

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

Wednesday January 5, 2022

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

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

**WRAC Agenda**

1.	Determination of a Quorum and Introductions	1:30pm
2.	Consider Adopting Resolution Regarding Virtual Meetings (AB 361)	1:35pm
3.	Approval of October 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes	1:40pm
4.	Receive Staff update regarding State Water Project Water Management Tools and associated WRAC Subcommittee, and Consider Actions	1:45pm
5.	Receive Presentation from Staff regarding the Master Water Report Update	2:00pm
6.	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	2:20pm
7.	Future Agenda Items	2:30pm
8.	Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda	2:35pm

This agenda packet and attachments are available online at [www.slocounty.ca.gov/wrac](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/wrac)

Next Regular Meeting:           February 2, 2022, 1:30 pm  
  Location TBD

Please contact WRAC Secretary, Brendan Clark, with any questions. [bclark@co.slo.ca.us](mailto: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*



**TO:** Water Resources Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

**DATE:** January 5, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Item 2: Consider Adopting Resolution to Continue Meeting Virtually

### **Summary**

On March 4, 2020, California State Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. That proclamation remains in effect to date. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting Law, the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.). On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, clarifying the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, noting that those provisions would remain suspended through September 30, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), which allows legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue meeting by teleconference, provided they make certain findings, including that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. AB 361 requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every 30 days.

This staff report is presented today for the WRAC to consider the finding that holding in person meetings would present imminent risks to the health or safety of board members, staff and all attendees of WRAC public meetings.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Committee adopt the attached resolution, invoking the provisions of AB 361 related to the holding of teleconferencing/virtual public meetings.

### **Attachment**

- Resolution acknowledging the Governor's State of Emergency and Authorizing Teleconference Meetings for 30 Days per AB 361

**In The WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

**PRESENT:**

**ABSENT:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-001

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACKNOWLEDGING  
GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING  
MEETINGS BY TELECONFERENCE FOR A PERIOD OF  
THIRTY DAYS PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

The following Resolution is now offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the proclaimed state of emergency remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code Section 54950 *et seq.* (the "Brown Act"), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 that clarified the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, and further provided that those provisions would remain suspended through September 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), allowing legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue meeting by teleconference if the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every thirty (30) days; and

**WHEREAS**, California Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease



Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Luis Obispo currently has a Community Transmission metric of “high” which is the most serious of the tiers; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Water Resources Advisory Committee (the “WRAC”) deems it necessary to find holding in person meetings would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the WRAC that:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic issued by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, remains in effect.
3. The WRAC finds that the proclaimed state of emergency continues to impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
4. Staff is directed to return with an item for the WRAC to consider making the findings required by AB 361 to continue meeting under its provisions.

Upon motion of Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

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Andy Pease  
Chairperson of the Water Resources Advisory  
Committee

ATTEST:

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Brendan Clark  
Secretary of the Water Resources Advisory Committee

## 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 **October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

The audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted to the WRAC are available online: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-\(WRAC\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-(WRAC).aspx)

Call to order at 1:30 PM

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

A quorum of 17 is established.

### **2) Consider Adopting Resolution Regarding Virtual Meetings (AB 361)**

B. Clark introduces the item and provides a summary of Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), which allows legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue meeting by teleconference, provided they make certain findings, including that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Staff recommends that the Committee adopt the resolution attached to the agenda packet, invoking the provisions of AB 361 and authorizing the WRAC to continue meeting by teleconference for a period of thirty days

C. Mulholland moves to adopt the resolution and S. Sinton seconds the motion. Motion carries (17-0-0).

### **3) Approval of September 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

A. Pease introduces the item and asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

C. Mulholland and D. Chipping comment on the format of the meeting minutes and ask that both questions and responses be included in future meeting minutes. A. Pease responds.

C. Mulholland moves to approve the September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes and S. Sinton seconds the motion. Motion carries (17-0-0).

**4) Drought & Agriculture in San Luis Obispo County, Panel Discussion: Jerry Rutiz, Rutiz Farms; Seth Scribner, President, SLO County Cattlemen; Bob Schiebelhut, Edna Valley Vintner and Grower; Steve Carter, Member, SLO County Farm Bureau**

A. Pease introduces the item and B. Clark facilitates the panel discussion about the effects of drought on production agriculture, vineyards, and ranching.

A recording of the panel discussion is available at <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/wrac>.

The following topics were discussed:

- Roles in agriculture and history with water.
- The 2013-2017 drought and how it affected each business and sector of agriculture at large.
- Drought monitoring and concerns, how industries and operations adjust to drought, and the types of drought contingency plans that are in place for each sector.
- Water conservation practices being used or planned for.
- Reliance on water and forecast information.
- How the public can participate and learn more about agriculture in SLO County.

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

D. Chipping comments on the water demand for different types of crops and asks S. Carter about future versatility and obligations related to crop type. S. Carter responds.

A. Pease comments on regenerative agriculture practices and asks the panel about the use and local benefits of these practices. B. Schiebelhut, S. Carter, and Jerry Rutiz respond.

L. Chipping asks if panelist contact information can be shared with WRAC Members.  
B. Clark responds.

**5) Receive Update from Staff regarding San Simeon Community Services District Proposition 1 IRWM Grant and Consider Actions**

A. Pease introduces the item and B. Clark provides an update on the status of San Simeon CSD's Proposition 1, Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant project. The following topics were presented:

- Project background, timeline, awarded grant amount, inquiries from the Department of Water Resources, and assigned placeholder project status.

- Project application, agreement, and program constraints.
- Staff recommendation for the Committee to advise the Board to seek removal of San Simeon CSD's project from the proposition 1, Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Agreement.

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

C. Grace comments on the status of San Simeon CSD securing an easement with the Hearst Corporation and the additional funding needed to meet the requirements of the Grant Agreement deadline.

E. Greening asks if the project addresses current needs as opposed to projected future needs and if the project will move forward if grant funds are not available. G. Kellas responds.

D. Chipping asks about the status of the land easement and level of engagement from the Hearst Corporation. G Kellas and S. Sinton respond.

H. Krzciuk comments on the efforts and recommendation of County staff related to the investigation the San Simeon CSD's grant project, the importance and integrity of grant projects, and the status of the Hearst Corporation land easement and permitting process.

E. Greening asks if there are other projects that could use the grants funds if the project was removed, if there are other funding options available for moving San Simeon's CSD's project going forward, and if this decision will impact future grant opportunities for the District. B. Clark responds.

S. Gibson moves to support staff's recommendation to advise the Board of Supervisors to seek removal of San Simeon CSD's project from the Proposition 1, Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Agreement and C. Mulholland seconds the motion. Motion carries (14-1-1-1).

**6) Consider Endorsing Application by Tom Burhenn for Alternate Member, Environmental At-Large**

(A. Pease exits the meeting)

R. Dienzo introduces the item and T. Burhenn introduces himself to the Committee.

R. Dienzo ask for questions or comments from the Committee.

C. Mulholland asks about the applicant's qualifications for serving as an Environmental At-large Alternate for the WRAC. T. Burhenn responds.

E. Greening asks how the applicant interprets the Samuel Lawrence Foundation lawsuit regarding storage of nuclear waste at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and what considerations were given to environmental impacts while working at Cal Edison. T. Burhenn responds.

D. Chipping comments on the role of the Environmental At-large position and asks the applicant for perspective on environmental issues related to economics/industry versus nature. T. Burhenn responds.

E. Greening speaks to the role the Environmental At-large position and asks what the applicant considers to be most important to the position. T. Burhenn responds.

S. Gibson moves to endorse Tom Burhenn's application for the vacant Environmental At-large Alternate Member position and D. Chipping seconds the motion. Motion carries (14-0-0, 3 absent).

## **7) Ongoing Updates:**

a) Rain & Reservoir Report  
No comment

b) California Drought Monitor Summary  
No comment

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts  
B. Clark comments on the October 6, 2021 Groundwater Sustainability Commission meeting to consider recommending that the SLO Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan be adopted by the SLO Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

C. Mulholland comments on concerns related to the SLO Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)  
B. Clark comments on draft guidelines released by DWR for a drought related funding program specific to projects for small and large water systems.

e) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP)  
No comment

f) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances  
No comment

- g) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information  
No Comment

**8) Future Agenda Items**

B. Clark comments on the WRAC survey for future agenda topics, adding that the November 3<sup>rd</sup> WRAC meeting will likely be canceled.

E. Eby and E. Greening comment on agendaizing future panel discussions to include different industry sectors. B. Clark responds.

**9) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

No comment

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WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2021

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

Notes: M = Member; A = Alternate Member

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**WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)  
GUEST LIST 2021**

Signing-in is voluntary. You may attend the meeting regardless of whether you sign-in.

