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Coastal San Luis RCD
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County Farm Bureau
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California Men's Colony
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- Anthony Lindstrom
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March 2, 2017

Honorable John Peschong
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo
1050 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: Water Resources Advisory Committee 2016 Annual Report

Honorable Supervisor Peschong:

Attached is the Water Resources Advisory Committee Annual Report for 2016. It summarizes the highlights of our meeting activities.

The WRAC serves as a technical advisory committee for your Board. The committee, composed of 34 members, represents a broad spectrum of agencies or groups: all five Supervisorial Districts, all seven incorporated Cities, eight water-serving independent Community Services Districts, two Water Companies, two Resource Conservation Districts, California Men's Colony, Camp SLO, Cuesta College, County Farm Bureau, and at-large members for agricultural, environmental and development interests. In addition to our committee members, interested members of the public and staff from various agencies also attend meetings on a regular basis.

The presentations and action items often evoke diverse, lively dialog among those in attendance. A record number of drought years and the state Sustainable Groundwater Management Act legislation have had substantial impacts on the water topics that have taken place in the WRAC.

A summary of the meetings held in 2016 and the attendance lists for members and guests are provided in the following attachments.

On March 1st, the WRAC approved this report for submittal to your Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chipping
Chairperson, Water Resources Advisory Committee

cc: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, All Districts

Attachment: WRAC 2016 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors
WRAC 2016 Member Attendance Lists
WRAC 2016 Guest Attendance Lists

Purpose of the Committee

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the SLO County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board specific water resource programs. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.
WRAC By-Laws dated August 28, 2012

**Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)
2016 Annual Report
to the
San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors**

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

January 6, 2016

- The WRAC meeting was cancelled due to bomb threat at a nearby property.

February 3, 2016

- Received a presentation by Public Works Staff about Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) compliance for county high and medium priority groundwater basins, their Agency formation deadline and efforts being conducted by the Water Resources Staff.

March 2, 2016

- Courtney Howard gave a presentation regarding the approach to developing a budget and priorities for Fiscal Year 2016/17 for the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
- Approved the formation of Ad Hoc Subcommittee to engage in discussions with staff to discuss recommended guidelines for sustainable funding for operating at desired service levels, future conditions and defining an appropriate target for reserve levels (21-0-0).
- Approved the submittal of the WRAC 2015 Annual Report to Board of Supervisors (21-0-1).
- The WRAC elected Member Linda Chipping as Chairperson (21-0-0) and Member Tina Mayer as Vice Chairperson (21-0-0).

April 6, 2016

- Received a presentation on the Proposed FY 2016/17 Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget with focus on the operating budget and discretionary costs.
- Received a Staff presentation on the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program (IRWM) grant funding available and the proposed Central Coast Funding Area (CCFA) agreement to proportionately share Prop 1 IRWM grant funds. The WRAC voted support to support for the CCFA Memorandum of Agreement (19-0-0).
- Received a presentation by Rob Miller and Ray Dienzo on the Los Osos Groundwater Basin Management Plan and the Basin Management Committee efforts to address seawater intrusion and groundwater recharge.

May 4, 2016

- Received an update from Staff on the implementation of the County's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Strategy. County staff is coordinating with stakeholders, basin users, and local agencies to facilitate Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation. County staff will engage with GSAs after they are established.

June 1, 2016

- Received the report and recommendations from the District Budget Ad Hoc Subcommittee regarding the development of a strategy for the Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCD) General Fund Operating Budget and Reserves.
- Approved support for developing a strategy for the Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCD) General Fund operating budget and reserves and formed an ad hoc subcommittee to identify project funding strategies for implementation of solutions (23-1-0).

July 2016

No meeting was scheduled.

August 2016

No meeting was scheduled.

September 7, 2016

- Received a Staff presentation on a minimum threshold for the reserves line item of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCD) General Fund Operating Budget. The WRAC voted to support the \$3.1 million minimum budget reserve threshold (20-0-1).
- Discussed the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) recommendation to submit the County's Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Grant Funding Application. The WRAC supported the application submittal (20-0-0).
- Presentation provided by Steve Sinton on the proposed Shandon-San Juan Water District.

