comments on a concern regarding the Paso Basin groundwater ordinance being paid for out of the County's general fund contingencies; other basins have to pay for themselves. M. Bandov responds.

G. Grewal comments on the CEQA findings and State Water Board applications by Shandon San Juan Water District.

g) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

M. Travis shares an update on the Ad-hoc subcommittee. A. Pease adds that a schedule of collaboration events will be provided as they are created.

D. Chipping comments on a resource from the SWRCB.

5) Consider updating State Water Project Water Management Tools Ad Hoc Sub-Committee membership

B. Clark introduces the item and asks if WRAC members would like to consider membership of the subcommittee.

S. Gibson nominates P. Ogren as a member and he accepts. C. Mulholland seconds. Voice vote. Motion carries (unanimous).

6) Discuss water supply efforts status update and provide feedback to staff.

B. Clark introduces the item. The Board did not provide direction following a presentation from the staff. B. Clark provides an abbreviated version of this presentation.

A. Pease comments on ornamental landscape.

D. Chipping asks about consideration of rooftop water capture as an option. B. Clark responds.

L. Chipping comments on the RCD grant and runoff work from private companies as well as revitalization of RCD programs.

G. English comments that TCSD refunded the turf removal program and asks about state funding programs. B. Clark responds.

S. Sinton comments on Cal Poly's stormwater capture.

S. Wald provides a comment on drought response.

C. Mulholland asks about board action in 9/2020. B. Clark responds. C. Mulholland asks if suggestions discuss raising the dam. B. Clark responds.

G. Grewal comments on diversion water applications in the Paso Basin. G. Grewal comments on the Shandon State Water usage.

A. Pease asks about direction on recycled water and B. Clark responds. A. Pease also comments on produced water.

D. Chipping comments on recycled water reuse in South County.

C. Mulholland comments on produced water, as well and about possibilities of recycled water being sent to agriculture.

7) Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

D. Chipping comments on the EIR for Dana Reserve and asks about a water budget and audit. E. Eby responds NCSA is studying water distribution, but no decision has been made.

8) Future Agenda Items

No comment

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00.

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2021

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|--|----------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| SUPERVISOR DISTRICT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| District 1 | Dennis Loucks | M | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Melanie Blankenship | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| District 2 | (Vacant) | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Neal MacDougall | A | / | / | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| District 3 | Paavo Ogren | M | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Natalie Risner | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| District 4 | (Vacant) | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| District 5 | Allen Duckworth | M | / | / | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Fred Hoey | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| AT-LARGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture At-Large | Kurt Bollinger | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Agriculture At-Large | (Vacant) | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Development At-Large | Tim Walters | M | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Greg Nester | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Environmental At-Large | Christine Mulholland | M | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Environmental At-Large | Eric Greening | M | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Environmental At-Large | David Chipping | M | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Stephnie Wald | A | / | / | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| RCDs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coastal San Luis RCD | Linda Chipping | M | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Rob Rutherford | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Upper Salinas RCD | George Kendall | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Tom Mora | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| OTHERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Atascadero Mutual | John Neil | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Jaime Hendrickson | A | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| California Men's Colony | Scott Buffaloe | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Mike Schwartz | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Camp SLO | John Reid | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Jubilee Satele | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| County Farm Bureau | Steve Carter | M | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Brent Burchett | A | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Cuesta College | (Vacant) | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Golden State Water | Joshua Alvidrez | M | / | / | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Mark Zimmer | A | / | / | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Shandon-San Juan Water District | Stephen Sinton | M | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Kevin Peck | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District | Lee Nesbit | M | / | / | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Hilary Graves | A | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| CITIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Arroyo Grande | Lan George | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Kristen Barneich | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| City of Atascadero | Charles Bourbeau | M | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Nick DeBar | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| City of Grover Beach | Robert Robert | M | / | / | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| City of Morro Bay | Laurel Barton | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Rob Livick | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| City of Paso Robles | Christopher Alakel | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Kirk Gonzalez | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| City of Pismo Beach | Marcia Guthrie | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Sheila Blake | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| City of San Luis Obispo | Andy Pease | M | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Jan Marx | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| CSDs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Avila Beach CSD | Brad Hagemann | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Cambria CSD | Ray Dienzo | M | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Melissa Bland | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Heritage Ranch CSD | Scott Duffield | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Jason Molinari | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Los Osos CSD | Chuck Cesena | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Ron Munds | A | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Nipomo CSD | Ed Eby | M | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Richard Malvarose | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Oceano CSD | Shirley Gibson | M | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Linda Austin | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| San Miguel CSD | Anthony Kalvans | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| San Simeon CSD | Charles Grace | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | (Vacant) | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Templeton CSD | Debra Logan | M | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Tina Mayer | A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| STAFF | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agricultural Commissioner | Lynda Auchinachie | Staff | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Planning and Building | Kylie Hensley | Staff | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Public Works | Courtney Howard | Staff | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Mladen Bandov | Staff | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Brendan Clark | Staff | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Sarah Crable | Staff | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Lucia Mercado | Staff | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| | Mark Chiramonte | Staff | / | X | / | X | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |

Notes: M = Member; A = Alternate Member

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Water Resources Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form
Meeting Date: 4/7/2021

| Organization | Representative | MOTION 1: Andy Pease as Chair | | | MOTION 2: Ray Dienzo for Vice-Chair | | | MOTION 3: Support ad hoc | | | MOTION 4: | | | |
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| | | A | N | ABSTAIN | A | N | ABSTAIN | A | N | ABSTAIN | A | N | ABSTAIN | |
| District 1 | Dennis Loucks (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| District 2 | Melanie Blankenship (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| District 3 | Ray Dienzo (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| District 4 | Nashlie Reese (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| District 5 | Allen Duckworth (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| | Ray Dienzo | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AT-LARGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture At-Large | Karl Bollinger (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture At-Large | (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Development At-Large | (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Environmental At-Large | Greg Matter (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Environmental At-Large | Christine Mulholland (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Environmental At-Large | Eric Greening (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Environmental At-Large | (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Environmental At-Large | Shayna Wald (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| RCDs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coastal San Luis RCD | Linda Chipping (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Upper Salinas RCD | Rob Rutherford (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | George Kendall (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Tom Moran | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OTHERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Atascadero Mutual | John Nail | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California Men's Colony | Jaime Hendrickson | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camp SLO | Scott Buffaloe (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| County Farm Bureau | John Reid (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| County Farm Bureau | JULIEE Satele (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| County Farm Bureau | Steve Carter (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| County Farm Bureau | Brent Burchett (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| County Farm Bureau | (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Island State Water | Josua Avila (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Shandon-San Juan Water District | Mark Zimmer (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Shandon-San Juan Water District | Stephan Sinton (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Shandon-San Juan Water District | Ken Peck (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Estrella El Pomar Creston Water District | Luiz Nabit (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| | Henry Graves | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CITIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Atroyo Grande | Lari George | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Atascadero | Kristen Barnech | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Atascadero | Charlie Bourbeau | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Grover Beach | RICK DeBor (Vice-chair) | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| City of Grover Beach | Scott Berni (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Lompoc | Laural Barton | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Paso Robles | Rob Liock | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Paso Robles | Christopher Akkel | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Pismo Beach | KIK Gonzales | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Pismo Beach | John Stump | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of San Luis Obispo | Shelia Blake | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of San Luis Obispo | Andy Pease | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| City of San Luis Obispo | Jim Marx | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CSDs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Avila Beach CSD | Brad Higginson | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cambria CSD | Ray Dienzo | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Heritage Ranch CSD | Melissa Brand | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Los Osos CSD | Jason Mohrari | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nipomo CSD | Scott Duffield | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nipomo CSD | Loe Osos CSD | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nipomo CSD | Scott M. Os | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nipomo CSD | Ed Eby | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Oceanic CSD | Richard Makroose | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oceanic CSD | Shirley Gibson | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| San Miguel CSD | Linda Austin | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| San Miguel CSD | (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| San Miguel CSD | Anthony Williams | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| San Simeon CSD | Charles Grace | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Templeton CSD | (Vice-chair) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Templeton CSD | Debra Logan | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Templeton CSD | Tina Mayer | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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MOTION 1

Item #: 3 Pass/Fail: Pass

Motion Maker: Christine M. Second: Steve S.

AYE: 17 NO: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Andy Pease nominated for Chair by Christine M. and 2nd by Steve Sinton. Voice vote.

MOTION 2

Item #: 3 Pass/Fail: Pass

Motion Maker: Andy P. Second: Christine M.

AYE: 17 NO: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Ray Dienzo nominated for vice-chair by Andy Pease, 2nd by Christine M. Voice vote.