NAME	AFFILIATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Patricia Wilmore	Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	/	X	/	X	X	/	/	/	X	X	/	/
Willy Cunha	Shandon-San Juan Water District	/	X	/	/	/	X	/	/	X	/	/	/
Matthew Scrudato	Santa Barbara County Water Agency	/	/	/	/	X	X	/	/	X	/	/	/
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company	/	X	/	/	/	X	/	/	X	X	/	/
Nick Teague	City of SLO	/	X	/	X	X	X	/	/	X	X	/	/
Will Clemens	OSCD	/	X	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/
Mark Battany	UCCE	/	X	/	X	/	X	/	/	X	X	/	/
Jeff Edwards		/	X	/	X	X	X	/	/	X	X	/	/
Greg Grewal		/	X	/	X	X	X	/	/	/	/	/	/
Eric Thomas		/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Julie Ridgeway		/	/	/	X	X	X	/	/	X	X	/	/
Louis Lefebvre		/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Charlie Cote	S&T Mutual Water Company	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Dana Merrill	EPCWD	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Seth Stevens	GHD	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Chad Stoehrer	City of Pismo Beach	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Tim Kershaw		/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Heather Billing		/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	X	/	/
Randy Diffenbaugh		/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Mychal Boerman	City of San Luis Obispo	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/
Madeleine Travis	CivicSpark Fellow	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/
Aaron Floyd	City of San Luis Obispo	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/
Hank Krzuick		/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/
Christina Stamos	USGS	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/
Geoff Cromwell	USGS	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/
Nicole Fenton	USGS	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/
Chad Stoehr	City of Pismo Beach	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/
Kellie Fortner		/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/
John Wallace		/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/
Laurie Gage	EPCWD	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/
Tom Burhenn		/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	X	/	/
Heather Nelson		/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/
Scotty Jalpert	County of SLO OES	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	X	/	/
Ben Fine	City of Pismo Beach	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/
Matt Cook	GSWC	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/
Spencer Waterman	WSC	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/
Dan Heimel	WSC	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/
John Hollenbeck		/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/
Richard McCann		/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	/
Jerry Rutiz		/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/
Daniel De La Rosa	San Simeon CSD	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/
Gwen Kellas	San Simeon CSD	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/
Seth Scribner		/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	/	/

**TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Division Manager**

**DATE: January 5, 2022**

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 4: Receive Staff update regarding State Water Project Water Management Tools and associated WRAC Subcommittee, and Consider Actions**

### **Recommendations**

Receive Staff update regarding State Water Project Water Management Tools and associated WRAC Subcommittee, and Consider Actions

### **Discussion**

To evaluate and plan for the opportunities provided by the Water Management Tools Amendment, the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) and the District are working with a consultant with expertise in SWP issues. A stakeholder draft of the Water Management Tools (WMT) Study is available for public comment [here](#).

On November 4, 2020, the WRAC formed an ad-hoc subcommittee to participate in the WMT Study process. The purpose of the ad hoc subcommittee is *"to participate in more detail in the [study] process by attending public meetings, reporting back to the WRAC and helping to develop WRAC recommendations to the Board of Supervisors."*

The number of WRAC members on the ad hoc subcommittee has dropped from 5 to 2 due to WRAC membership turnover. Therefore, the WRAC may want to add more members to the ad hoc subcommittee. Current ad hoc subcommittee members include:

- Chair – Hilary Graves, EPC Water District
- Shirley Gibson, Oceano CSD

The next online stakeholder meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2022, from 10:30 – 12:30.



**TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer**

**DATE: January 5, 2022**

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5: Receive Presentation from Staff regarding the Master Water Report Update**

## **Discussion**

The Public Works Department, in coordination with the Planning Department, is developing a tool to improve the District's and County's approach to the collection, storage, analysis and reporting of data and information needed for water-related planning efforts. This tool will facilitate a comprehensive update to the Master Water Report (MWR), which includes integrating a recently completed Regional Water Infrastructure Resiliency Plan. This project would develop the data and information management and reporting tools needed to facilitate this and future updates to the MWR as well as other analysis needs, such as the capacity of a particular area to accommodate housing and accessory dwelling units.

This Master Water Report and Information Management System Development Project (Project) has the following goals:

- Create a system, with web and GIS based elements, to automate tracking and reporting of information and data needed to analyze current and future water supply and demand, and report conditions and activities, to be hosted and managed by the District
- Track water supply, conservation, recycled water and other water-related projects and programs throughout District
- Provide most up-to-date data and analysis of current and future water supply and demand balances to inform decision-makers and the public
- Generate bi-annual countywide water resources reports
- Generate incidental water snapshot reports for specific agency or areas in SLO County as needed.
- Data and reports to be scalable via multiple scales, i.e. Countywide, Water Planning Areas (6), Watersheds (up to 25), etc.
- Convert the Master Water Report to a "living document"

The current Master Water Report was completed in 2012 and can be found here: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Forms-Documents/Water-Resources/Master-Water-Report.aspx>

## **Attachments**

1. Scope of Work from RFP

# Appendix A

## Preliminary Scope of Services

### Background

The District's role is to provide periodic updates regarding water supply conditions throughout the County. This includes a land-use based analysis of current and future projected demand for water, an analysis of the supplies available to meet demands, identification of deficiencies and identification of strategies to address the deficiencies. The results are shared via the production of a [Countywide Master Water Report \(MWR\)](#), which is organized by Water Planning Area (WPA)<sup>1</sup>. This information is then integrated into our region's [Integrated Regional Water Management \(IRWM\) Plan](#). The County uses the information from the MWR and IRWM Plan to make land use decisions via its [Resource Management System](#), [Community Plans](#) and other processes.

The data and information that the District needs to fulfill its role (e.g. land use data, demand data, production data, water duty factors, etc.) is currently sourced from a variety of locations and systems, and stored in a variety of locations and systems. The same data and information is used by a variety of entities in the County to conduct specific analysis and/or develop specific reports (e.g. EIRs, Urban Water Management Plans, Resource Capacity Studies, Sphere of Influence reviews, Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plans, Groundwater Management Reports, etc.). Data and information generated by these efforts would also benefit the District and County when it is needed for planning updates and to facilitate consistency when appropriate.

County staff<sup>2</sup> from the Public Works and Planning Departments pursued grant funding to help offset the cost of developing a tool to improve the District's and County's approach to the collection, storage, analysis and reporting of data and information needed for water-related planning efforts. Staff from the Public Works Department is leading this project because a comprehensive update to the Master Water Report is also needed that will also integrate a recently completed [Regional Water Infrastructure Resiliency Plan](#). This project would develop the data and information management and reporting tools needed to facilitate this and future updates to the MWR as well as other analysis needs, such as the capacity of a particular area to accommodate housing and accessory dwelling units.

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<sup>1</sup> Note that new Water Planning Areas have been established that are slightly different than the groupings in the 2012 MWR (see Exhibit A).

<sup>2</sup> County staff, primarily employed in the County Public Works Department, is ex-officio staff to the District, and the County Board of Supervisors is the ex-officio Board of the District.

## Project Goals

This Master Water Report and Information System Development Project has the following goals, which are anticipated to evolve as the project proceeds in accordance with findings at each milestone:

- Create a web-based and/or GIS-based system to automate tracking and reporting of information and data needed to analyze current and future water supply and demand, to be hosted and managed by the District
- Track water supply, conservation, recycled water and other water-related projects and programs throughout District
- Provide most up-to-date data and analysis of current and future water supply and demand balances to inform decision-makers and the public
- Generate bi-annual countywide water resources reports
- Generate incidental water snapshot reports for specific agency or areas in SLO County as needed
- Data and reports to be scalable via multiple scales, i.e. Countywide, Water Planning Areas (6), Watersheds (up to 25), etc.
- Automation of Regional Water Infrastructure Resiliency Plan analysis
- Provides water supply data for basis of project-specific EIR's and updates to community plans, specific plans, and other Planning and Building Department documents/plans

## Preliminary Scope of Work

The following reflects the District's initial understanding of the tasks needed to accomplish the project goals. Exhibit B includes lists of information that may be useful for developing the proposal. Each task may result in a refinement of the next tasks, therefore it is anticipated that the qualified consultant and the District will refine the approach as needed during contract negotiations, and that notices to proceed will be issued prior to each task. The project must be responsive to the commitments and deadlines in the County's Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Suballocation Grant Application (Exhibit C).

### Task 1 – Project Management

This task involves coordination with District staff and other administrative efforts associated with the project.

### Task 2 – Stakeholder Engagement

This task involves periodic meetings with a task force of staff and stakeholders engaged to provide end-user input to the project at key milestones, and presentations on project progress at key milestones during public meetings of the District's [Water Resources Advisory Committee](#).

### Task 3 – Data and Information Audit

This task involves identifying the stakeholders who have a role in managing and/or using data and information that addresses and/or relates to water supply and demand. Once identified, an audit will be performed to determine what data and information is used/needed, how it is used and how it is currently collected, stored, analyzed and reported.