October 5, 2016

- Presentation by Dr. Rosemary Knight, Stanford researcher, on Geophysical Methods for Groundwater Basin Characterization and Management, based on her research on the Monterey Coast, the Central Valley and other collected studies demonstrating new geophysical technologies. Specific topics include saltwater intrusion, subsurface imaging techniques, the comparison of presented imaging technologies with existing well data interpretation, and approaches to evaluating the confidence of statistical groundwater models.
- The WRAC reviewed and discussed its list of Future Agenda Items. Additional topics were suggested, then ranked by each member and alternate. The WRAC voted to form an Ad Hoc Committee to tabulate results and report on priority ranking (13-0-0).

November 2, 2016

- Received a presentation by Gerhardt Hubner, District Manager of South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, on a Managed Aquifer Recharge/Off-Stream Storage grant-funded project completed in Ventura County. Construction and placement, as well as grant requirements and opportunities were discussed.
- The WRAC discussed the results of the Future Agenda Items priority rankings as compiled by the Ad Hoc Committee and Staff. Staff will help facilitate the consideration of topics for future discussion and action with other county departments.

December 7, 2016

- Formed a subcommittee to review applications and make a recommendation for the Environmental At Large Member vacancy, the result of a position resignation.
- Received a presentation on the IRWM Regional Water Management Group recommendation regarding the county Proposition 1 IRWM Disadvantaged Community (DAC) grant proposal. A budget adjustment is required for the Central Coast Funding Area Memorandum of Agreement. The proposal and required budget adjustments were approved (16-1-0).
- Staff provided a presentation on upcoming water resources grant opportunities to be available from state agencies' Prop 1 funds for IRWM, CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Program and Stormwater Program. Federal grant funding opportunities included the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program and WaterSmart program.
- Presentation by Bob Hitchner of Nexus eWater, Inc., on Prop 1 CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund Loan Program. Discussion on greywater systems and rainwater collection program for new homes and retrofitting. Questions about disinfection, energy requirements, cost, and installation were addressed.

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2016

Organization	Representative	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT														
District 1	Steve Sinton (Vacant)	M A					X	X			X	X	X	X
District 2	Bill Garfinkel Neal MacDougall	M A		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
District 3	Sherri Danoff Ray Fesser	M A		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
District 4	Jim Garing (Vacant)	M A			X			X			X		X	X
District 5	Greg Grewal Erin Faulkner	M A				X	X	X			X	X	X	X
AT-LARGE														
Agriculture At-Large	Kurt Bollinger Patrick Williams	M A		X		X	X	X			X		X	X
Agriculture At-Large	Lowell Zelinski Steve Lohr	M A		X	X	X	X					X		X
Development At-Large	Greg Nester Tim Walters	M A		X	X	X		X			X			
Environmental At-Large	Sue Luft Christine Mulholland	M A		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Environmental At-Large	Eric Greening David Chipping	M A		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Environmental At-Large	Annie Gillespie Stephnie Wald	M A				X	X				X		X	
RCDs														
Coastal San Luis RCD	Linda Chipping Kathie Matsuyama Jen Nix	M A O		X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
Upper Salinas RCD	Michael Broadhurst Tom Mora Devin Best	M A O		X		X	X	X			X		X	X
OTHERS														
Atascadero Mutual	John Neil Jaime Hendrickson	M A						X					X	X
California Men's Colony	Scott Buffalo Mike Schwartz Larry Barkley Pres Meyers RJ Rollings Michael Fitzpatrick	M A O O O O										X		
Camp SLO	John Reid Jubilee Satele	M A		X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X
County Farm Bureau	George Kendall Joy Fitzhugh	M A			X	X		X			X	X		
Cuesta College	Edralin Maduli Terry Reeves	M A												
Golden State Water	Anthony Lindstrom Matthew Hubbard	M A		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X
CITIES														
City of Arroyo Grande	Barbara Harmon Kristen Barneich Jim Guthrie Teresa McClish Mike Linn Aleen Nygaard	M A O O O O		X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X
City of Atascadero	Roberta Fonzi Nick DeBar	M A		X									X	
City of Grover Beach	Barbara Nicolls Jeff Lee	M A		X	X		X	X						X
City of Morro Bay	Matt Makowetski David Buckingham Noah Smukler Rob Livick	M A O O												
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alaket Kirk Gonzalez Keith Larson	M A O		X		X	X	X			X	X	X	
City of Pismo Beach	Shella Blake Erik Howell Ben Fine Chad Stoehr	M A O O		X	X	X		X			X		X	X
City of San Luis Obispo	John Ashbaugh Dan Carpenter Carlyn Christianson Aaron Floyd Carrie Mattingly Dean Furakawa Mychal Boerman Noah Evans	M A O O O O O O		X	X	X	X	X					X	X
CSDs														
Cambria CSD	Bob Gresens Jerry Gruber Jim Bahringer Amanda Rice	M A O O			X	X								
Heritage Ranch CSD	John D'Onellas Jason Molinari	M A		X	X									X
Los Osos CSD	Louis Tomatzky Margaret Falkner	M A		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X
Nipomo CSD	Dan Gaddis Craig Armstrong Marlo Iglesias	M A O		X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
Oceano CSD	Mary Lucey Jennifer Blackburn Paavo Ogren	M A O		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
San Miguel CSD	Anthony Kalvans Dan Gilmore	M A		X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
San Simeon CSD	Charles Grace Renee Osborne	M A		X	X	X	X	X			X	X		
Templeton CSD	Tina Mayer Judith Dieth	M A		X	X		X	X			X	X		X
STAFF														
Board of Supervisors	Jen Caffee Jocelyn Brennan	Staff Staff		X		X	X	X			X			
Agricultural Commissioner	Lynda Auchinachie	Staff		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Planning and Building	Megan Martin Rob Fitzroy Brian Pedrotti Jim Bergman	Staff Staff Staff Staff												X
Public Health Services	Leslie Terry Megan Lillich Rich Lichtenfels Gina Herbst	Staff Staff Staff Staff									X	X		X
Public Works	Wade Horton Mark Hutchinson Courtney Howard Ray Dienzo Carolyn Berg Mladen Bandov Cathy Martin Dick Tzou	Staff Staff Staff Staff Staff Staff Staff Staff				X	X	X			X			X

