

MINUTES (Approved)

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

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) and Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **June 1, 2022** 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 14 is established.

2) Approval of March 2, 2022 WRAC Meeting Minutes

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

C. Mulholland moves to approve the March 2, 2022 meeting minutes and E. Greening seconds the motion. Motion carries (14-0-0).

3) Approval of May 4, 2022 WRAC Meeting Minutes

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

C. Mulholland moves to approve the May 4, 2022 meeting minutes and E. Greening seconds the motion. Motion carries (14-0-0).

4) WRAC Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

C. Mulholland nominates A. Pease to continue as Chairperson and A. Pease accepts the nomination. S. Gibson seconds the nomination. Roll call vote. Motion carries (14-0-0).

A. Pease nominates Ray Dienzo to continue as Vice Chairperson and R. Dienzo accepts the nomination. C. Mulholland seconds the nomination. Roll call vote. Motion carries (14-0-0).

5) Receive Presentation from Staff regarding the Governor's updated Drought Emergency Proclamation, Executive Order N-7-22

A. Pease introduces the item and B. Clark presents on the Governor's updated Drought Emergency Proclamation, Executive Order N-7-22.

E. Greening asks if SGMA has a provision concerning withdrawal limits when a basin is below a specific limit during a drought in relation to Order 9A of the Drought Emergency Proclamation. B. Clark and B. Reely respond.

C. Mulholland comments on the opposing nature of state orders related to housing expansion and water conservation.

E. Greening comments on the mechanisms, crossover, and inconsistencies related to state declared emergencies.

B. Burchett requests clarification on the replacement well designation process. B. Reely and L. Terry respond.

A. Pease comments on water use concerns related to drought measures and development.

D. Chipping and E. Green comment on Order 14 of the Drought Emergency Proclamation and how it may conflict with local water exporting ordinances. B. Clark responds.

6) Receive Presentations from Purlieu Landscapes related to rainwater catchment and other drought-responsive landscape strategies

A. Pease introduces the item and Taylor Boyle with Purlieu Landscaping presents on the Cultivate Rainwater Harvesting Systems.

(Name inaudible) asks why some of the homes in the presentation have such large, irrigated gardens to begin with. T. Boyle responds.

E. Greening questions if there is an institutional use for these landscape systems, particularly in schools. T. Boyle responds.

D. Chipping asks if the company is working on a scaled down tracking scale. T. Boyle responds.

P. Wilmore asks how the strategies and catchment translate to an urban environment, what hurdles need to be cleared, and what causes the developments to decide not to choose this option. T. Boyle responds.

T. Walters comments on the advantages of using these systems for individual homeowners, HOAs, and wineries. T. Boyle responds.

J. Hendrickson comments on the Storm Rewards Program that offered rebates for rain friendly projects. T. Boyle responds.

7) Ongoing Updates:

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comment

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comment

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

D. Chipping comments on the Paso Basin Planting Ordinance and Draft PEIR, changes to calculations in di minimis use (25 AFY each/450 FY Total), and the ministerial land use approval process for new projects.

E. Greening comments on the definition of di minimis use and how it implies using 2 acre feet of water or less per year.

C. Mulholland comments on SGMA's intention to bring basins to sustainability and how the details of the Paso Basin Planting Ordinance do not support this effort.

P. Wilmore comments that members of the Paso Robles Wine Country alliance are not in support of the 25 AFY di minimis allowance set forth in the new ordinance, adding that this proposal was not brought forward by growers.

D. Howard asks how changes to current management plans can be addressed by the WRAC. A. Pease, E. Greening, and B. Clark respond.

S. Carter asks for clarification from B. Reely regarding the assumptions of di minimis use (25 AFY each/450 AFY total). B. Reely responds.

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

B. Clark provides an update on the Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant and next steps for the RWMG Working group.

e) State Water Project (SWP)

No comment

f) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

E. Greening asks for clarification on the upcoming Board item related to the Master Water Report Update and Data Information Management System and how it relates to the General Plan. B. Clark responds.

D. Chipping asks for additional clarification about the Master Water Report Update and Data Information Management System (sound is inaudible). B. Clark responds.

E. Greening comments on the need for evaluating future climate scenarios and ensuring that the Master Water Report aligns with the Water Chapter of the Conservation Element of the General Plan.

g) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

No comment

8) Future Agenda Items and Hybrid Meeting Format

A. Pease discusses issues related to the Hybrid Meeting Format and asks for input or preferences from WRAC Members.

E. Greening comments on the uncertainty of the pandemic and requests that an email be sent to the group before the next meeting to determine whether the group is comfortable with an in-person or hybrid meeting. A. Pease responds.

D. Howard comments in favor of hybrid meetings, not only due to Covid concerns, but the current increase in gas prices and the impact for members traveling to attend in-person meetings or events.

C. Mulholland comments in favor of hybrid meetings.

A. Pease comments on upcoming topics, including the Master Water Report Update, presentations on water conservation and grey water, among others.

9) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

S. Carter comments on a new CIMIS site (#265) at a winery in Paso Robles that produces publicly available data, adding that 50%-60% of the water used onsite is a combination of rain collection and processed water from the winery,

E. Greening comments on upcoming water items related to Los Osos development, the Draft EIR on Diablo Canyon decommissioning and its potential impacts to desalination operations.

E. Eby provides comments on the Dana Reserve Project study sessions which have been rescheduled for the 3rd Thursday of July at the LAFCO meeting and 4th Thursday of July at the Planning Commission meeting.