### Task 4 – Data and Information Management System Alternatives Analysis and Selection

This task involves working with the stakeholders to identify alternatives for how to better collect, store, analyze and report the data and information for the various needs; analyze and rank those alternatives; and select a preferred approach.

### Task 5 – Develop Data and Information Management System

This task involves setting up the system, populating it with relevant data and information, training relevant staff to operate and maintain the system, and providing appropriate documentation/procedures for operating and maintaining the system over time.

### Task 6 – Develop Reporting Tools

This task involves creating automated analysis and reporting outputs for recurring needs such as updates to the Master Water Report, Water Planning Area conditions and project status summaries, land use capacity for additional housing and accessory dwelling units, and water system resiliency. It would also include providing appropriate documentation/procedures for operating and maintaining the tools over time.

### Task 7 – Update the Master Water Report

This task involves applying water duty factors to current and projected future land uses to generate demand projections or pulling the analysis from reports that are annually generated; analyzing current and future supplies available to meet the demands or pulling the analysis from reports that are regularly updated; identifying projects and programs that are being implemented; identifying projects and programs to address any deficiencies; integrating the Regional Water Infrastructure Resiliency Plan (RWIRP) and updating any other narrative. It is anticipated that the deliverables for this task would be in the form of the reporting tools developed in the prior task.

### Exhibits

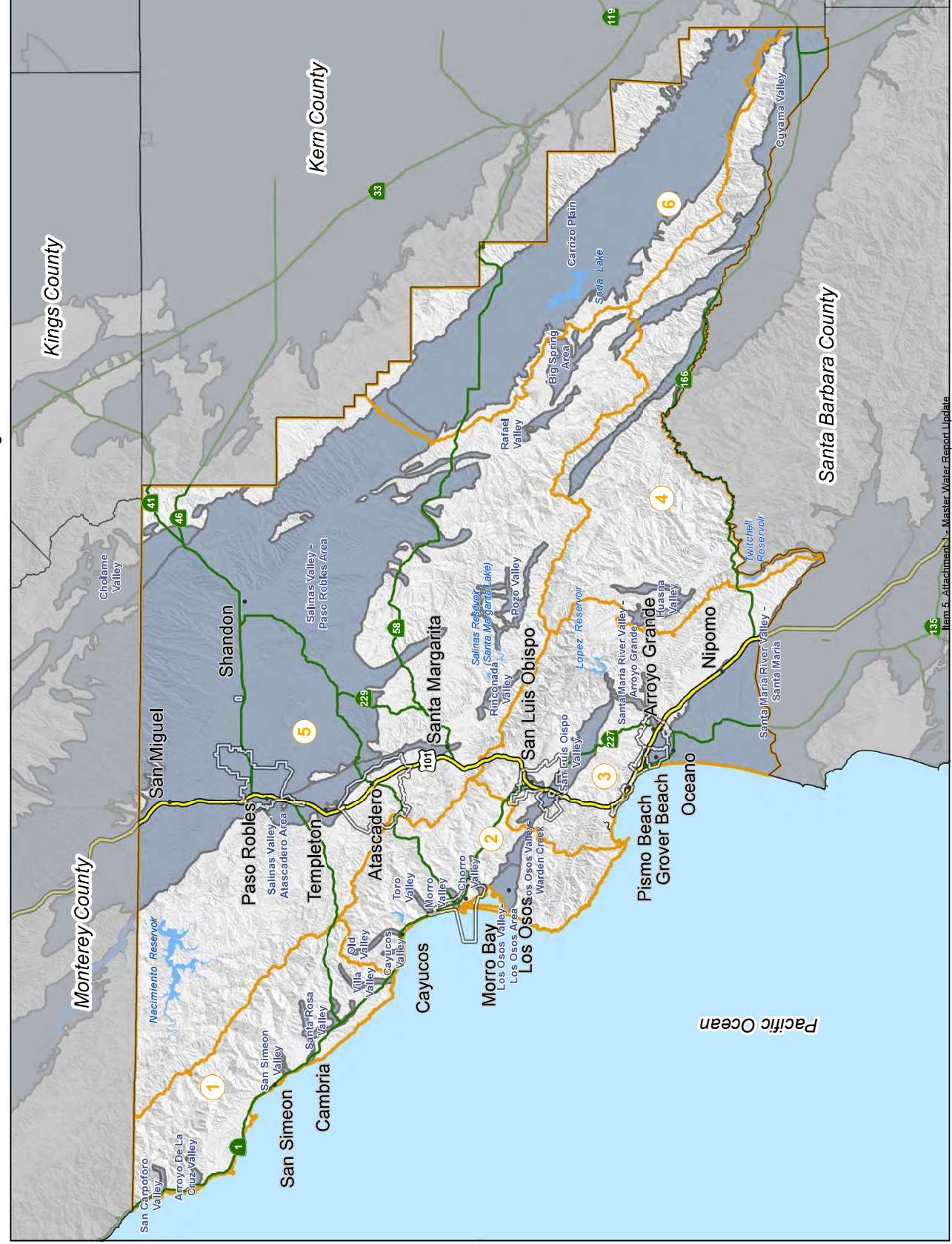
A – Water Planning Areas

B – Additional Information

C – REAP Grant Application and MOU



Exhibit A - Water Planning Areas



County of San Luis Obispo  
Public Works  
Water Resources

## Water Planning Area Index Map

Figure: 3-3

### Legend

#### Highways

- US HIGHWAY
- STATE HIGHWAY
- City Limits
- Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basins

#### Water Planning Areas (WPA): 2018 IRWM Plan Update

- WPA 1 San Simeon / Cambria
- WPA 2 Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos
- WPA 3 San Luis Obispo / South County
- WPA 4 Cuyama River
- WPA 5 North County
- WPA 6 Carrizo Plain



Date Created: 3/26/2019

## Exhibit B - Additional Information

### Potential Output Reports and Data Needed

- Supply and Demand Tables
  - Countywide, WPA (6), Watershed (25), RMS/Planning Area, CSD/CSA area (where County is land use agency, but there may be a separate water agency/purveyor)
  - Supply tables based on source
  - Allocations, permits, appropriations, etc.
  - Emergency water
- Countywide Precipitation reports
- Monthly Rain and Reservoir Report
- Specific Area reports
  - i.e. Los Osos Planning area reports (Led by Planning & Building Dept.)
- Project tracking
  - Water Supply / Recycled Water / Interties / Etc.
- Annual or bi-annual report
  - Staff generated summary and highlights
  - Project auto-generated tables, project list, grants, changes/updates/inputs since last bi-annual report (or other user-specific time frame)
- Incidental agency / watershed / subarea report
  - Staff generated summary and highlights
  - Project auto-generated tables, project list, grants, changes/updates/inputs since last bi-annual report (or other user-specific time frame)
- Watershed / Drainage tracking and reporting
- Wastewater tracking and reporting
- Recycled Water tracking and reporting
  - Locations, capacities/potential, deliveries, availability, etc.
- Drought Reports
  - Methodology TBD
- Groundwater Basin and Watershed computer model updates/data needs

### Potential Input Sources

- Rainfall and Reservoir Data (SLO County)
- Reservoir Data (Monterey County)
- 2020 UWMP's
- Annual UWMP Audit reports to DWR
  - Verify name, submittal process, etc.
- Master Water Plans (Smaller water systems)
- Agency/system pumping, deliveries, losses
- General Plans (or equivalent residential growth projection/limit document)
- Land Use changes/snapshots GIS (SLO County Planning)
- Irrigated Ag lands GIS (SLO County Ag Commissioner)
- SGMA / Adjudicated Basin Annual Reports
- Soils data
- Open ET

#### Potential development steps:

1. Recreate 2012 MWR digitally
2. Update existing references
3. Add in additional references from last 10 years
4. Then, enhance/develop:
  - Recycled Water components
  - Agricultural use & tracking (Ag department? UCCE data? Cal Poly?)
  - Environmental Demand/use
    - Does the county have monitoring requirements in certain areas we can track? (i/e AG Creek)

#### In-system, County update-able reference charts:

- Water duty factors
- Land use water factors
- Resiliency score factors (from RWIRP)

#### Stakeholders

- 1) Public Works – Water Resources, Utilities
  - a. Verify goals, outputs, inputs
- 2) Public Works – GIS, Tech Team
  - a. Hosting/system/website/tech needs, based on goal to host.
- 3) Planning
  - a. Verify Output goals, reports and potential re-use of RMS outreach efforts
- 4) BOS/Admin office
  - a. Project goals and purpose
- 5) LAFCO / SLOCOG
  - a. Review if these agencies use, or would, MWR data
- 6) CWAT
  - a. Review inputs and outputs
- 7) WRAC
  - a. On-going project updates and input. Possible sub-committee formation.