MOTION 3

Item #: 5 Pass/Fail: Pass

Motion Maker: Shirley G. Second: Christine M.

AYE: 17 NO: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Consider adding members to the State Water Project, Water Management Tools ad hoc subcommittee. Parao Ogren nominated.

MOTION 4

Item #: Pass/Fail:

Motion Maker: Second:

AYE: NO: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: May 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Item 4: Ongoing Updates

Recommendation

Receive updates on various ongoing efforts.

Discussion

- a) **Rain & Reservoir Report:** See attached report.
- b) **California Drought Monitor Summary.** See attached summaries. This analysis is released each Thursday.
- c) **Groundwater Management Efforts**

On December 18, 2019, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) 2019 Prioritization¹ that designates each groundwater basin and subbasin (collectively, basins) as high, medium, low or very low priority. Groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) are required to develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) for each high or medium priority basin.

BASIN UPDATES:

| Basin | Update: |
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| Los Osos Basin | <p>Los Osos Area Subbasin (adjudicated area) is designated as a very low priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. SGMA does not apply to the portions of Los Osos Basin that are adjudicated provided that certain requirements are met (Water Code §10720.8). The fringe areas of the Los Osos Area Subbasin are not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization. The Los Osos Basin Management Committee (BMC) oversees implementation of the Los Osos Basin Plan for the area.</p> <p>The BMC Board of Directors meeting scheduled on April 21, 2021 was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled on May 19, 2021.</p> <p>Warden Creek Subbasin is designated as a very low priority and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/losososbasin</p> |
| Atascadero Basin | <p>Atascadero Basin is designated as a very low priority basin and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization; however, the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) has committed to developing a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by 2022.</p> |

¹ <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization>

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regular Atascadero Basin GSA Executive Committee meeting was held on April 7, 2021 and included authorization to post draft GSP Sections 9 (Projects & Management Actions) and 10 (Implementation Plan) on the Atascadero Basin Communication Portal for a 45-day public comment period. • The next regular GSA Executive Committee meeting is July 7, 2021. <p>For more information, please visit: https://portal.atascaderobasin.com/</p> |
| <p>Santa Maria Basin</p> | <p>Santa Maria Area Subbasin (adjudicated area) is designated as a very low priority basin. The adjudicated areas of the Santa Maria Basin are managed by the Northern Cities Management Area, Nipomo Mesa Management Area, and Santa Maria Valley Management Area. The Santa Maria Basin Fringe Areas – County of San Luis Obispo GSA is the GSA for the non-adjudicated fringe areas of the basin within the County. This subbasin consists of an adjudicated area and other non-adjudicated fringe areas. However, only the priority of the non-adjudicated fringe areas was assessed, which include the Ziegler Canyon Fringe Area in San Luis Obispo County and other fringe areas in Santa Barbara County.</p> <p>Arroyo Grande Subbasin is designated as a very low priority basin and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization; however, the County and City of Arroyo Grande as GSAs in the basin are committed to developing a GSP by 2022.</p> <p>A second public workshop meeting for the GSP is scheduled for Fall 2021. Topics will be as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a preliminary set of basin sustainability goals. • Define the undesirable results and the sustainable management criteria. • Present an overview on preliminary basin groundwater conditions and water budget to support discussions on the sustainable management criteria. <p>Draft GSP Chapter 1 – Introduction and Chapter 2 – Agency Information have been released for public comments at the BOS on March 16, 2021. Comment period closed on April 30, 2021.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/santamariabasin</p> |
| <p>Paso Basin</p> | <p>Paso Basin is designated as a high priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. The Paso Basin – County of San Luis Obispo GSA and three other GSAs within the basin entered into an agreement to develop a single GSP for the basin and coordinate via the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regular Paso Basin Cooperative Committee meeting was held on April 28, 2021 and included the following key items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion about Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Program ○ Presentation on the Paso Basin Aerial Groundwater Mapping Pilot Study ○ Presentation on Shandon-San Juan Water District Applications to the State Water Resources Control Board to appropriate Water for Nacimiento and Santa Margarita Lakes • The next PBCC meeting is scheduled on July 21, 2021. |

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| | For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin |
| Cuyama Basin | <p>Cuyama Basin is designated as a high priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. The Cuyama Basin GSA was formed through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and is an independent agency governed by a Board of Directors for Cuyama Basin.</p> <p>The next Cuyama Basin GSA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled on May 5, 2021.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: www.cuyamabasin.org</p> |
| San Luis Obispo Basin | <p>San Luis Obispo Basin is designated as a high priority basin. The County and City of San Luis Obispo as GSAs in the basin are developing a GSP for the SLO Basin and coordinating as the Groundwater Sustainability Commission (GSC) with other basin partners.</p> <p>A continuation of the regular virtual GSC meeting on March 31, 2021 was held April 7, 2021 to complete the discussions in the agenda. The primary topic presented and discussed was about the recommended sustainable management criteria.</p> <p>Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the basin specific efforts by attending workshops and meetings of the GSC for the San Luis Obispo Basin. Please visit: www.slowaterbasin.com</p> |
| Adelaida Area | <p>The Adelaida Area is not a DWR designated groundwater basin; however, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is coordinating with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resources Conservation District (RCD) to conduct a hydrogeologic study within the Adelaida area. The goal of the study is to provide a better understanding of the of the groundwater conditions in the Adelaida area so that informed decisions can be made about managing local water resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts for Task 1 have been underway since March of 2020. These efforts consist of compiling and analyzing existing hydrogeologic data from publicly available sources and private landowners residing within the study area. • On August 6, 2020, RCD hosted a community meeting where USGS provided the scope of work for Task 1 and requested participation from landowners for groundwater well data. • Data of interest includes well construction information, groundwater level data, water use information, groundwater chemistry data, and geological data. • Through January 2021, USGS and RCD conducted landowner outreach and site visits with interested parties to collect data and supplemental information for the study. • USGS' evaluation of existing data for Task 1 concluded in March 2021. • A follow-up community meeting was held on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. where USGS staff provided a summary of work completed for the initial data collection task and next steps for the study. • Public Works Staff will return to the County Board of Supervisors in summer 2021 to provide USGS' findings from Task 1 and additional recommendations. <p>For more information, please visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/adelaidastudy |

- https://www.usgs.gov/centers/ca-water/science/evaluation-groundwater-resources-adelaida-area-san-luis-obispo-county?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

County SGMA website – The County has a SGMA website with an interactive mapping tool available for each medium and high priority basin in the county. Residents can verify whether a specific parcel is within a priority basin boundary and, therefore, whether the parcel is subject to SGMA requirements. The following websites include other informative materials, such as SGMA fact sheets and recent presentation materials. Visit the websites and basin-specific page links to learn more and to sign up for the County’s SGMA email list.

WRAC members and interested stakeholders are encouraged to join the various mailing lists for groundwater basin management efforts:

San Luis Obispo County’s SGMA Website and Mailing List Sign-up

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/sgma>

California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Website and Mailing List

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management>

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

The 2019 IRWM Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, for both the County and the Flood Control & Water Conservation District on September 1st, 2020. Members of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) are encouraged to adopt the latest plan. For additional information, please visit www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm.

A summary of open and pending IRWM grants is below:

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| Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Mgmt Grant (2011) | \$2,797,000 | In Progress | |
| Flood Control Zone 1/1A – Modified 3a Project | \$2,797,000 | Close-out | Flood Control District |
| Prop 84 Implementation Grant (2011) | \$10,401,000 | In Progress | |
| Los Osos Wastewater Project | \$5,945,444 | Complete | County of San Luis Obispo |
| Flood Control Zone 1/1A – Modified 3c Project | \$2,200,000 | Close-out | Flood Control District |
| Nipomo Supplemental Water Project | \$2,200,000 | Complete | Nipomo CSD |
| Grant Administration | \$55,556 | In Progress | Flood Control District |
| Prop 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement (2017) | \$877,563 | In Progress | |
| FCD Funding Administration | \$20,700 | In Progress | Flood Control District |
| Disadvantaged Community Needs Assessment | \$67,738 | In Progress | Flood Control District |
| Water Resource Reliability Program, Phase 2 | \$177,750 | Complete | Oceano CSD |
| Turnout Pump Station Design & Water Master Plan Update | \$177,750 | In Progress | City of Grover Beach |
| Water Res. Recovery Facility, SLO | \$78,125 | Complete | City of SLO |

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| Value Engineering at 60% Design | | | |
| Reservoir Expansion Project & Water Master Plan Update | \$177,750 | In Progress | San Simeon CSD |
| Wastewater Plant Upgrade Study and Recharge Basin Study | \$177,750 | Complete | San Miguel CSD |
| Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 1 (final award received 7/3/2020) | \$3,282,130 | | |
| Grant Administration | \$155,000 | Final Award | Flood Control District |
| One Water SLO, MBR/UV Component | \$1,314,530 | Final Award | City of SLO |
| 8th Street Well Construction | \$238,100 | Final Award | Los Osos CSD |
| Supplemental Water Project, Final Phase | \$800,000 | Final Award | Nipomo CSD |
| Water Resource Reliability Program, Projects #1-1, #1-9 | \$274,500 | Final Award | Oceano CSD |
| Reservoir Expansion Project, Phase 1 Distribution System | \$500,000 | Final Award | San Simeon CSD |
| Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 2 (est. 2021) | \$3,282,129 | | |
| TBD | TBD | TBD | Project Sponsors |

To stay up-to-date on all things IRWM, sign up for the email list, located at: www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm.