Notes: M = Member; A = Alternate Member; O = Other Representative (Staff, Council, Board, etc.)

**WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)
GUEST LIST 2016**

NAME	AFFILIATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Mike Grantham	Avila Valley Advisory Council	/	X					/	/				
John Snyder		/	X	X	X	X	X	/	/	X	X		
Ed Eby	Nipomo	/	X		X	X		/	/	X		X	
Roy Reeves	Santa Maria	/	X					/	/				
Dane Mathis	CA DWR	/	X					/	/				
Lynette Tornatzki	Los Osos Resident	/	X	X		X	X	/	/		X	X	X
JP Wolff	RWQCB	/	X		X	X		/	/	X		X	
Anthony Severy	Cannon Corp	/	X					/	/				
Claudia Engel		/	X					/	/		X	X	X
Patricia Wilmore	Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	/	X	X	X	X	X	/	/		X	X	
Mark Zimmer	Golden State Water Company	/		X	X			/	/				
Ron Munds	WSC	/			X	X		/	/				
Jeff Eckles	Home Builders Association of the Central Coast	/			X			/	/				
Natalie Beller	A.G. Resident	/			X			/	/				
Gwen Pelfrey	Templeton Resident	/				X		/	/	X	X	X	
Gerhardt Hubner	South SLO County Sanitation District	/				X	X	/	/	X	X	X	
Gail Ryff	SLO County Resident	/				X	X	/	/				
Ron Munds	WSC	/					X	/	/				
Cara Martinez	Cannon	/					X	/	/				X
Paul Sorensen	GSI Water Solutions	/						/	/	X			
Craig Ziel	Tetra Tech	/						/	/	X			
Victoria Carranza	One Cool Earth (NPO)	/						/	/	X			
Henry Krzciuk	San Simeon Resident	/						/	/	X	X	X	X
Wayne Peterson	Zone 9	/						/	/	X			
Tim Cleath	Cleath-Harris Geologists	/						/	/	X			
Della Bennett	Public	/						/	/	X			
Tracey Walton	Justin Fareed for Congress tracey@justinfareed.com	/						/	/		X		
Susan Harvey	North County Watch	/						/	/				X
		/						/	/				
		/						/	/				