

## **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) as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **September 7, 2022** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

The video 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 total of 6 Members are present. Quorum not met.

### **2) Approval of June 1, 2022 WRAC Meeting Minutes**

Approval of June 1, 2022 WRAC Meeting Minutes has been rescheduled for the October 5, 2022 WRAC meeting as a quorum was not established.

### **3) Receive Presentation from Creek Lands Conservation Regarding the Stream Flow Enhancement Program**

R. Dienzo introduces the item and Aleks Wyzdga from Creek Lands Conservation presents on the Stream Flow Enhancement Program.

C. Mulholland asks if stream flow enhancement projects consider the Beaver Brigade Program. A. Wyzdga responds.

A. Pease asks about landowner costs and resources involved in the program. A. Wyzdga responds.

P. Wilmore asks if there have been any thoughts in implementing the program in the Adelaida area as a potential site. A. Wyzdga responds.

N. Teague asks how this program may improve flow, volume, and seasonality of the flows for SLO Creek based on previous program implementations with other creeks in the county. A. Wyzdga responds.

A. Pease asks if healthy creeks would help with potential flooding as part of the consideration or analysis from a stormwater management perspective. A. Wyzdga responds.

G. Grewal comments on concerns related to the Salinas River and asks how the program expects to provide better flows with diversions from the State Water Control Board and California Fish and Wildlife for projects. A. Wyzdga responds.

C. Mulholland suggests agendaizing a similar presentation for the next Zone 9 Advisory Committee meeting. B. Clark responds.

**4) Receive Presentation from County Planning and Building Regarding the Draft Paso Basin Planting Ordinance**

R. Dienzo introduces the item and Kylie Hensley from County Planning and Building presents on the draft Paso Basin Planting Ordinance.

D. Chipping comments on the Paso Basin Planting Ordinance and how it conflicts with SGMA and the goals of the Paso Basin GSP, and asks how the County plans to deal with the impacts of increased water use as proposed in the ordinance. K. Hensley responds.

P. Willmore comments on continued deficiencies in the basin and clarifies that agricultural groups are in opposition of the ordinance as proposed.

C. Mulholland comments on the lack of required monitoring in ag wells and how the ordinance creates numerous impacts to the sustainable management of the Paso Basin.

G. Grewal comments on the correlative right doctrine, the intent of the ordinance and how it allows for fair distribution of the water in the basin.

The Committee provides input on agendaizing future action items, including a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, forming an Ad Hoc committee, and discuss if such actions are within the purview of the WRAC.

B. Burchett asks when the Final EIR will be going to the Planning Commission, when the agenda packet for the meeting will be published, and if responses have been compiled for questions that were submitted by the Farm Bureau. K. Hensley and A. Singewald respond.

T. Burhenn comments in agreement with D. Chipping and C. Mulholland's comments, thanks P. Willmore for clarifying the stance of the agricultural community and asks if the

Board of Supervisors could adopt the ordinance by issuing a Statement of Overriding Consideration. K. Hensley responds.

W. Cunha asks if the PowerPoint slides from the presentation will be posted online for review. K. Hensley responds.

D. Chipping comments on the Paso Basin GSP and asks how the rules of the ordinance would work with SGMA. K. Hensley responds.

G. Grewal comments on the California State Constitution and existing laws that supersede both County land use ordinances and SGMA. K. Hensley responds.

## **5) Ongoing Updates:**

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comment

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comment

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

No comment

d) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

B. Clarke provides an update on the recent Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) meetings and project selection process for the IRWM Prop 1 Round 2 Grant solicitation, noting that a suite of projects has been recommended by the RWMG which will come before the WRAC for review and recommendation in October.

e) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

B. Clarke provides an update on the status of the MWR and notes an in-person public workshop is being targeted for the WRAC in November.

f) State Water Project (SWP)

G. Grewal comments on a recent grand jury decision regarding county water sale funds and supplemental funding concerns.

g) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

No comment

h) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

No comment

## **6) Future Agenda Items and Hybrid Meeting Format**

R. Dienzo comments on future items, including a Water Reuse Project presentation from the Wallace Group, RWMG project selection for the IRWM Prop 1 Round 2 Grant, and suggests consideration of an Ad Hoc committee for items that are within the purview of the WRAC.

D. Chipping volunteers to present to the WRAC on a technical breakdown of the Paso Basin GSP.

C. Mulholland comments on the content of the D. Chipping's presentation and how the WRAC would benefit from discussing at a future meeting.

A. Pease comments that staff will follow up on the approach to items related to forming an Ad Hoc committee.

T. Mora requests a report on where the Cities of San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles are getting their water for new subdivisions that are being built.

E. Eby requests an update from County Public Works staff on efforts related to desalination planning.

A. Pease comments on the approach of having some meetings scheduled as in-person meetings (when voting and quorum is required) and having other meetings scheduled as hybrid (for informational, non-voting items), and emphasizes the importance of attending the next two meetings in-person.

W. Cunha comments on the posting requirements for utilizing multiple meeting locations as described in the Brown Act.

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

G. Grewal comments on items related to State Water distribution and delivery.

C. Mulholland comments on agricultural transitions in the Central Valley that are being used to combat drought.