For questions, contact:
 Brendan Clark, IRWM Program Manager
 Email: bclark@co.slo.ca.us
 Phone: (805) 788-2316

e) Stormwater Resource Plan

DWR's **Proposition 68 Floodplain Management, Protection and Risk Awareness Grant Program** solicitation is anticipated to open **Summer 2021**. Approximately \$25 million will become available statewide for **planning** or **implementation** projects that reduce flood risk associated with stormwater flooding, mudslides, and flash flooding. Interested project proponents will be required to submit their projects to the County wide Stormwater Resource Plan.

The Draft Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation and Ranking Process can be found at: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Flood-Management-Protection-Risk-Awareness-Program>.

Examples of **planning projects** include but are not limited to:

- Purchase and installation of data collection gages, i.e. precipitation and stream.
- Flood risk reduction mapping, alluvial fans or other landforms, burned areas, severity of burns, and simulating burn severities, vegetation mapping.
- Evaluation of risks based on mapping and data collection efforts.
- Decision support tools that evaluate the benefits and costs of multi-benefit stormwater projects.

- Projects to implement a stormwater resource plan developed in accordance with Part 2.3 (commencing with section 10560) of Division 6 of the Water Code.
- Community Rating System (CRS) class advancement or application letter of interest submittal.
- Development and update of LHMPs in coordination with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES).
- Early warning notification systems.

Examples of **stormwater flood risk reduction projects** include, but are not limited to the construction or repair:

- Structural projects like retention or detention basins,
- Stormwater management system upgrades,
- Floodwalls,
- Channel widening,
- Nature-based projects like runoff reduction / stormwater infiltration basins and bioswales,
- Administrative projects such as acquisition and relocation programs.

The use of green infrastructure for stormwater controls or best management practices is encouraged.

Examples of **mudslide and flash-flood risk reduction projects** include, but are not limited to construction or repair:

- Slope stabilization,
- Erosion protection,
- Revegetation,
- Flow barriers / diversion structures,
- Debris basins, clearing of debris basins due to past events,
- Early warning systems,
- Acquisition and relocation programs.

All implementation projects must include a capital asset acquisition or construction component and must not yet be under construction or acquired. Design and environmental documentation may be incorporated into the implementation project scope.

To submit a project to the County's **Stormwater Resource Plan** visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/swrp

For questions, contact:

Sarah Crable, County Public Works

Email: scrable@co.slo.ca.us

Phone: (805) 788-2760

f) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

Nipomo Mesa

Offset Programs. The County is continuing to process building permits subject to the County's water offset fees at a 1:1 ratio to fund the Cash for Grass, Washer Rebate, and Plumbing Retrofit Programs, available for both residential and commercial uses. Applicants in the Nipomo CSD service area may

pay the CSD's supplemental water fee to meet the County's offset requirement. For more information, visit: www.slocountywwcp.org

Paso Basin

Offset Programs. The County is continuing to require new construction projects to offset water use at a 1:1 ratio by funding the Cash for Grass, Washer Rebate, and Plumbing Retrofit Programs, available for both residential and commercial uses. The County also continues to manage the Agricultural Offset Program in the Paso Basin that requires property owners to verify that new and expanded irrigated commercial crops are not increasing their existing water use on-site, based on a 5 year look back period, with a 5 AFY exemption for sites that do not have existing irrigation and are outside of the area of severe decline. For more information, visit: www.slocountywwcp.org.

New Land Use Policy Requiring Planting Permits until 2045. On **Tuesday, April 6, 2021**, the County Board of Supervisors directed planning staff to:

- Develop a planting ordinance for the Paso Basin (defined using the Fugro boundary, excluding the Atascadero Sub-basin) to be effective until 2045 with a two-tier framework.
 - o Tier 1 exemption allowing plantings using 25 AFY of irrigation per site (defined as contiguous parcels under common ownership)
 - o Tier 2 ministerial approval for plantings maintaining neutral water use on site with a 6-year lookback period

The ordinance is to NOT include a third tier discretionary permit requiring CEQA review; as a result, there is presumably no mechanism / option to approve / allow new plantings not falling within Tier 1 or Tier 2.

- Bring an ordinance amendment to extend the Agricultural Offset Requirements to June 1, 2022.
- Include funding for a 14-month Limited Term Planner III position and EIR contract during the FY 2021-22 budget hearings scheduled for June 2022.

Los Osos

Offset Requirement. The retrofit-to-build program within the community of Los Osos is allowing property owners to retrofit washers within and outside the prohibition zone to acquire retrofit credits to offset water use for new development at a 2:1 ratio. Program information is available at: www.slocountywwcp.org/plumbing-retrofit-to-build.

Los Osos Community Plan. The Los Osos Community Plan ("LOCP") is being reviewed by the California Coastal Commission and a hearing date has not yet been scheduled. On December 15, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors adopted the Los Osos Community Plan update and Final Environmental Impact Report and tentatively adopted amendments to the Growth Management Ordinance that would establish a residential growth rate for the Los Osos urban area. The LOCP policies are still subject to change based on California Coastal Commission review. If the LOCP is certified by Coastal Commission with no changes, the Growth Management Ordinance amendments to establish a growth rate for Los Osos are effective upon certification. If the LOCP requires changes, then the growth rate would need to be established at another Board hearing. The LOCP and Growth Management Ordinance policies considered by the Board on December 15 are available at: <https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/agendaitem/details/12683>.

The Board authorized preparation of this update on December 11, 2012. A series of community outreach meetings to unveil the Community Plan were conducted in the Spring of 2015. The plan was prepared to be consistent and coordinated with the draft groundwater basin management plan and the draft Habitat Conservation Plan ("HCP"). The draft Environmental Impact Report was released on September 12, 2019; comments were due December 11, 2019. A Community Meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the LOCP, HCP, and associated Environmental Documents was held on October 28, 2019. The Final Environmental Impact Report and Public Hearing Draft were released on June 8, 2020. The Planning Commission held hearings on July 9, 2020, August 13, 2020, and October 8, 2020. At the October 8, 2020 hearing, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Plan to the Board of Supervisors.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). On January 28, 2020, the Board of Supervisors considered and adopted a resolution to amend Title 22 and 23 for the replacement of the Secondary Dwelling Ordinance with a new ordinance for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). The Board of Supervisors adopted amendments to Table "O" of the Coastal Framework on June 16, 2020. These amendments would allow ADUs to be established in the Community of Los Osos. The amendments to Title 23 and Table "O" of the Coastal Framework for Planning are currently under review by the California Coastal Commission. Until such amendments are approved by the California Coastal Commission, the County will review ADU applications for consistency with State ADU law, which would allow for the construction of ADUs in the Coastal Zone. On March 12, 2021, Coastal Commission found that Los Osos ADU projects approved by the County thus far raise a substantial issue and did not hold a hearing on the question. The Commission took jurisdiction over the projects and voided the County's prior approval. The next step in the process is the de novo hearing, which has not yet been scheduled. The Commission would prefer to take an action on the County's proposed ADU Ordinance before taking an action on individual projects. The Commission has requested additional information from the County about the ADU Ordinance. The County is preparing a response, which includes coordinating with the Los Osos water purveyors regarding ADUs.

Please contact Kylie Hensley at khensley@co.slo.ca.us for more information.