#### Water-related decisions where up-to-date Countywide or local area-specific water data is needed for informed decision-making:

- Declaring, extending or lifting building and/or water service moratoriums where County is Land-use agency
  - i.e. Los Osos, Cambria, San Simeon, others.
- Future of State Water Project water
  - Short and/or long-term use of Water Management Tools for transfers/exchanges/sales
  - Short and/or long-term use of the District's unallocated Table A water
- Investment into the next generation of water supply
  - Regional Storage (i.e. Salinas Dam Spillway Gate)
  - Regional Resiliency Infrastructure
  - Regional Desalination or other water supply project

**Exhibit C - Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Suballocation Grant Application**

**San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Jurisdiction Funding:**

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, the SLOCOG Board of Directors directed staff to allocate REAP funds to jurisdictions throughout the SLOCOG region based on the jurisdiction’s proportion of the most recent Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) allocation. Jurisdictions are eligible for the following amounts:

Jurisdiction	Grant Amount Available
Arroyo Grande	\$ 104,053
Atascadero	\$ 104,053
Paso Robles	\$ 152,003
Grover Beach	\$ 78,643
Morro Bay	\$ 78,643
Pismo Beach	\$ 78,643
San Luis Obispo	\$ 283,003
<b>County of San Luis Obispo</b>	<b>\$ 283,003</b>

**A. Applicant Information**

<b>Complete the following Applicant information</b>			
Agency Name	County of San Luis Obispo		
Agency Type	County		
Applicant’s Mailing Address	Public Works - County Govt. Center, Room 206		
City	San Luis Obispo		
State	California	Zip Code	93408
County	San Luis Obispo		
Website	<a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov">www.slocounty.ca.gov</a>		
Authorized Representative Name	John Diodati		
Authorized Representative Title	Interim Director, Public Works Department		
Phone	805-788-2832	Fax	(805) 781-1229
Email	<a href="mailto:jdiodati@co.slo.ca.us">jdiodati@co.slo.ca.us</a>		
Contact Person Name	Brendan Clark		
Contact Person Title	Supervising Water Resources Engineer		
Phone	805-788-2316	Fax	(805) 781-1229
Email	<a href="mailto:bclark@co.slo.ca.us">bclark@co.slo.ca.us</a>		
Grant Amount	\$	283,003	

**Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Suballocation Grant Application**

**B. Threshold Requirements**

*All applicants must meet all of the following threshold criteria to be eligible for an award.*

<b>1. Does the application demonstrate a nexus to accelerating housing production?</b>	Yes	<b>X</b>	No	
<b>2. Does the application include a completed and signed resolution</b> <i>See attachment 1, "Template Resolution"</i>	Yes	<b>X</b>	No	
<b>3. Does the address on the Government Agency Taxpayer ID Form exactly match the address listed above?</b> <i>See attachment 2, "Government Agency Taxpayer ID Form"</i>	Yes	<b>X</b>	No	

As the official designated by the governing body, I hereby certify that if approved by AMBAG for a suballocation of funding through the Regional Early Planning Program (REAP), the **County of San Luis Obispo** assumes the responsibilities specified in this application and certifies that the information statements and other content contained in this application are true and correct.

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Name: John Diodati

Date: 2/11/21 Title: Interim Director of Public Works

## Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Suballocation Grant Application

### C. Eligible Activities Checklist

*Check at least one or more eligible project activity.*

<b>X</b>	Accommodating development of housing and infrastructure that accelerates housing production that aligns with state planning priorities, housing, transportation, equity, and climate goals
	Implementing sustainable communities strategies related to housing planning and accelerating housing production
	Establishing Prohousing Policies pursuant to Government Code section 65589.9
<b>X</b>	Providing technical assistance in improving housing permitting processes, tracking systems, and planning tools
	Establishing regional or countywide housing trust funds for affordable housing (e.g. planning activities and processes, guidelines, charters)
<b>X</b>	Performing infrastructure planning, including sewers, water systems, transit, roads, or other public facilities necessary to support new housing and new residents
	Performing feasibility studies to determine the most efficient locations to site housing consistent with Government Code sections 65040.1 (State Planning Priorities) and 65080 (Regional Transportation Plans)
	Covering the costs of temporary staffing or consultant needs associated with eligible activities
	Covering the cost of technical assistance, planning, temporary staffing, or consultant needs associated with updating local planning and zoning documents, expediting application processing, and other actions to accelerate additional housing production
	Reimbursing the cost of approved and eligible costs incurred for work after October 1, 2019



**D. Project Description**

*Provide a description of the project scope and tasks including a description of the project's impact on accelerating housing production. Indicate how your project addresses regional housing issues that affect the Central Coast. Include whether plans will be adopted. If consultants will be used, identify what tasks they will be responsible for. Use Appendix A if additional space is needed.*

**Water is one of the most critical challenges to housing development in SLO County. The most recent comprehensive data available on water supply and infrastructure is nearly 10 years old, the 2012 Master Water Report (MWR). The MWR performed a land-use based water supply and demand analysis of each watershed area in the County, considering urban and agricultural uses, and projected growth based on adopted general plans.**

**SLO County will use REAP funds to create a tool that will automate the analysis performed in the 2012 MWR to provide updated water data throughout the County, for many uses and customers. A primary customer will be the County Department of Planning and Building, who will use this up-to-date data and reporting to facilitate housing planning and development projects as directed by the Board of Supervisors. The tool will be a Data Management System that will enable to County to track data from cities, CSDs, and other purveyors, projects completed, and proposed projects that influence a particular area or system's ability to provide water to existing customers and accommodate for future demand. As water supply projects are completed, or demand significantly changes with conservation or an updated general plan, the County will be able to track the effects to supply and demand for the watershed, planning area, system, etc. Additionally, the tool will allow forecasting of water supply, which can support and facilitate long-range housing planning.**

**Evaluations of water supply for housing planning and development projects is typically done on a project-by-project basis, resulting in significant duplication of efforts in plans and EIRs associated with housing. This results in higher costs and extended permitting processes for housing projects. Having up-to-date water supply, demand, and infrastructure data available will streamline the water supply considerations in permitting, reduce duplication of efforts in housing planning and associated environmental permitting, and reducing costs for the water analysis portion of associated housing planning and EIR studies.**

**In the SLO County Coastal Zone, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) requires significant water supply, demand, and infrastructure data before approving plans related to expanding the housing supply. This includes ADU planning/permitting, community plans and specific plans. The tool will reduce barriers to housing in the Coastal Zone by providing regional water data to the CCC.**

**The County is in process of completing a water system resiliency analysis and infrastructure plan that is focused on drought resiliency, mutual aid agreements and infrastructure needs. The proposed system will take the point-in-time approach of this report and automate it for evaluation as conditions, projects, etc. change. This reporting tool will provide the basis for approaching and overcoming water supply and infrastructure challenges, helping achieve planned growth.**

## Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Suballocation Grant Application

### E. Project Timeline and Budget

*Include tasks, budget amounts, dates and deliverables. Indicate what tasks will be completed by consultant, and include dates for draft and final deliverables if applicable. Budget must account for full amount the jurisdiction is eligible to apply for. Include project location if different from applicant's mailing address. All tasks and spending must be completed by November 1, 2023.*

**Project Title:**

Task	Budget	Start Date	End Date	Description and Deliverables
1 Development of Water Supply and Demand Reporting Tool	\$283,003	February 1, 2021	October 31, 2023	Staff project management and consultant costs for implementing the water tool. Consultant to develop GIS (or similar) tool, accompanying report and on-going reporting templates. Task includes Request for Proposal (RFP) preparation, consultant selection, contract development and execution. This tool and report will chronicle, by each watershed, planning area, and system, what documents/reports/annual survey information is required to be collected to update the calculations. The tool will also allow for supply and infrastructure projects to be input into the calculations in order to reflect the current and proposed state of any water system.
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$283,003</b>			



**Attachment 1: Authorizing Resolution**

# IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

PRESENT: Supervisors John Peschong, Bruce S. Gibson, Dawn Ortiz-Legg, Debbie Arnold and Chairperson Lynn Compton

ABSENT: None

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-020**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS**

The following resolution is now offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 101 in September 2019, which established the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program which allocates \$125 million in housing planning funds to regional entities throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has been assigned as the state agency overseeing this program; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of AB 101 require the California Central Coast's Councils of Government form a multiagency group comprising three representatives from each of the region's five counties to administer approximately \$8 million in housing planning funds dedicated to the Central Coast region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Coast Housing Working Group has been established as the multiagency working group to administer these funds pursuant to AB 101; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) will serve as the fiscal agent of the Central Coast Housing Working Group and will staff the group; and

**WHEREAS**, AMBAG will use three percent of the AB 101 Central Coast regional funding to administer the mega regional grant program, staff the Central Coast Housing Working Group, provide required reporting, and provide oversight of the grant program from 2020 to 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, AMBAG will allocate AB 101 housing planning funds to the four COGs in the Central Coast area: AMBAG, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, and the Council of San Benito County Governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Luis Obispo is eligible to submit a request for allocation for a portion of Central California AB 101 housing planning funds from AMBAG; and

**WHEREAS**, the amounts allocated to the AMBAG are based on the allocation method approved by the Central Coast Housing Working Group; and

**WHEREAS**, the amounts allocated to County of San Luis Obispo will be based on the allocation method approved by AMBAG; and

**WHEREAS**, AMBAG shall approve allocation requests subject to the terms and conditions of eligibility, guidelines, Notices of Funding Availability, and program requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo ("Applicant") resolves as follows:

1. The County of San Luis Obispo Planning and Building Director and/or Public Works Director is hereby authorized to request an allocation not to exceed \$283,003 from the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments which acts on behalf of the Central Coast Housing Working Group, and
2. The County of San Luis Obispo Planning and Building Director and/or Public Works Director is hereby authorized to enter into agreements, and take further actions as may be necessary to give effect to this resolution, such as executing amendments and approving funding applications with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments and San Luis Obispo Council of Governments for Regional Early Action Planning grant funding.

