

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 **October 2, 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 17. Quorum met.

2) Approval of June 5, 2024, WRAC Meeting Minutes

Item start time ~ 00:03:40

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

E. Greening moves to approve the June 5, 2024 meeting minutes.

C. Mulholland seconds the motion.

Motion carries 16-0-1.

3) Approval of June 25, 2024 WRAC Meeting Minutes

Item start time ~ 00:04:40

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

Unidentified attendee notes that the draft minutes should be corrected to show that the meeting took place at the SLO Veterans Hall, not the Library Community Room.

T. Walters moves to approve the June 25, 2024 meeting minutes as amended.

E. Greening seconds the motion.

Motion carries 16-0-1.

4) Receive Presentation on SB-552 (2018), County Drought Planning Requirements from County Staff

Item start time ~ 00:05:34

T. Burhenn introduces the item and J. Porter and B. Clark present on SB-552 (2018) and the County's drought planning requirements.

E. Greening asks if the process is open to biodiversity-friendly resiliency efforts, such as beavers. B. Clark responds.

D. Chipping comments on the drivers/inputs that promote drought conditions and asks if there is a way to integrate upstream and downstream efforts together. B. Clark responds.

C. Weirick asks if the District has a deadline to meet compliance efforts for SB-552. B. Clark and J. Porter respond.

L. Chipping asks if the county has a task force in place, and if so, what is the composition of that task force. B. Clark responds.

L. Chipping asks if the task force is a standing committee or resurrected on an "as needed" basis. B. Clark responds.

Unidentified attendee asks for additional details about the consolidating analysis and the management or enforcement efforts. B. Clark and J. Porter respond.

D. Chipping asks about San Simeon and if it will be taken on right away by this group. B. Clark responds.

5) Consider forming an Ad-hoc Subcommittee to Review Draft Policy on State Water Project Priorities and Criteria for Use

Item start time ~ 00:37:34

T. Burhenn introduces the item and B. Clark discusses the process for the District's draft State Water policy updates and asks if the Committee is interested in forming an Ad-hoc Subcommittee to review the proposed policy updates and provide input.

The Committee asks questions and considers whether to form an Ad-hoc Subcommittee.

No official action was taken; however, there was consensus for staff to provide future updates on changes to the draft policy and to agendaize an item for further consideration at the December 4th WRAC meeting.

6) Provide Feedback to County Staff regarding Updates to the Rain and Reservoir Report

Item start time ~ 00:55:25

T. Burhenn introduces the item and B. Clark provides an overview of recent updates to the Rain and Reservoir Report and asks for feedback from the Committee.

E. Greening asks if there will be changes to the Water Year calendar currently used by the District (7/1-6/30), noting that other agencies use different calendar dates for their reporting (e.g., DWR's Water Year is 10/1-9/30). B. Clark responds.

M. van Ryn asks why the State's Water Year is different from the District's. B. Clark and T. Barnhart respond.

J. Guthrie asks if the formatting and font of the report can be adjusted for easier reading. B. Clark responds.

Unidentified attendee comments on Salinas Dam being resurveyed in April 2024 and asks if there are any other reservoirs on the docket to be resurveyed. T. Barnhart and B. Clark respond.

7) Ongoing Updates

Item start time ~ 01:04:30

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

B. Clark comments that the new format may be used for the next month's meeting.

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comments.

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

No comments.

d) Flood Control Zones

No comments.

e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

No comments.

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

E. Greening comments on Consent Item 15 on the BOS Agenda to be reviewed next Tuesday concerning the Nacimiento Pipeline repairs.

D. Chipping asks if water data related to the SGMA basins, and the key wells index could be provided to the WRAC as soon as it becomes available. B. Clark responds.

Committee Members discuss concerns with having separate repositories for groundwater reports and data.

j) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

No comments.

8) Future Agenda Items

Item start time ~ 01:19:34

E. Greening and D. Chipping request an item to discuss timely reporting of groundwater data for the adjudicated basins.

9) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda

Item start time ~ 01:22:24

C. Mulholland comments on the SOAR Groundwater Symposium and provides a summary of the conference.