Rainfall and Reservoir Updates

| Sub-Region | Area / Rain Station | Average Annual Rainfall | 2019-20 Water Year Total Rainfall | 2020-21 Water Year | | | | | | | | | | | | Cumulative Total | % of Total Average |
|-------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|-------------------|----------------|--------|--------|------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | July 20 20 | Aug 20 20 | Sep 20 20 | Oct 20 20 | Nov 20 20 | Dec 20 20 | Jan 21 | Feb 21 | Mar 21 | Apr 21 | May 21 | Jun 21 | | |
| North Coast | Cambria Area (ALERT #717) | 22.0 | 15.60 (71%) | 0 | 0.12 | 0 | 0 | 0.59 | 1.30 | 12.13 | 0.28 | 1.42 | 0 ^A | | | 15.84 | 72% |
| | Whale Rock Reservoir (County Site #166.1) | 16.0 | 14.45 (90%) | 0 | 0.23 | 0 | 0.22 | 1.23 | 6.17 | 0.18 | 1.12 | 0 | | | | 9.15 | 57% |
| | Paso Robles (County Site #10.0) | 14.1 | 12.42 (88%) | 0 | 0.11 | 0 | 0.29 | 0.89 | 6.07 | 0.01 | 0.90 | 0 ^A | | | | 8.27 | 59% |
| | NE Alessandro (ALERT #711) | 17.0 | 11.07 (65%) | 0 | 0.04 | 0 | 0.28 | 0.86 | 4.93 | 0 | 0.78 | 0 ^A | | | | 6.89 | 41% |
| Inland | Alejandro MWC (County Site #34.0) | 17.5 | 13.45 (77%) | 0.05 | 0 | 0 | 0.36 | 1.10 | 6.10 | 0.04 | 1.10 | 0.02 ^A | | | | 8.77 | 50% |
| | Santa Margarita (ALERT #723) | 24.0 | 14.34 (60%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.44 | 1.85 | 7.37 | 0.12 | 1.18 | 0 ^A | | | | 10.96 | 46% |
| | Salinas Dam (ALERT #719) | 20.9 | 16.13 (77%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.28 | 1.18 | 8.08 | 0.08 | 1.57 | 0 ^A | | | | 11.19 | 54% |
| | Rocky Butte (ALERT #703) | 40.0 | 28.13 (70%) | 0 | 0 | 0.08 | 1.02 | 1.66 | 15.20 | 0.16 | 1.77 | 0 ^A | | | | 19.89 | 50% |
| South Coast | SLO Reservoir (ALERT #749) | 24.0 | 15.60 (65%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.12 | 0.75 | 1.38 | 7.67 | 0.40 | 1.18 | 0 ^A | | | 11.50 | 48% |
| | Lopez Dam (ALERT #737) | 21.0 | 16.67 (79%) | 0 | 0.30 | 0 | 0.02 | 0.70 | 1.52 | 6.00 | 0.30 | 1.64 | 0 ^A | | | 10.48 | 50% |
| | Nipomo South (ALERT #730) | 16.0 | 11.66 (73%) | 0 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.39 | 0.91 | 3.78 | 0.27 | 1.30 | 0 ^A | | | | 6.81 | 43% |
| | Nipomo East (ALERT #729) | 18.0 | 13.91 (77%) | 0 | 0 | 0.04 | 0.43 | 1.18 | 4.30 | 0.27 | 1.19 | 0 ^A | | | | 7.41 | 41% |

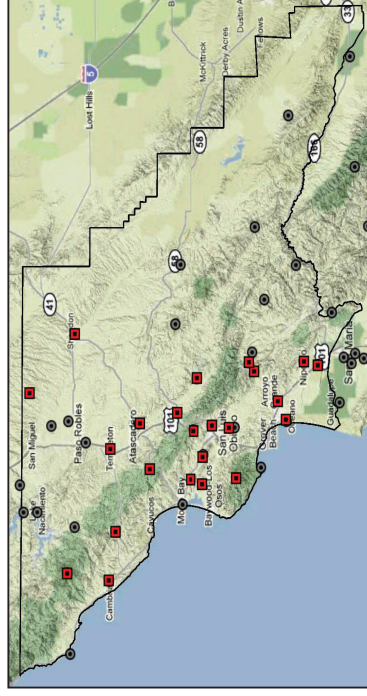
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 A - Report generated at 11:00 AM on 4-28-2021
 B - Due to an equipment malfunction, not all rain was recorded at this site.
 C - Information not available at time of update
 D - Missing Data

Reservoir Update

| Reservoir | Date | Water Elevation (ft) | Spillway Elevation (ft) | Storage (acre-feet) | Capacity (%) |
|--|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Nacimiento Reservoir | April 28, 2021 | 744.8 | 787.75 - 800.0 (negative by raised) | 134,040 | 35% |
| | April 28, 2020 | 763.5 | | 200,745 | 53% |
| San Antonio Reservoir | April 28, 2021 | 695.9 | 780.0 | 57,350 | 17% |
| | April 28, 2020 | 729.4 | | 128,690 | 38% |
| Lopez Reservoir | April 28, 2021 | 478.1 | 522.7 | 18,814 | 38% |
| | April 28, 2020 | 491.3 | | 25,729 | 52% |
| Salinas Reservoir (Santa Margarita Lake) | April 28, 2021 | 1,289.3 | 1300.7 | 16,459 | 69% |
| | April 28, 2020 | 1,297.1 | | 21,242 | 89% |
| Whale Rock Reservoir | April 28, 2021 | 199.8 | 218.3 | 30,199 | 77% |
| | April 28, 2020 | 205.1 | | 32,921 | 84% |
| Twitchell Reservoir | April 28, 2021 | 540.44 | 651.5 | 2,889 | 1% |
| | April 28, 2020 | 545.4 | | 5,157 | 3% |

Note 1: Historically, Twitchell Reservoir elevation gauge does not report values below 539 ft. Twitchell Reservoir was designed for protection from flood and drought. Excess rain runoff is stored in the reservoir protecting the valley from flood, then water is released as quickly as possible while still allowing it to recharge the groundwater basin.
 Note 2: In May 2014, the Whale Rock Commission adopted a new Bathymetric Study and Volumetric Analysis with new lake capacity and spillway elevation values. Those new values are reflected in this report.

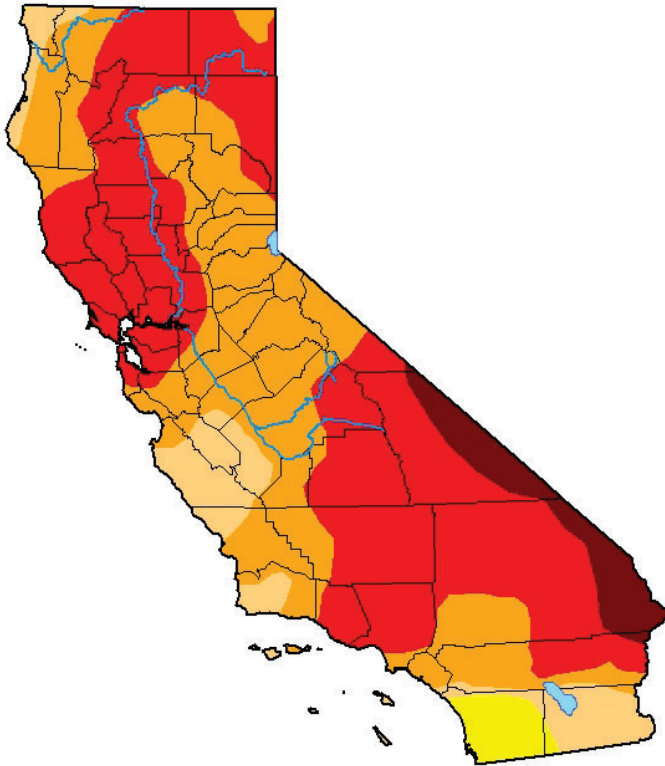
Select Real-Time Rain Gauges in SLO County



Notes:
 Sites maintained by County staff are identified with red squares.
 Sites maintained by other agencies are identified with black circles.
 For more information, please contact Joe Belancourt, (805)781-2767.