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

AYES: Supervisors Gibson, Ortiz-Legg, Peschong, Arnold and Chairperson Compton

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Lynn Compton  
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

WADE HORTON  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
San Luis Obispo County, State of California

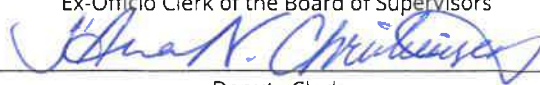
By: T'Ana Christiansen  
Deputy Clerk

[SEAL]

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND EFFECT:  
RITA L. NEAL  
County Counsel

By: /s/ Benjamin Dore  
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: December 22, 2020

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ) ss.  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO )  
I, **WADE HORTON**, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors thereof, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order entered in the minutes of said Board of Supervisors, and now remaining of record in my office.  
Witness, my hand and seal of said Board of Supervisors on January 27, 2021.  
**WADE HORTON,**  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
By:   
Deputy Clerk



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING**  
**TREVOR KEITH, DIRECTOR**

January 14, 2021

Brendan Clark, Senior Water Resources Engineer  
Department of Public Works, Water Resources Division

**SUBJECT: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Application  
Letter of Support**

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Planning Department fully supports Public Works' application for the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant to fund creating a system to provide for more frequent updates to a centralized database for water supply and demand calculations. This project will support land use and housing decisions on a regular basis to accelerate housing production in the County to help meet the County's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

### **Need for an Updated Water Supply & Demand Database**

Water supply availability is the limiting factor for new residential development in many areas of San Luis Obispo County. Historically, the County Planning Department has prepared biennial Resource Summary Reports (RSR) that compile information from service providers, public agencies, and environmental studies for major development projects to identify resource constraints for existing and future development in the unincorporated areas of the County. The water supply section of the RSR is the most referenced in County planning documents and the most in need of revision because of the variety of data sources and the technical expertise needed to aggregate them into cohesive findings. Public Works staff has the needed expertise to take the lead in developing a better way of accumulating water supply and demand data.

### **Need for a Consistent, Regional Approach to Water Resources Planning**

The centralized tracking system will have the capacity to aggregate data sources across the entire geographic region of the county, including incorporated areas that are outside of the County land use authority jurisdiction. This regional approach is essential to support a watershed-based approach across jurisdictions in accordance with the County's Regional Infrastructure and Affordable Housing Plan. Planning agencies for cities, special districts, and the County can all reference the centralized database to have consistent analysis of water resources capacity for their individual needs. Specifically, the centralized database for water supply and demand information may be referenced by planning agencies to inform CEQA

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review of water supply impacts for new housing projects, Community Plan updates, and Housing Elements updates. The database may also be referenced by housing developers and the general public to identify where to invest in housing projects with sufficient water availability.

Overall, the centralized database to track water supply and demand in the County will foster better understanding of water resources to support streamlined permitting review for housing projects and a regional approach to strategic infrastructure and affordable housing development.

Sincerely,

*Airlin Singewald*

Airlin Singewald  
Division Manager, Housing & Long Range Planning

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
between  
THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
and  
The SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
and  
The COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 101 (AB 101) in September 2019, which established the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program (Program) which allocates \$125 million in housing planning funds to regional entities throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has been assigned as the State agency overseeing the Program; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of AB 101 require the California Central Coast's Councils of Government (COGs) to form a multiagency group comprising three representatives from each of the region's five counties to administer approximately \$8 million in housing planning funds dedicated to the Central Coast region; and

WHEREAS, the Central Coast Housing Working Group has been established as the multiagency working group to administer these funds pursuant to AB 101; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) will serve as the fiscal agent of the Central Coast Housing Working Group and will staff the group; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG will use three percent of the AB 101 Central Coast regional funding to administer and provide oversight of the Program from 2020-2024, staff the Central Coast Housing Working Group, and provide required reporting; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG will allocate AB 101 housing planning funds to the four COGs in the Central Coast area: AMBAG, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, and the Council of San Benito County Governments; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Luis Obispo is eligible to submit a request for allocation of a portion of Central California AB 101 housing planning funds from AMBAG; and

WHEREAS, the amounts allocated to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) are based on the allocation method approved by the Central Coast Housing Working Group; and

WHEREAS, the amounts allocated to the County of San Luis Obispo will be based on the allocation method approved by SLOCOG; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG shall approve allocation requests subject to the terms and conditions of eligibility, guidelines, Notices of Funding Availability, and program requirements; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to set forth the terms and conditions under which central California AB 101 housing planning funds will be allocated and made available to the County of San Luis Obispo by AMBAG.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The County of San Luis Obispo (Grantee) is hereby authorized to request an allocation not to exceed **\$283,003** from the AMBAG which acts on behalf of the Central Coast Housing Working Group.
2. When the Grantee receives an allocation of funds from AMBAG, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds only for eligible activities as set forth in Health and Safety Code Section 50515 and in accordance with all Program requirements, guidelines, suballocation application, and all applicable State and Federal statutes, rules, and regulations.
3. The Grantee shall be responsible for spending these funds as indicated below, per AB 101, Section 11, Chapter 3.1, Section 50515.02 within Part 2 of Division 31 of the California Health and Safety Code:
  - a. Planning that will accommodate the development of housing and infrastructure to accelerate housing production in a way that aligns with State planning priorities, housing, transportation, equity, and climate goals. Funds shall only be used for housing-related planning activities, including, but not limited to, the following:
    - I. Technical assistance in improving housing permitting processes, tracking systems, and planning tools.



- II. Establishing regional or countywide housing trust funds for affordable housing.
  - III. Performing infrastructure planning, including for sewers, water systems, transit, roads, or other public facilities necessary to support new housing and new residents.
  - IV. Performing feasibility studies to determine the most efficient locations to site housing consistent with Sections 65041.1 and 65080 of the Government Code.
  - V. Covering the costs of temporary staffing or consultant needs associated with the activities described in paragraphs (i) to (iv), inclusive.
  - VI. Providing jurisdictions and other local agencies with technical assistance, planning, temporary staffing or consultant needs associated with updating local planning and zoning documents, expediting application processing, and other actions to accelerate additional housing production.
- b. Ineligible and prohibited uses of funding include the following activities:
- I. Activities unrelated to accelerating housing production;
  - II. Activities unrelated to preparation and adoption of planning documents, and process improvements to accelerate housing;
  - III. Activities that obstruct or hinder housing production, e.g., moratoriums, downzoning, planning documents with conditional use permits that significantly impact approval certainty and timing, planned development, or other similarly constraining processes;
  - IV. Capital financing, operation or funding related to programs of individual housing development projects; and
  - V. Administrative costs of persons employed by the Grantee for activities not directly related to the preparation and adoption of the proposed activity or activities.
- c. Funding may only be used for planning purposes and cannot be used for purposes such as construction or subsidizing building permits.
- d. All expenditures must comply with the HCD program guidance.

#### 4. Financial Oversight

- a. The Grantee shall establish financial oversight practices and process for assuring appropriate use of funds per AB 101, and shall spend all funds towards approved purposes no later than October 1, 2023.
- b. The Grantee shall establish and maintain an accounting system conforming to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) to support invoices which segregate and accumulate the costs of work elements by line item which clearly identify reimbursable costs and other expenditures by project codes.
- c. The Grantee agrees to include all costs associated with this MOU and any amendments thereto to be examined in any annual audit and in the schedule of activities to be examined under a single audit prepared in compliance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133.
- d. The Grantee agrees to furnish documentation to AMBAG related to adherence to this Section 4 in its entirety.
- e. The Grantee's use of funding shall be subject to the oversight by AMBAG, the Central Coast Housing Working Group, and SLOCOG.
- f. AMBAG shall monitor costs and performance of the Grantee and take steps as necessary to ensure that the funds are spent towards eligible costs on time and on budget.

