

MINUTES (APPROVED)

Chairperson: Thomas Burhenn
Vice Chairperson: Jim Guthrie
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 **May 1, 2024** 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

The number of voting Members present is 19. Quorum met.

2) Approval of March 6, 2024, WRAC Meeting Minutes

Item start time ~ [00:03:10](#)

T. Burhenn introduces the item and asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

J. Guthrie moves to approve the March 6, 2024, meeting minutes.

C. Mulholland seconds the motion.

Motion carries 17-0-2.

3) Receive Update from County Staff Regarding the Final Draft Post-Construction Stormwater Guidebook

Item start time ~ [00:03:53](#)

T. Burhenn introduces the item and A. Fletcher presents the Final Draft Post-Construction Stormwater Guidebook.

C. Mulholland asks if the plants listed are California native plants. A. Fletcher responds.

M. van Ryn asks for clarification on what was meant by "compost" and if it will be applied as top cover. A. Fletcher responds.

J. Guthrie asks if the County will be including guidance for maintenance plans. A. Fletcher responds.

D. Chipping comments on potential drainage/breakout issues and asks about requirements for soil surveys. A. Fletcher responds.

E. Greening asks about the use of wood treatment such as copper arsenate and if there are specific requirements for keeping it maintained from going into the runoff. A. Fletcher responds.

T. Burhenn asks if this would apply to all projects that require a building permit in the County, and if this includes smaller projects such as ADUs. A. Fletcher responds.

B. Clark asks if the thresholds are designated by the County or the State Water Board. A. Fletcher responds.

Unidentified attendee asks about compost maintenance expectations and annual inspections. A. Fletcher responds.

D. Chipping asks what the design criteria is that goes into the engineering to accommodate a 10- or 50-year storm event. A. Fletcher responds.

M. van Ryn asks about square footage allowance for pavers. A. Fletcher responds.

G. Grewal comments on the differences and uses of deep ditch verses horizontal drainage. A. Fletcher responds.

E. Greening asks what the deadline is for comments. A. Fletcher responds.

4) Receive and Discuss the Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservative District Budget for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year and Consider Actions

Item start time ~ [00:24:57](#)

T. Burhenn introduces the item and C. Howard presents on the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservative District Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

E. Greening asks if some of the funds that are budgeted for this year will be spent in ensuing years and comments on the previous Salinas Dam EIR, updating the risk/projections analysis for the project, and downstream inundation risk areas. C. Howard responds.

D. Chipping asks if staff time is budgeted for monitoring water conditions and actions on the Arroyo Grande/Nipomo Mesa (Santa Maria Basin). C. Howard responds.

C. Mulholland comments on budgeted items under Management, Regional Services and Commitments, and asks what the criteria for the desalination feasibility study are, and what all is included to justify the proposed funding. C. Howard responds.

D. Logan asks for clarification on the current direction provided by the Board of Supervisors and if there have been any recent changes in their priorities. C. Howard responds.

L. Chipping asks how the County is addressing the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee repairs and improvements. C. Howard responds.

E. Greening moves to recommend approval of the proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservative District Budget for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year.

A. Pease seconds the motion.

Motion carries 19-0-0.

5) **Ongoing Updates**

Item start time ~ [00:54:00](#)

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

D. Chipping comments on the increase of atmospheric rivers over the last year and that they were shown to carry less volume of water.

E. Greening comments on sea surface temperature and asks if there is a trend level being seen. D. Chipping responds.

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comments.

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

G. Grewal comments on the Paso Basin GSP Draft Annual Report, comments received on draft Annual Report, concerns about PFAS (and forever chemicals) in the basin and adjacent basins, and State water deliveries/availability/management.

A. Pease comments that the SLO Groundwater Sustainability Commission, which submitted a GSP to the State for the SLO Basin, has been dissolved following the approval of the GSP. Implementation and coordination efforts will be conducted by the GSAs (County and City of SLO).

C. Mulholland provides an update on PFAS contamination found around the San Luis Obispo Airport.

d) Flood Control Zones

No comments.

- e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
L. Chipping comments on the IRWM Round 2 Grant and asks if there could be funding challenges or changes related to the Central Coast Blue Project. B. Clark responds.
- f) Master Water Report (MWR) Update
No comments.
- g) State Water Project (SWP)
No comments.
- h) Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)
No comments.
- i) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances
No comments.
- j) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information
No comments.

6) Future Agenda Items

E. Greening requests a future item to discuss concerns and policies related to sewage sludge.

7) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda

G. Grewal comments on issues and efforts related to basin management in and around the Paso Basin.