U.S. Drought Monitor California

April 27, 2021
(Released Thursday, Apr. 29, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 0.00 | 100.00 | 97.51 | 87.95 | 52.86 | 5.36 |
| Last Week 04-20-2021 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 96.54 | 85.37 | 49.86 | 5.36 |
| 3 Months Ago 01-26-2021 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 95.20 | 75.74 | 39.46 | 3.86 |
| Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 95.17 | 74.34 | 33.75 | 1.19 |
| Start of Water Year 09-29-2020 | 15.35 | 84.65 | 67.65 | 35.62 | 12.74 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 04-28-2020 | 41.80 | 58.20 | 41.58 | 19.59 | 4.66 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

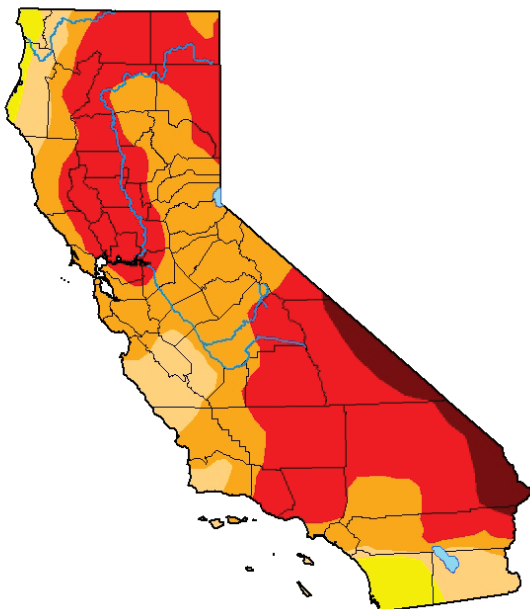
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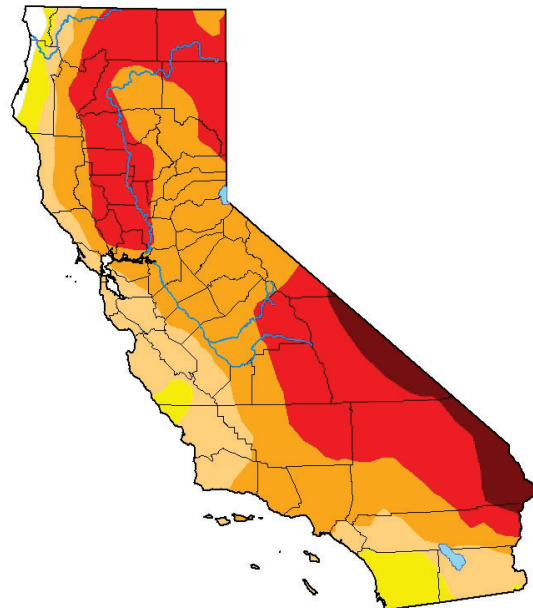
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April 20, 2021



April 13, 2021

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Division Manager

DATE: May 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5: Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District budget for FY 2021/2022 and Consider Actions

Recommendations

Receive a presentation (Attachment 1) from Public Works Department Staff on the proposed Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/22 budget request and consider taking related actions.

Discussion

The proposed FY 2020/21 budget for "Flood Control General" (Attachment 2) has been prepared in accordance with the District policies adopted by the Board on November 1, 2016 (Attachment 3) and includes an updated 5-year plan. Attachment 4 provides a general description of the work programs included in the budget request. In the past, the WRAC has opined on whether it supports the proposed budget, sometimes through an ad-hoc subcommittee.

The budgeting practices implemented last year have been continued, including:


- Request funding consistent with 5-year plan rather than on a case-by-case basis
- Provide information on labor, operations and special projects
- Designation of two reserves – one to isolate \$3.1M for emergencies and one to isolate the balance of reserves that are available for special projects and/or additional priorities

After accounting for regional services, commitments and organizational needs, funding is included to support water supply and demand analysis and technical studies in non-SGMA groundwater basins/areas. Unused funds return to reserves for future allocation to support District needs.

While not likely, please note that the proposed budget may be subject to modification to address any unanticipated needs prior to Board budget hearings that are scheduled for June 14-16, 2021.

Attachment:

1. Presentation
2. FCD FY 2021/22 proposed budget request and 5-year plan
3. FCD Policy
4. FCD Work Programs



Proposed Flood Control District FY 2021/22 Budget


Water Resources Advisory Committee
May 5, 2021

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Overview

- Budget Management Policy
- Priorities
- FY 2021/22 Proposed Budget and 5-Year Plan

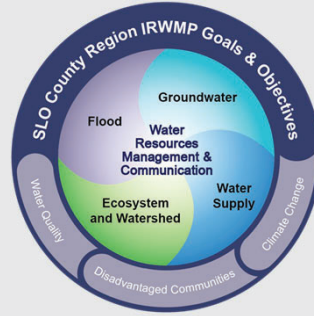


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The Budget Management Policy calls for funding activities that support the following:

- Understanding Conditions
- Establishing Sustainability Goals
- Identifying Opportunities
- Supporting Solution Start-Up



Existing Needs, Resiliency, and the Future



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The Budget Management Policy calls for the following funding priority order:

First Funding Priority:

Existing **regional** programmatic services and commitments

Second Funding Priority:

District **financing needs** and other County-provided services related to water resources

Third Funding Priority:

Other **sub-regional** projects and programs



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District services are organized into the following programs:

Flood Control District Programs

| GROUNDWATER PROGRAM | WATERSHED PROGRAM | MANAGEMENT | REGIONAL PROGRAM | TECHNICAL PROGRAM |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|---|
| SGMA & Groundwater Studies | Flood Management, Stormwater & Drainage Studies | Management, Operations & WRAC | IRWM Program & Grants, Water Conservation & Regional Resiliency | Hydrological Monitoring & Data Management |

Priority Special Projects
Consultants, Equipment, Cost Match, etc.



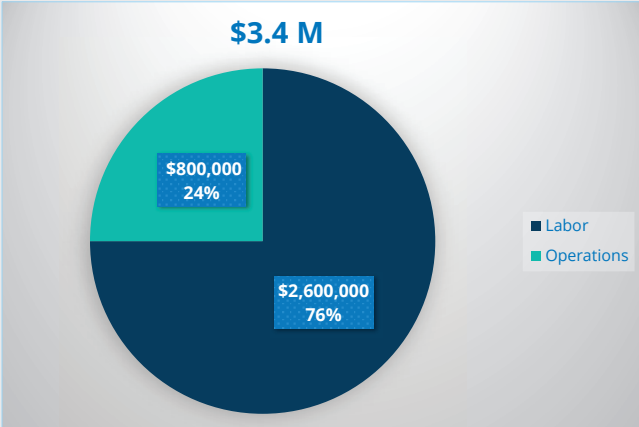
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District Annual Revenue Estimate and Use:

\$3.4 M



| Category | Amount | Percentage |
|------------|-------------|------------|
| Labor | \$2,600,000 | 76% |
| Operations | \$800,000 | 24% |



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The following slides summarize key accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2020/21 and objectives for Fiscal Year 2021/22 based on:

- Existing contractual obligations and commitments
- Board of Supervisors priorities
- Grant eligibility requirements
- Regional services that support Groundwater Sustainability Agencies' compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act



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Management Program Priorities

Accomplishments

- Regional Resiliency Planning
- State Water Contract Policy Issues

Current Objectives

- Reprioritizing work efforts post-SGMA planning phase
- Accounting and reporting tools improvements



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Regional Program Priorities

Accomplishments

- Received grant to update countywide water supply and demand calculations
- Continued WRAC, IRWM and Resiliency planning through pandemic
- Provided comprehensive water supply update to BOS

Objectives

- Countywide supply and demand project kick-off
- Supporting State Water Policy-related items
- \$3M IRWM Grant Application, Prop 1, Round 2
- Complete agreements for IRWM Prop 1, Round 1



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Watershed Program Priorities

Accomplishments

- Countywide Stormwater Plan Implementation
- Completed assessment of existing Drainage Studies
- Flood related studies in SLO Creek and Cambria areas

Objectives

- Community Drainage Study Updates
- Pilot program for vegetation mgmt. in County areas (Zone 9)
- Complete East Fork Study (Zone 9)



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Groundwater Program Priorities

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>Accomplishments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paso Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation • Paso Basin Airborne Groundwater Mapping • GSP development progress for the San Luis Obispo (SLO) & Arroyo Grande Basins • Los Osos Basin support • Task 1 Adelaida area study | <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP completion for SLO and Arroyo Grande Basins • Support Paso Basin GSP implementation transition • Salinas Dam Ownership Transfer Project • USBR Salinas River Basin Study • Los Osos Basin support • Adelaida study next tasks |
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Technical Program Priorities

| | |
|--|---|
| <p>Accomplishments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant implementation for the improved real-time telemetry project • Stream, rain and groundwater level measurements • Coordinated with local agencies to support installation of stream gauges | <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue grant implementation for the real-time telemetry project • Arroyo Grande Creek stream gauge modification project • Continue stream, rain and groundwater level measurements |
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A Regional Resiliency Reserve has been established to support:

- Subregional studies (e.g. watershed or groundwater areas)
- Cash-flow loans for other County efforts
- Future cost match for regional infrastructure partnerships

One-time money



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Several documents have been provided to communicate budget information and work efforts.

- Budget Summary and 5-Year Plan
- Budget Management Policy
- Description of District Work Programs



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Thank You!