5. Invoices and Progress Reports

- a. The Grantee shall submit to AMBAG on a quarterly basis, each requisition for payment (Invoice) accompanied by a narrative progress report. Quarters are defined as July 1 to September 30, October 1 to December 31, January 1 to March 31, and April 1 to June 30. All invoices shall be submitted to AMBAG by email to the designated contact(s). Grantees must copy SLOCOG by email to the designated contact(s).
  - I. The Grantee shall submit the following relative to an Invoice:
    - i. An invoice with supporting documentation, including but not limited to reports from the accounting system that support the costs claimed; and

- ii. A progress report that, in narrative form, describes progress toward completion of tasks, projects, and products, conformance with project schedules, and reporting of all costs incurred; and
    - iii. Upon request of AMBAG, additional information or documentation to support the costs contained in the Invoice.
  - b. The Grantee shall submit an invoice to AMBAG with a copy sent SLOCOG, no later than thirty (30) days after the close of each quarter. Invoices shall describe progress toward completion of tasks, projects, and products, conformance with project schedules and reporting of costs incurred.
    - I. SLOCOG must indicate approval of Grantee's invoices before they will be considered complete.
  - c. Year-end Invoices submitted in the fourth quarter and supporting documentation shall be received by AMBAG on or before July 31 of each fiscal year. Invoices received by AMBAG after July 31 for the preceding fiscal year shall not be paid.
  - d. Payment of Invoices is contingent upon receipt by AMBAG of the above documentation provided by Grantee. Payment to Grantee is further contingent upon AMBAG's determination, that the performance of the Grantee meets Federal, State and AMBAG standards.
  - e. Deadlines described in Sections 5 a-d may be adjusted if mutually agreed to by AMBAG and the Grantee.
  - f. All Grantee funds must be spent and work completed by November 1, 2023.
  - g. By November 1, 2023, if Grantee invoices less than allocated, AMBAG shall not disburse the remaining non-invoiced amount.
- 6. Project Records
  - a. Financial records, supporting documents and other records pertinent to this MOU shall be retained by the Grantee for a period of three (3) years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report, except that records pertaining to audits, appeals, litigation

or settlement of claims arising out of performance of this MOU shall be retained until such audits, appeals, litigation or claims have been disposed of.

- b. The Grantee shall make all project materials, documents, and financial records available to AMBAG upon request. All Project records, including but not limited to original data and primary data-yielding materials, secondarily derived tables and figures, and statistical tabulations and other summaries, pertinent to this MOU, shall be made available by the Grantee to AMBAG for a period of three (3) years from the termination date of this MOU.

#### 7. Conflict of Interest

- a. The Grantee and its officers, employees, and agents that perform work under this Memorandum of Understanding shall comply with Federal and State conflict of interest laws, regulations and policies, and applicable provisions of AMBAG's Conflict of Interest Policy.

#### 8. Mutual Liability

- a. Each party hereto agrees to be responsible and assume mutual and proportional liability for its own wrongful or negligent acts or omissions, or those of its officers, agents or employees, to the full extent required by law.

#### 9. Amendments

- a. This MOU may be amended only by written agreement of all parties.

#### 10. Nonperformance

- a. If Grantee has not made sufficient project progress by February 30, 2023, funding may be reallocated to another grantee, and/or purpose in order to assure all funding dedicated to the Central Coast region is spent by the November 1, 2023 deadline.

#### 11. Term

- a. Under earlier terminated pursuant to Section 12 or 13 or extended by the written agreement of all parties, this MOU shall terminate on March 31, 2025.

12. Termination in the Event of Noncompliance

- a. In addition to such other remedies as provided by law, in the event of noncompliance by Grantee with any grant condition or specific requirement of this MOU, this MOU may be terminated by AMBAG, in whole or in part, by providing Grantee written notice of not less than five (5) days.

13. Termination for Convenience

- a. This MOU may be terminated by AMBAG, in whole or in part, at any time by providing Grantee written notice of not less than thirty (30) days. Grantee shall be reimbursed for its incurred costs, including contract closeout costs for work performed up to the time of termination. This clause shall be passed through to any consultants or contractors.

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Maura F. Twomey  
Executive Director  
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

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Executive Director  
The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

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Interim Director, Public Works  
County of San Luis Obispo

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL  
County Counsel

By   
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: April 9, 2021



**TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer**

**DATE: January 5, 2022**

**SUBJECT: Item 6: Ongoing Updates**

**Recommendation**

Receive updates on various ongoing efforts.

**Discussion**

- a) **Rain & Reservoir Report:** See attached report.
- b) **Drought Updates.**
  - See attached Drought Monitor Summary
  - County of SLO Office of Emergency Services went to the Board on December 14, 2021.
    - The Staff report can be found here: <https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/agendaitem/details/14101>
    - The Board extended the Drought Declaration for 60 days.
  - For more drought information, please visit <https://www.emergencyslo.org/en/slo-county-drought-information.aspx>
- c) **Groundwater Management Efforts**

On December 18, 2019, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) 2019 Prioritization<sup>1</sup> 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.

The quarterly financial update for SGMA went to the Board on December 14, 2021. The report can be accessed here: <https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/agendaitem/details/14052>

**BASIN UPDATES:**

Basin	Update:
<b>Los Osos Basin</b>	<b>Los Osos Area Subbasin</b> (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.

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

	<p><b>Warden Creek Subbasin</b> 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: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/losososbasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/losososbasin</a></p>
<p><b>Atascadero Basin</b></p>	<p><b>Atascadero Basin</b> 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) Executive Committee (EC) has committed to developing a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) for submittal to DWR by January 31, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On November 3, 2021, the EC held a meeting that included: considering a draft resolution for adopting the Atascadero Basin GSP in January; receiving presentations on the Annual Report requirements and on the Data Management System required to assist in its preparation; and reviewing both the progress report for 2021 and the anticipated schedule for SGMA compliance in early 2022</li> <li>• The next regular EC meeting is <b>January 19, 2022</b>.</li> </ul> <p>For information or to view the GSP material, visit: <a href="https://portal.atascaderobasin.com/">https://portal.atascaderobasin.com/</a></p>
<p><b>Santa Maria Basin</b></p>	<p><b>Santa Maria Area Subbasin</b> (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><b>Arroyo Grande Subbasin</b> 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>The second public workshop meeting for the GSP took place on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing a preliminary set of basin sustainability goals.</li> <li>• Defining the undesirable results and the sustainable management criteria.</li> <li>• Presenting an overview on preliminary basin groundwater conditions and water budget to support discussions on the sustainable management criteria.</li> </ul> <p>Draft GSP Chapter 6 is available for Public Comment until <b>January 5, 2022</b>.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/santamariabasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/santamariabasin</a> or <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/agbasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/agbasin</a></p>
<p><b>Paso Basin</b></p>	<p><b>Paso Basin</b> 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"> <li>• The PBCC and Paso Basin GSAs are working to address deficiencies identified in DWR's initial assessment of the Paso Basin GSP.</li> <li>• The next regular PBCC meeting is anticipated in January, 2022.</li> </ul> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin">www.slocounty.ca.gov/pasobasin</a></p>
<p><b>Cuyama Basin</b></p>	<p><b>Cuyama Basin</b> 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>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.cuyamabasin.org">www.cuyamabasin.org</a></p>
<p><b>San Luis Obispo Basin</b></p>	<p><b>San Luis Obispo Basin</b> is designated as a high priority basin. The County and City of San Luis Obispo GSAs, in coordination with other basin partners through the Groundwater Sustainability Commission (GSC) have developed a GSP for the SLO Basin that will be submitted to DWR by the January 31, 2022 statutory deadline.</p> <p>A regular virtual GSC meeting was held on <b>October 6, 2021</b>. The topics presented and discussed were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed comments and revisions to the Draft SLO Basin GSP.</li> <li>• Discussed the location and installation of a new proposed monitoring well as described in the GSP Monitoring Network.</li> <li>• Discussed participation and funding provisions in MOA for SLO GSP.</li> </ul> <p>A special virtual GSC meeting was held on <b>October 20, 2021</b>. The topics presented and discussed were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuation of discussion from October 6 GSC meeting considering comments and revisions to Draft SLO Basin GSP.</li> <li>• Recommended the SLO Basin GSP be adopted by the SLO Basin GSAs.</li> </ul> <p>On <b>December 7, 2021</b> the County Board of Supervisors, acting as the San Luis Obispo Valley Basin – County of San Luis Obispo Groundwater Sustainability Agency, adopted a resolution adopting the SLO Valley Basin GSP, authorizing the County Groundwater Sustainability Director, or designee, to serve as Plan Manager, and found the project was exempt from CEQA. Next, the GSP will be uploaded to DWR's SGMA portal by the statutory deadline of January 31, 2022.</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: <a href="http://www.slowaterbasin.com">www.slowaterbasin.com</a></p>
<p><b>Adelaida Area</b></p>	<p>The <b>Adelaida Area</b> 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"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On June 8, 2021, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to proceed with Task 2 which consists of new data collection, including but not limited to: groundwater level data, water quality sampling, and surface-water monitoring.</li> <li>• Staff will be returning to the Board in January 2022 to authorize a Joint Funding Agreement between the District and USGS to begin work on Task 2.</li> </ul> <p>For more information, please visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/adelaidastudy">https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/adelaidastudy</a></li> <li>• <a href="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">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</a></li> </ul>
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**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)**

DWR has released the Draft Proposition 1, Round 2 Implementation grant documents for a 60-day review period. The files can be accessed here: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Proposition-1/Implementation-Grants>

We will be hosting an RWMG meeting in January, date TBD, 2022 to review the files and our project selection process. To be notified of the upcoming meetings and project selection process, sign up for the email list, located at: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm).