Please send comments to: choward@co.slo.ca.us

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**San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Flood Control Zone General
Budget Comparison**

OPERATIONS 1

| | A | B | C | D |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| | 2020-2021 | Proposed Budget 2021-2022 | | Increase / (Decrease) |
| Sources | | | | |
| PROPERTY TAX INCOME | 3,172,080 | 3,298,350 | | |
| INTEREST EARNED | 100,000 | 100,000 | | |
| OTHER REVENUE | 0 | 0 | | |
| GRANT REVENUE (DWR / PROPOSITIONS) | 0 | 0 | | |
| TRANSFER IN FROM OTHER FUNDS | 0 | 0 | | |
| LOAN REPAYMENTS 2 | 298,271 | 298,271 | | |
| TOTAL SOURCES | 3,570,351 | 3,696,621 | | 126,270 |
| Uses | | | | |
| MANAGEMENT | | | | |
| GENERAL | 119,382 | 125,482 | | |
| PUBLIC INQUIRY (FLOOD CONTROL) | 49,152 | 53,491 | | |
| CONTRIBUTION TO ISF/NEW EQUIP | 24,323 | 0 | | |
| COUNTY WIDE OVERHEAD | 82,621 | 91,219 | | |
| SB2557 3 | 44,000 | 48,000 | | |
| MASTER WATER CONTRACT-LAKESIDE USERS | 46,090 | 71,161 | | |
| RESOURCE MGMT SYSTEM (PLANG COORD) | 29,045 | 28,763 | | |
| WRAC - COORDINATION | 30,146 | 41,255 | | |
| CSA23 EMERGENCY INTERTIE MAINTENANCE | 4,256 | 4,606 | | |
| DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM | 362,934 | 111,441 | | |
| LABOR COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT | 127,441 | 0 | | |
| | 919,390 | 575,418 | | -343,972 |
| WATERSHED PROGRAM | | | | |
| DRAINAGE STUDIES & COORDINATION | 195,115 | 189,450 | | |
| WINTER STORM PREP | 5,188 | 5,220 | | |
| | 200,303 | 194,670 | | -5,633 |
| GROUNDWATER PROGRAM | | | | |
| GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROG | 1,026,656 | 1,430,243 | | |
| | 1,026,656 | 1,430,243 | | 403,587 |
| TECHNICAL PROGRAM | | | | |
| HYDROLOGIC DATA MANAGEMENT | 652,737 | 719,007 | | |
| CASGEM | 136,265 | 134,094 | | |
| PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS/USGS COOP | 50,571 | 50,930 | | |
| ALERT 2 | 50,571 | 290,556 | | |
| | 839,573 | 1,194,587 | | 355,014 |
| REGIONAL PROGRAM | | | | |
| WATER CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT | 22,947 | 21,937 | | |
| IRWM GRANT PREPARATION | 2,934 | 55,286 | | |
| RCD MOBILE LAB EVALUATIONS | 33,869 | 34,248 | | |
| CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM | 0 | 0 | | |
| IRWM GRANT ADMINISTRATION | 142,126 | 123,971 | | |
| IRWM PLAN IMPLEMENTATION | 763,335 | 326,925 | | |
| REGIONAL RESILIENCY | 329,775 | 577,114 | | |
| IRWM PLANNING GRANT (2016) STORMWATER | 70,064 | 77,840 | | |
| | 1,365,050 | 1,217,321 | | -147,729 |
| TOTAL USES | 4,350,972 | 4,612,239 | | 261,267 |

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| | Approved Budget 2020-2021 | Proposed Budget 2021-2022 | Increase / (Decrease) |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Uses Comparison: Special Projects | | | |
| Special Projects (from 5 Yr Plan: Category A and C) | 1,175,000 | 1,230,000 | 55,000 |
| Operations excluding Special Projects | 3,175,972 | 3,382,239 | 206,267 |
| Total Uses | 4,350,972 | 4,612,239 | 261,267 |

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| | Approved Budget 2020-2021 | Proposed Budget 2021-2022 | Increase / (Decrease) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Labor Extract | | | |
| Water Resources | 18,354 | 18,939 | 585 |
| Admin: GIS & Software Engineer | 2,133 | 1,733 | (400) |
| Environmental | 88 | 340 | 252 |
| Utilities | 160 | 108 | (52) |
| Finance | 825 | 825 | 0 |
| LABOR HRS 4 | 21,560 | 21,945 | 385 |
| LABOR DOLLARS (including OH) | \$2,401,751 | \$2,554,328 | \$152,577 |

| | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | Balance |
|---|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Reserves 5,6 | | | |
| BALANCE AS OF 6/30/2020 | | | 9,857,523 |
| | -2,546,652 | 3,141,950 | 595,298 |
| ANTICIPATED BALANCE 6/30/21 | | | 10,452,821 |
| | | | (3,100,000) |
| ANTICIPATED BALANCE AVAILABLE 6/30/21 7 | | | 7,352,821 |

Footnotes

- Operations budget excludes Non Operations budgets involving timing differences between years: grants (net zero over length of grant), loans (net zero over length of loan), and budget carryforwards from prior year. Non Operations budget available upon request.
- Annual repayment of Loans: Los Osos Fund FY1516 \$1,567,000 (Debt Reserve requirement) and FY1617 \$1,185,000 (cash flow) and to CSA16 FY1516 \$89,662 (cash flow)
- Auditors Office charge to pay for their costs associated with the collection of property taxes.
- Labor increase due to an increase in student interns and staff focusing on FCZG efforts.
- Influences on Reserves include Operations (above), and Non Operations (primarily grants and loans timing differences between fiscal years.)
- Reserve accounts 3250115 "Facilities" and 3250264 "Monitoring Equipment" were replaced with 3250315 "Emergencies" (to isolate the \$3.1M emergency threshold) and 3250540 "Projects and Seeds" (balance of reserves). This change does not change the cumulative dollar amounts in Reserves.
- Anticipated Reserve Balance Available as of 6/30/21 ties to Water Resources 5 Year Plan.

Flood Control General
 5-Year Special Priority Project Plan
 SUMMARY: PAGE 1 OF 2

| | 2020/21 Budgeted | 2021/22 Projected | 2022/23 Projected | 2023/24 Projected | 2024/25 Projected |
|---|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | | |
| Operations | | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$ 11,637,562 | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 3,190,514 | \$ 3,298,350 | \$ 3,397,301 | \$ 3,499,220 | \$ 3,604,196 |
| Other Revenue | 223,516 | 100,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Subtotal | \$ 3,414,030 | \$ 3,398,350 | \$ 3,422,301 | \$ 3,524,220 | \$ 3,629,196 |
| Other | | | | | |
| From Other Funds | \$ 3,000,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Loan Reimbursements | 1,878,271 | 1,878,271 | 1,878,271 | 1,878,271 | 1,878,271 |
| Grants Pass-Through (Budgeted) | 2,831,850 | - | - | - | - |
| Grants Pass-Through (Anticipated) | - | - | 3,410,580 | 3,410,580 | - |
| Subtotal | \$ 7,710,121 | \$ 1,878,271 | \$ 5,288,851 | \$ 5,288,851 | \$ 1,878,271 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Operations | | | | | |
| Payroll | \$ 11,124,151 | \$ 5,276,621 | \$ 8,711,152 | \$ 8,813,071 | \$ 5,507,467 |
| Ongoing Operations and Overhead | 2,401,771 | 2,554,328 | 2,682,044 | 2,816,147 | 2,956,954 |
| Limited Term Contracts from Prior Year | 424,201 | 827,911 | 869,307 | 912,772 | 958,410 |
| Subtotal | \$ 2,825,972 | \$ 3,382,239 | \$ 3,551,351 | \$ 3,728,918 | \$ 3,915,364 |
| Special Projects | | | | | |
| [A] pg 2 | \$ 8,298,179 | \$ 9,247,203 | \$ 11,514,004 | \$ 10,683,076 | \$ 6,435,098 |
| [B] pg 2 | (784,761) | (6,904,203) | (5,798,924) | (5,042,996) | (4,205,598) |
| [C] pg 2 | | | | | |
| Subtotal | \$ 9,482,940 | \$ 2,893,000 | \$ 5,915,080 | \$ 5,840,080 | \$ 6,435,098 |
| RESERVES SUBTOTAL | \$ 12,308,912 | \$ 6,275,239 | \$ 9,466,431 | \$ 9,568,998 | \$ 10,350,462 |
| PROJECTED AVAILABLE RESERVES PER PROPOSED POLICY | \$ 10,452,821 | \$ 9,454,203 | \$ 8,698,924 | \$ 7,942,996 | \$ 3,100,000 |
| | (3,100,000) | (3,100,000) | (3,100,000) | (3,100,000) | (3,100,000) |
| | \$ 7,352,821 | \$ 6,354,203 | \$ 5,598,924 | \$ 4,842,996 | \$ 0 |

Money Available for Special Projects Categories A, B, and C
 Assuming allocation to Special Projects Categories A and B, Remainder Available for Category C

Maintain \$3.1M Minimum Threshold (BOS 11/1/16)

| PRIORITY | PROJECT | 2020/21 Budgeted | 2021/22 Projected | 2022/23 Projected | 2023/24 Projected | 2024/25 Projected |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| [A] Regional Services and Commitments | Regional Resiliency Infrastructure Planning (300591.01) | \$ 50,000 | \$ 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| | Countywide Drought Planning and Reporting (300591.01) | | | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| | Desalination Feasibility (300591.04) | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| | Sallinas Dam Expansion/Retrofit Feasibility (300591.02) | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| | USBR Sallinas River Basin Study (300533.05) | 50,000 | 25,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| | IRWM Stormwater Resources Plan Implementation (300593.01) | 50,000 | | | | |
| | Regional Planning Updates and Reporting (300565.06) | 200,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| | GW Recharge Feasibility (300533.01) | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| | IRWM Implementation Grant Applications (300567.04) | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| | Telemetry Modernization (450R140311) | 125,000 | 80,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| | CASGEM Data Gaps (450R140321) | 125,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 |
| | Hydrologic Database and Reporting Development (450R140309, 300625) | 225,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| | Countywide Flood Management Planning (450R140501) | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| | Subtotal | \$ 1,125,000 | \$ 680,000 | \$ 700,000 | \$ 625,000 | \$ 625,000 |
| [B] Organizational Needs | To FCZA for Basin Maintenance | 4,000 | 12,500 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| | To FCZ16 for Basin Maintenance | 20,500 | 20,500 | 20,500 | 20,500 | 20,500 |
| | s/t loan FCZ 1/1A | 3,000,000 | | | | |
| | FCZ 1/1A - studies | 500,000 | | | | |
| | Los Osos WWP Conservation Program Loan | 50,000 | 50,000 | | | |
| | 1617 Los Osos cash flow loan (pending) | 1,580,000 | 1,580,000 | 1,580,000 | 1,580,000 | 1,580,000 |
| | IRWM Prop 84 Implementation Grant 2011: To FCZ1/1A | 2,200,000 | | | | |
| | IRWM Prop 84 Flood Emergency Response Grant | 137,625 | | | | |
| | IRWM Prop 1 Disadvantaged Communities Involvement 2017 | 465,815 | | | | |
| | IRWM Prop 1 Implementation Grant 2020 & 2022 | | | 3,410,580 | 3,410,580 | |
| | Subtotal | \$ 7,957,940 | \$ 1,663,000 | \$ 5,015,080 | \$ 5,015,080 | \$ 1,604,500 |
| [C] Other Projects and Programs | Grant Opp | | | | | |
| Regional Resiliency | Potential Beneficiaries | | | | | |
| | Initial Implementation/Partner Share | | | | | 4,005,598 |
| Supply/Demand Analysis | Technical Support | | | | | |
| | Cost Share Contribution | 50,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| Paso Basin | Technical Support | | | | | |
| | Cost Share Contribution | 50,000 | | | | |
| Los Osos Basin | Technical Support | | | | | |
| | Cost Share Contribution | 100,000 | 150,000 | | | |
| Atascadero Basin | Technical Support | | | | | |
| | Cost Share Contribution | | 50,000 | | | |
| Adelaida Area | Technical Support | | | | | |
| | Cost Share Contribution | | | | | |
| SLO Basin | Technical Support | | | | | |
| | Cost Share Contribution | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Santa Maria & AG Basin | Technical Support | | | | | |
| | Cost Share Contribution | 100,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| | Subtotal | \$ 400,000 | \$ 550,000 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 4,205,598 |
| | Subtotal | \$ 9,482,940 | \$ 2,893,000 | \$ 5,915,080 | \$ 5,840,080 | \$ 6,435,098 |

NOTES:
1. This Plan identifies non-labor funding needs (e.g. consultants, equipment, etc.) that are lined in accordance with prioritization of needs and available staff time. Advancing efforts may require additional staff.
2. Projection includes a 3% annual increase in tax revenue and a 5% payroll inflation factor per year for step increases, compensation increases, and equity adjustments after original estimate.
3. Difference between Grant Pass-Through in the Revenue section and the Grant Pass-Through in the Expense section is the amount anticipated to be retained by Public Works to fund internal administration costs (labor).

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

of the

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

PRESENT: Supervisors Frank R. Mecham, Bruce S. Gibson, Adam Hill, Debbie Arnold,
and Chairperson Lynn Compton

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-281

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND RESERVES

The following resolution is now offered and read:

WHEREAS, in 1968, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 68-223 which established a policy regarding surveillance of potential drainage problems within the District and the manner in which any necessary remedial measures (planning, design, construction, financing and maintenance of drainage facilities) would be funded (1968 Policy); and

WHEREAS, consistent with the objects and purposes of the District set forth in the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act, the District provides services that extend beyond drainage and flood control services, including, without limitation, services related to the prevention of waste or diminution of the water supply in the District; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being narrowly focused, the 1968 Policy contains provisions, particularly provisions related to financing, that have not been updated to reflect changes in law, including, without limitation, Proposition 218; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the District has determined that the 1968 Policy should be replaced with an updated policy that reflects the broad range of services provided or anticipated to be provided by the District to help achieve sustainable water resources in all areas of the District and that is consistent with public financing laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDERED AND DETERMINED by the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, State of California, that the District General Fund budget and reserves shall be managed in accordance with the following principles:

1. The District shall use available funds for services intended to result in the following:
 - a. Development of a common understanding of conditions (e.g. regional data collection, technical studies);
 - b. Definition of sustainability goals (e.g. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program implementation);
 - c. Identification of feasible solutions to meet goals (e.g. feasibility studies); and
 - d. Facilitation of the initial implementation of identified solutions (e.g. District zones of benefit)
2. In its determination of the manner in which various services falling within Section 1 will be funded through the development of the annual District General Fund budget, the District shall allocate funding in accordance with the following priority order:
 - a. Existing regional programmatic services and commitments;
 - b. District financing needs and other County-provided services related to water resources; and
 - c. Other projects and programs that come forward through the IRWM project solicitation and grant application process or are otherwise identified by regional and/or sub-regional stakeholder groups and are financially supported by entities other than the District (e.g. cost-shared, grant-funded or otherwise cost-recoverable area-specific services such as basin characterizations/models and drainage studies).
3. When a long-term solution(s) is identified for implementation, such as an infrastructure project, management of a shared source of supply or management of flood and/or storm waters, use of the annual District General Fund budget shall be limited to facilitating services related to its initial implementation, including institutional structure formation (e.g. creation of a zone of benefit of the District) and funding processes (e.g. establishment of a fee, assessment or tax), preliminary project

development and cash flow/start-up costs. If such services become funded, the District shall seek reimbursement (e.g. from a successfully formed and funded zone of benefit of the District) to the extent possible.

4. The annual District General Fund budget shall be developed and managed in a manner that builds reserves in times while needs beyond existing regional programmatic services are still being identified so that funding is available when services to address such needs are ready for implementation.
5. For annual budgeting and emergency preparedness purposes, the minimum threshold for District reserves shall be \$3,100,000.
6. This policy shall supersede the 1968 Policy.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gibson, seconded by Supervisor Mecham, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Gibson, Mecham, Hill, Arnold and Chairperson Compton

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted on the 1st day of November, 2016.

Lynn Compton
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Tommy Gong

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Sandy Currens
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

By: /s/Erica Stuckey
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: October 14, 2016

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of San Luis Obispo, } ss.

I, Tommy Gong, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this 15th day of November, 2016.

Tommy Gong
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of Supervisors

By Sandy Currens
Deputy Clerk



San Luis Obispo County
Flood Control and Water Conservation District
District General Fund
Work Programs

A. Management

Efforts in this category include supporting the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC), District strategic planning and budgeting efforts, public information requests and inter/intra-department coordination. Staff has created a multi-department water “superteam” that meets monthly to discuss key interrelated water management efforts such as the Resource Management System, data collection and organization efforts and other projects and programs with water resources implications. Its mission is to influence and create consistency amongst water-related policies and programs for the purpose of achieving sustainable communities in alignment with the County’s values.

B. Regional Program

a. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program

IRWM Program efforts include implementing and updating the Plan, coordinating with the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), monitoring State and funding area activities relevant to IRWM, administration of the implementation and planning grant agreements with the State and project proponents, and the development of future implementation grant applications. The District is the lead agency for the program in accordance with State regulations and the Memorandum of Understanding between the RWMG member organizations. Participation in the IRWM Program has resulted in over \$32M in grant awards for local needs.

b. Water Conservation Management

A condition of obtaining an IRWM grant includes compliance with AB 1420, which requires implementation of certain conservation best management practices (BMPs) by wholesalers. Certain BMPs are best implemented by the District on a regional basis, while others should be addressed in the Lopez Zone 3 Funds. For example, BMPs 1.11, 2.1, 2.2 – Conservation Coordinator, Public Information and School Education should be implemented regionally, while BMP 1.13– Wholesale Agency Assistance Programs and BMP 1.2 – System Water Audits, Leak Detection/Repair are specific to the wholesale operations. In addition to labor, funding is included to cover the cost of outreach materials and programs, and supporting the Resource Conservation Districts’ mobile lab irrigation audit programs.

c. Regional Resiliency Planning

Due to concerns associated with extended drought, and stressed groundwater basins and watersheds, efforts under the regional program include preliminary, updated investigations into

the feasibility of additional regional infrastructure, installing the gates on Salinas Dam, recharge with stormwater and desalination as options to address drought resiliency, existing deficiencies and future needs.