If an agency or eligible NGO is interested in applying for any of these funds, please submit a project to the IRWM program for inclusion in the project list:

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=dMfDhN9\\_4kClkCey5w-BJg3tfgh-z0JOhuEB-5PksLxUNDFKSIIIBUkRPSUdFQUpEQjdKWTVCrDUyVC4u](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=dMfDhN9_4kClkCey5w-BJg3tfgh-z0JOhuEB-5PksLxUNDFKSIIIBUkRPSUdFQUpEQjdKWTVCrDUyVC4u)

A summary of open and pending IRWM grants is below:

<b>Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Mgmt Grant (2011)</b>	<b>\$2,797,000</b>	<b>Close-out</b>	
Flood Control Zone 1/1A – Modified 3a Project	\$2,797,000	Close-out	Flood Control District
<b>Prop 84 Implementation Grant (2011)</b>	<b>\$10,401,000</b>	<b>Complete</b>	
Los Osos Wastewater Project	\$5,945,444	Complete	County of SLO
Flood Control Zone 1/1A – Modified 3c Project	\$2,200,000	Complete	Flood Control District
Nipomo Supplemental Water Project	\$2,200,000	Complete	Nipomo CSD
Grant Administration	\$55,556	Complete	Flood Control District
<b>Prop 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement 2017</b>	<b>\$877,563</b>	<b>Close-out</b>	
FCD Funding Administration	\$20,700	Close-out	Flood Control District
Disadvantaged Community Needs Assessment	\$67,738	Complete	Flood Control District
Water Resource Reliability Program, Phase 2	\$177,750	Complete	Oceano CSD
Turnout Pump Station Design & Water Master Plan Update	\$177,750	Close-out	City of Grover Beach
Water Res. Recovery Facility, SLO Value Engineering at 60% Design	\$78,125	Complete	City of SLO
Reservoir Expansion Project & Water Master Plan Update	\$177,750	Complete	San Simeon CSD
Wastewater Plant Upgrade Study and Recharge Basin Study	\$177,750	Complete	San Miguel CSD
<b>Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 1</b>	<b>\$3,282,130</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	
Grant Administration	\$155,000	In Progress	Flood Control District
One Water SLO, MBR/UV Component	\$1,314,530	In Progress	City of SLO
8th Street Well Construction	\$238,100	In Progress	Los Osos CSD
Supplemental Water Project, Final Phase	\$800,000	In Progress	Nipomo CSD
Water Resource Reliability Program, Projects #1-1, #1-9	\$274,500	In Progress	Oceano CSD
Reservoir Expansion Project, Phase 1 Distribution System	\$500,000	On Hold*	San Simeon CSD
<b>Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 2 (est. 2022)</b>	<b>\$3,282,129</b>		
TBD	TBD	TBD	Project Sponsors

\*The Board authorized staff to seek removal of this project from the grant agreement on 11/16/2021. Once an amendment is effective, this chart will be updated.

For questions, contact:  
 Brendan Clark, IRWM Program Manager  
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 Phone: (805) 788-2316

### e) Stormwater Resource Plan

For any stormwater project to be eligible for any State funding opportunity, including the to-be-related drought or flood risk reduction funding programs, the project must be included in a Stormwater Resources Plan.

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

For questions, contact:

Sarah Crable, County Public Works

Email: [scrable@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:scrable@co.slo.ca.us)

Phone: (805) 788-2760

### f) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

The County Department of Planning & Building has a new website for its water conservation programs in Nipomo Mesa, Paso Basin, and Los Osos:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Countywide-Water-Conservation-Program.aspx>

The old website ([www.slocountywwcp.org](http://www.slocountywwcp.org)) will no longer be available, effective January 12, 2022.

#### **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: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Nipomo-Mesa-Water-Conservation-Area-\(NMWCA\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Nipomo-Mesa-Water-Conservation-Area-(NMWCA).aspx)

#### **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 1:1 water offset requirement for new construction will expire on January 1, 2022. Any construction permits submitted after this date will not be required to offset their water use or to install a well meter.

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: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin-\(PRGWB\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin-(PRGWB).aspx)

**Paso Basin Land Use Management Area Planting Ordinance.** The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors has directed staff to develop a land use ordinance and amend General Plan policies to require ministerial land use approval (“a planting permit”) until 2045 for new or expanded planting of irrigated crops irrigated with water from groundwater wells located within the Paso Basin Land Use Management Area (PBLUMA), with a two-tier framework: 1) plantings using up to 25 acre-feet per year (AFY) of total groundwater per site, and 2) plantings maintaining neutral groundwater use on site with a 6-year rolling lookback period. Plantings using groundwater outside of these two tiers would not be allowed. General Plan elements to be revised include the Agricultural Element and Conservation and Open Space Element. A map of the PLUMA, project timeline, Initial Study, Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, and a draft version of the ordinance are available on the project website at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Grid-Items/Community-Engagement/Active-Planning-Projects/Paso-Basin-Land-Use-Planting-Ordinance.aspx>

### **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: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Los-Osos-Groundwater-Basin-Plumbing-Retrofit-to-Bu.aspx>

**Water Offset Study.** The County has hired [Maddaus Water Management Inc.](#) to prepare a water offset study to update the water usage assumption estimates, water savings calculations, and water conservation measures for the Retrofit-to-Build program. This study is anticipated to be completed in March 2022. County Planning is in the process of responding to California Coastal Commission comments about the updated Los Osos Community Plan and would like this study to be completed before scheduling a Coastal Commission hearing. More information about the timeline and scope of work is available at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Grid-Items/Community-Engagement/Active-Planning-Projects/Los-Osos-Water-Offset-Study.aspx>

**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.

**Review of Residential Growth Rate.** On October 27, 2021, in conjunction with transitioning to an adaptive management groundwater model that seeks to halt further seawater intrusion while the Basin Plan programs are being implemented, the Basin Management Committee unanimously approved a new sustainable yield estimate of 2,380 acre-feet per year (AFY) for the Los Osos Groundwater Basin for calendar year 2022, a 380 AFY reduction from the 2020 estimate. In May 2022, the County may consider amendment the recommended residential growth rate for Los Osos for fiscal year 2022-2023 based on this new data and the results from the water offset study to update the Retrofit-to-Build program.

***Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).*** The Board of Supervisors adopted a Coastal Zone Accessory Dwelling Unit ("ADU") Ordinance in June 2020 to allow ADUs in Los Osos. Since the adopted ordinance is pending certification by the Coastal Commission before it can take effect, and the County has received conflicting information from state agencies regarding the application of State ADU laws when they conflict with existing Local Coastal Program standards, the County has been attempting to harmonizing State ADU Law and Coastal Act by implementing each to the greatest extent without lessening the effect of each. While the County will accept and ministerially process applications for ADUs in accordance with State ADU law, it does not represent or warrant that any such local ministerial approvals ensure compliance with the Coastal Act. The County has approved several ADU applications in Los Osos. However, appeals were filed against the applications; and in March 2021, the Coastal Commission determined that substantial issues exist with respect to the grounds of the appeals, and thus took over jurisdiction of the applications. The next step in the appeal process for the pending ADUs is the de novo hearing, which has not been scheduled. It is anticipated that the Coastal Commission will take action on the Coastal Zone ADU Ordinance prior to taking action on the individual ADU applications. The hearing for the Coastal Zone ADU Ordinance is tentatively scheduled to be held in February 2022.

County Adopted Coastal Zone ADU standards (pending Coastal Commission certification prior to taking effect) are available at the following weblink:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Grid-Items/Permitting/Accessory-Dwelling-Unit/Coastal-Accessory-Dwelling-Unit.aspx>

Please contact [waterprograms@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:waterprograms@co.slo.ca.us) for more information.