C. Technical Program

Overall, the Program, as described below, includes ongoing Hydrologic Data collection and management efforts, California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program compliance efforts and a contract with the US Geological Survey to share the cost of 3 stream gauges. The data is used by entities charged with water resource management and technical analysis, including the State, Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, and other local entities.

a. Hydrologic Data

This budget allocation covers the following efforts:

Data Management System. This includes processing and entering all historical hydrologic data into the data management software and web interface, developing standardized reports for the data to support water conditions reporting efforts, and utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to report and organize the information. Other efforts include trouble shooting data errors as well producing guidance manuals for the overall program.

Groundwater Data. This includes groundwater data collection efforts including groundwater monitoring, measuring, management, and analysis, and both field and office work related to groundwater sites and the associated data.

Stream Data. This includes stream data collection efforts including stream calibrating, management, and analysis, and both field and office work related to stream gauging sites and the associated data.

Precipitation Data. This includes rain data collection efforts including rain gauge maintenance, management, and rainfall/intensity analysis, and both field and office work related to rain sites and the associated data.

Hydrologic Reporting. Once the Data Management System is implemented, it is anticipated that the District will generate a periodic Hydrologic Report, using the Data Management System report formatting and a GIS interface.

Office Technical Support. This includes technical support of computer software and equipment related to the automated collection and reporting of groundwater data, stream data, or precipitation, and other office-related efforts such as maintenance and enhancement of the SLOCountyWater website.

CIMIS (California Irrigation Management Information System) Stations. This includes working on existing CIMIS station maintenance efforts.

b. CASGEM

The budget allocation is for CASGEM program compliance tasks such as efforts to add new volunteer wells to the program, developing and implementing monitoring plans, and coordinating with State and local agencies.

c. Joint Monitoring with USGS

This budget allocation is for sharing the cost of the operation and maintenance of three stream gauges: one on the Salinas River (in Paso Robles), a second station is upstream of the Lopez Reservoir and the third is in Santa Barbara Canyon Creek near Ventucopa.

D. Groundwater Management Program

Work efforts under this program include coordination with stakeholders in groundwater basins that are subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) through the planning phase, and with stakeholders in other groundwater basins or areas as resources allow. Tasks include participating on or coordinating with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, monitoring State activities, helping to establish formal groundwater basin boundaries with the State, providing data and other requested technical support as resources allow in the development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs).

E. Watershed Management Program

This allocation supports general drainage and flood control efforts in 25 watersheds including responding to constituents, investigating drainage issues, programs, and flooding problems for all County areas, consistent with the Board of Supervisors adopted policy on surveillance of drainage and flood control problems. Efforts to update drainage studies are anticipated to involve consideration of integrated water management objectives of supply enhancement and water quality improvement. The intent of the program is to provide the technical support needed should communities wish to pursue grants and/or establish Zones of Benefit that would fund maintenance, design, and implementation of watershed/drainage/flood management projects.

Zones of Benefit

The following is a brief description of the various funding efforts for the established Zones of Benefit.

- a) *Zone 1/1A* - This zone's budget includes annual vegetation and maintenance for the 3.5 miles of the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee system.
- b) *Zone 3* - This budget includes all tasks related to Lopez dam maintenance, the Lopez water treatment plant, water deliveries, and associated water distribution system.

- c) *Zone 4* - Funding transferred to Santa Barbara County for the maintenance of the Santa Maria levee system.
- d) *Zone 9* - Funding for the San Luis Obispo Creek Watershed. The City of San Luis Obispo and County coordinate on vegetation and sediment management of San Luis Obispo Creek and its tributaries as well as project development of flood control improvement projects such as the Mid-Higuera By-Pass project.
- e) *Zone 16* – Provides for maintenance of thirty-five (35) drainage basins throughout the District.
- f) *Zone 18* – Funding for maintenance of the Cambria detention basin. The basin was constructed with FEMA grant funding and is required to have separate funding for its maintenance and environmental compliance measures.

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

**FROM: Andy Pease, WRAC Chair
Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer**

DATE: May 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Item 6: Discuss Approach for Future Meeting Planning and Future Agenda Items

WRAC – Future Agendas

In alignment with our by-laws and with the goal of further advancing the effectiveness and relevance of WRAC, the Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and County staff met to discuss WRAC meetings and agenda topics moving forward. Through our discussion, we outlined a proposed approach to meeting content and frequency and are now ready for WRAC’s review and feedback.

Purpose of WRAC

As stated in our bylaws, the Purpose of WRAC is:

1. To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The Committee shall review the needs and financial capabilities of the District with respect to water resources and upon deliberation shall convey their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.
2. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors specific water resource and water conservation programs with recognition of the economic and environmental values of the programs. Further, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors other programs concerning the objectives and purposes of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act.
3. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

In addition, under Membership, the by-laws state:

- Members are encouraged to provide an update on water resource issues relevant to the agency, entity, group or area they have been confirmed or selected to represent at least once per year.

Finally, County staff have noted the utility of having WRAC meetings serve as a venue to introduce water-related policies and ordinances for feedback from WRAC members and other key stakeholders.

Meeting Frequency

Currently WRAC is scheduled for 10 meetings per year (every month except July and August), but meetings are sometimes cancelled due to lack of meaningful discussion items.

To ensure substantive content and reliable scheduling, the Officers are proposing the following:

1. The schedule of meetings will be outlined for the year, beginning with the September meeting.
2. Six meetings per year will be planned and scheduled, with 2 – 4 ‘Placeholder’ meeting times held open if needed for special topics or time-sensitive items.

Meeting Topics

The following are guidelines for meeting content.

1. Main topics will consist of ideas and information to inform current or future policy decisions related to water resources. Outside speakers with subject-matter expertise are encouraged. Topics could include technology, programs, policies, case studies, and so on.
2. Range of topics throughout the year should be responsive to and representative of all WRAC constituencies.
3. Meetings should provide opportunities for connection and collaboration among WRAC members. Members are encouraged to provide updates on water resource issues relevant to the group they represent.
4. Ongoing Updates will be provided on key water resources, projects and programs.

2021-2022 Planning

The following potential topics have been identified for the 2021-2022 WRAC year. A survey will be sent to all WRAC members to solicit additional topics and determine interest and prioritization.

- Water Infrastructure Resiliency
- Urban Water Management Plans
- Agriculture Irrigation Efficiency
- Landscape Irrigation Efficiency
- Industrial/Hospitality Water Efficiency
- Drought Conditions and Impacts
- Desalination
- Stormwater Capture

Upcoming Meetings

June 2, 2021 – Expected Topic

- Adelaida Area Hydrogeologic Study Update – County Staff
- Sustainable Groundwater Projects – Creek Lands Conservation

September 1, 2021 – Expected Topic

- Countywide Regional Water Infrastructure Resiliency Plan – County Staff
- Panel discussion related to drought preparation and response – TBD

Areas of Interest – Future

- Sustainable Groundwater Projects – Creek Lands Conservation
- Consider Recreational use of water resources to be under purview of WRAC
- Update on policies and studies related to groundwater in fractured rock
- Update on Salinas Reservoir Dam Project
- Well permitting regulation as a tool for groundwater management
- Desalination opportunities
- Nacimiento and San Antonio Lake Tunnel Project
- Regional Water Quality Control Board – Ag Order 4.0
- Regional Water Quality Control Board – Stormwater Capture

- Biosolids Updates (i.e. barriers, regulations, etc.)

Excerpt from WRAC By-laws dated September 1, 2020

Administration: The Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, shall prepare the agenda for each regular and special meeting of the WRAC. Any WRAC member may contact the Secretary and Chairperson and request that an item be placed on the regular meeting agenda no later than 4:30 p.m. twelve calendar days prior to the applicable meeting date. Such a request must be also submitted in writing either at the time of communication with the Secretary or delivered to the County Public Works Department within the next working day. Consideration of the request by the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, for inclusion on the agenda will be limited to include review for consistency with District and Board of Supervisors priorities, the mandate of the WRAC, and available time.