## Rainfall and Reservoir Updates

Sub-Region	Area / Rain Station	Average Annual Rainfall	2020-21 Water Year Total Rainfall	2021-22 Water Year												Cumulative Total	% of Total Average	
				July 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22			
North Coast	Cambria Area (ALERT #717)	22.0	15.84 (72%)	0	0	0	2.09	0.47	8.15 <sup>A</sup>								10.71	49%
	Whale Rock Reservoir (County Site #186.1)	16.0	9.36 (58%)	0	0	0	1.43	0	6.42 <sup>A</sup>								1.43	9%
	Paso Robles (County Site #10.0)	14.1	8.27 (59%)	0	0	0	2.02	0.05	4.85 <sup>A</sup>								6.58	60%
Inland	NE Atascadero (ALERT #711)	17.0	6.89 (41%)	0	0	0	1.65	0.08	7.20 <sup>A</sup>								9.37	54%
	Atascadero MWC (County Site #34.0)	17.5	8.80 (50%)	0.01	0	0	2.01	0.15	6.82 <sup>A</sup>								9.34	39%
	Santa Margarita (ALERT #723)	24.0	11.31 (47%)	0	0	0	2.32	0.20	8.50 <sup>A</sup>								11.42	55%
	Salinas Dam (ALERT #719)	20.9	11.54 (55%)	0	0	0	2.76	0.16	17.29 <sup>A</sup>								24.54	61%
South Coast	Rocky Butte (ALERT #703)	40.0	19.89 (50%)	0	0.12	0.04	5.75	1.34	5.00 <sup>A</sup>								7.17	30%
	SLO Reservoir (ALERT #749)	24.0	11.50 (48%)	0.08	0	0	1.77	0.32	8.10 <sup>A</sup>								11.21	53%
	Lopez Dam (ALERT #737)	21.0	10.85 (51%)	0.04	0.02	0	2.79	0.28	4.93 <sup>A</sup>								6.66	42%
	Nipomo South (ALERT #730)	16.0	8.61 (43%)	0	0.04	0.08	1.42	0.19	6.74 <sup>A</sup>								8.54	47%
	Nipomo East (ALERT #728)	18.0	7.41 (41%)	0	0	0	1.64	0.16										

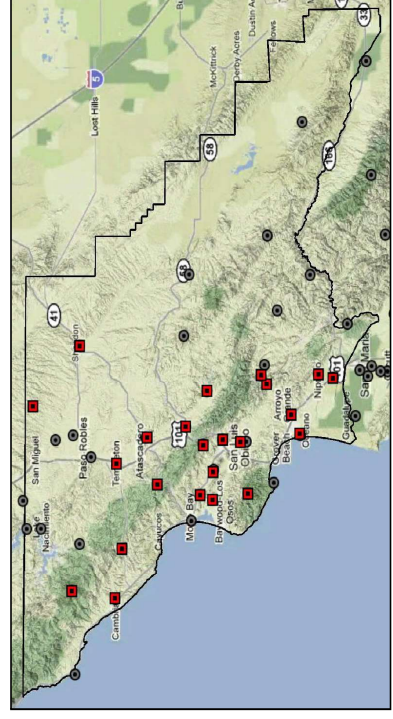
Notes:  
 A - Report generated at 11:00 AM on 12/27/2021  
 B - Due to an equipment malfunction, not all rain was recorded at this site.  
 C - Information not available at time of update  
 D - Missing Data

## Reservoir Update

Reservoir	Date	Water Elevation (ft)	Spillway Elevation (ft)	Storage (acre-feet)	Capacity (%)
Nacimiento Reservoir	December 23, 2021	713.6	787.75 - 800.0	56,480	15%
	November 16, 2020	729.2	(vigilance only releases)	90,068	24%
San Antonio Reservoir	December 23, 2021	664.5	780.0	21,975	7%
	November 18, 2020	N/A		54,800	16%
Lopez Reservoir	December 27, 2021	488.3	522.7	14,744	30%
	November 18, 2020	482.0		20,684	42%
Salinas Reservoir (Santa Margarita Lake)	December 27, 2021	1,285.6	1300.7	14,437	61%
	November 18, 2020	1,290.7		17,266	72%
Whale Rock Reservoir	September 29, 2021	197.2	218.3	28,919	74%
	November 16, 2020	201.2		30,905	79%
Twitchell Reservoir	December 26, 2021	n/a	651.5	0	0%
	November 18, 2020	540.5		2,928	2%

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. These new values are reflected in this report.

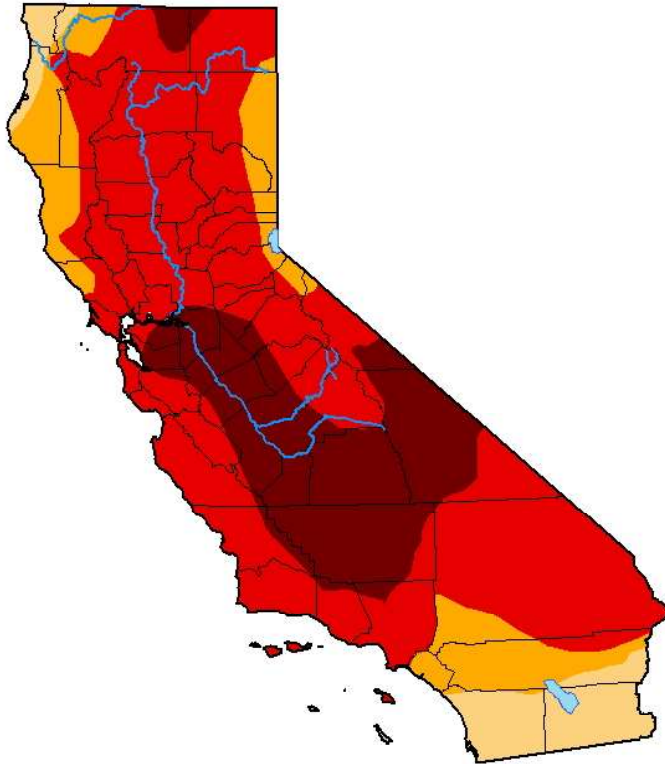
## Select Real-Time Rain Gauges in SLO County



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

**December 21, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D1	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	100.00	92.44	79.44	23.11
<b>Last Week</b> 12-14-2021	0.00	100.00	100.00	92.43	80.28	28.27
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 09-21-2021	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.93	87.88	45.66
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-29-2020	0.00	100.00	95.17	74.34	33.75	1.19
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-28-2021	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.93	87.88	45.66
<b>One Year Ago</b> 12-22-2020	0.00	100.00	95.17	74.34	33.75	1.19

Intensity:

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

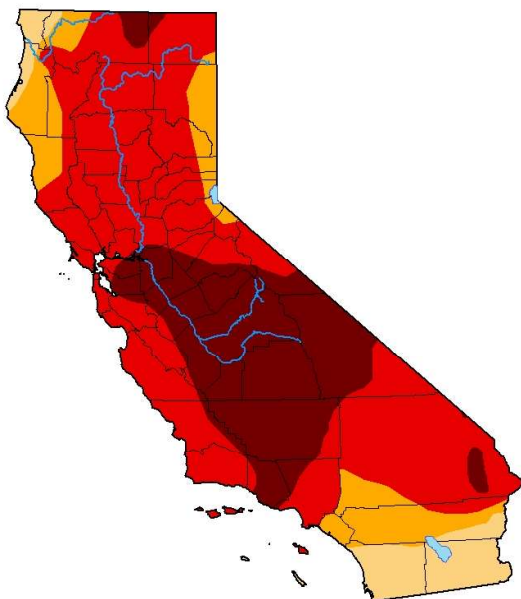
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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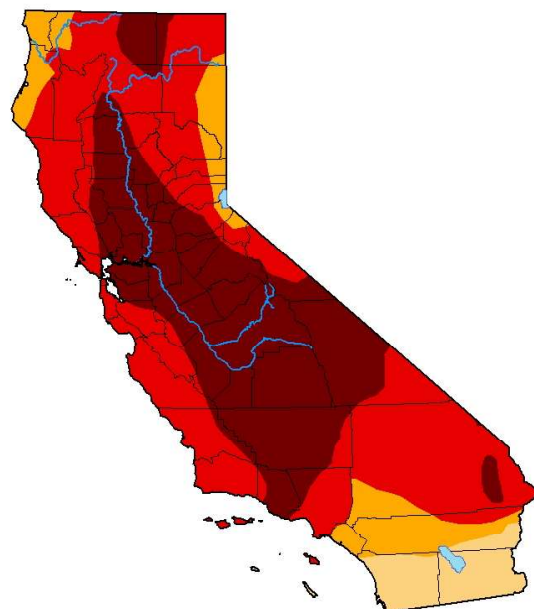
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**December 14, 2021**



**November 2, 2021**



**TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer**

**DATE: January 5, 2022**

**SUBJECT: Item 7: Future Agenda Items**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

February 2 – Topics 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 – Stormwater Capture
- Biosolids Updates (i.e. barriers, regulations, etc.)
- Flood Control District’s Master Water Report update
- City and/or Sector panel discussions
- Nursery & landscape panel discussion

### **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.