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April 18, 2019

Honorable Debbie Arnold
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo
1050 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: Water Resources Advisory Committee 2018 Annual Report

Honorable Supervisor Arnold:

Attached is the 2018 Water Resources Advisory Committee Annual Report. It summarizes the highlights of our meeting activities. The presentations and action items often evoke diverse, lively dialog among those in attendance.

WRAC continues to serve as the advisory body for water resources for the County Board of Supervisors, with the broad view of promoting water resilience through regional cooperation. Although we are breathing a collective sigh of relief for a good rain year, we are all too aware of the capricious nature of drought and strained water basins. Each WRAC meeting provides an opportunity to hear updates from staff, share successes and concerns with each other, and learn about best practices and innovative programs from experts throughout the county and the state.

A highlight of 2018 was the Forum on Groundwater Law for the Central Coast. With approximately 100 people in attendance, the forum was moderated by former WRAC chair Linda Chipping with an expert panel consisting of Stephanie Osler Hastings, *Attorney, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP*, Wayne Lemieux, *Attorney, Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill LLP*, and Nicole Kuenzi, *Attorney, State Water Resources Control Board*. Through prepared remarks and in-depth Q&A, the panel was able to address critical issues relevant to SGMA, groundwater law and water rights overall.

Other highlights included presentations on Water Conservation for Wineries, Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Water Market Programs, Hydrologic Restoration in a Semi-Arid Environment, and Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems.

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To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

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In addition, we formed the sub-committee to consider water conservation strategies for Board consideration. Our final report of recommendations was recently submitted to your office, and we look forward to answering questions and working with you on implementation.

In 2018, in alignment with our by-laws, we recommended Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District to WRAC membership, and we welcome their participation. The committee is now composed of 37 members representing a broad spectrum of agencies and groups: all five Supervisorial Districts, all seven incorporated Cities, nine water-serving independent Community Services Districts, two Water Companies, two Resource Conservation Districts, two Water 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 attendance lists of members and guests are provided in the attachments.

On March 6th, the WRAC approved this report for submittal to your Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Pease
Chair, Water Resources Advisory Committee

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

Attachments: WRAC 2018 Summary of Meetings
WRAC 2018 Member Attendance List
WRAC 2018 Guest List

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**Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)
2018 Annual Report
to the
San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors**

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

January 3, 2018

This meeting was cancelled

February 7, 2018

- Presentation on Status of Regional Groundwater Sustainability Project (Pismo Beach Recycled Water Project) Presented by Ben Fine, Director of Public Works, City of Pismo Beach

March 7, 2018

- Formed an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to Consider Additional Water Conservation Measures that can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for Their Consideration
- Report from Ad-hoc Subcommittee to Plan a Water Law Informational Forum, and Consider Actions

April 4, 2018

- Special Meeting Water Law Informational Forum

May 2, 2018

- Reviewed and Discussed Proposed San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District budget for FY 2018/2019 and Consider Actions
- Report from Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Additional Water Conservation Measures that can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for Their Consideration and Consider Actions

June 6, 2018

- Presentation on Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems by Central Coast Salmon Enhancement and Stillwater Sciences
- Report from Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Additional Water Conservation Measures that can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for Their Consideration and Consider Actions

July 2018

No meeting was scheduled.

August 2018

No meeting was scheduled.

September 5, 2018

- Formed a Subcommittee to Review the Water and Wastewater Resource Chapters of the Draft 2016-2018 Resource Summary Report
- Approved the recommendation to add Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District to the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) Membership
- Presentation on Hydrologic Restoration in a Semi-Arid Environment by George Kendall, Member representative of the Farm Bureau and Devin Best, Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD
- Report from Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Additional Water Conservation Measures that can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for Their Consideration and Consider Actions

October 3, 2018

The meeting was cancelled.

November 7, 2018

- Presentation on Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Water Market Programs, by Arne Anselm, Deputy Director of Ventura County Watershed Protection District.
- Report from Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Additional Water Conservation Measures that can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for Their Consideration and Consider Actions

December 5, 2018

- Presentation on Water Conservation Practices on Winery Operations by Jason Yeager, from Niner Winery and Member representative of Agricultural-At Large
- Report from Ad-Hoc Subcommittee of their Review of the 2016-2018 Water Section of the Resource Summary Report and Consider Actions
- Report from Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Additional Water Conservation Measures that can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for Their Consideration and Consider Actions

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2018

Organization	Representative	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT														
District 1	Dennis Loucks	M		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X
	(Vacant)	A												
District 2	Bill Garfinkel	M		X	X	X	X	X					X	
	Neal MacDougall	A												
District 3	Linda Seifert	M			X		X	X			X		X	X
	Natalie Risner	A			X			X						
District 4	Jim Garing	M				X	X				X		X	X
	(Vacant)	A												
District 5	Greg Grewal	M		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X
	Ern Faulkner	A												
AT-LARGE														
Agriculture At-Large	Kurt Bollinger	M			X									X
	Patrick Williams	A												
Agriculture At-Large	Jason Yeager	M		X		X	X	X			X			X
	Steve Lohr	A												
Development At-Large	Greg Nester	M												
	Tim Walters	A		X		X	X	X			X		X	X
Environmental At-Large	Sue Luft	M		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	
	Christine Mulholland	A		X	X	X	X	X					X	X
Environmental At-Large	Eric Greening	M		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X
	(Vacant)	A		X	X	X								
Environmental At-Large	David Chipping	M		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	
	Stephnie Wald	A			X								X	
RCDs														
Coastal San Luis RCD	Linda Chipping	M		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X
	Rob Rutherford	A												
Upper Salinas RCD	Michael Broadhurst	M												
	Tom Mora	A		X	X	X					X			
	Devin Best	O						X			X			
OTHERS														
Atascadero Mutual	John Neil	M												
	Jaime Hendrickson	A		X	X	X		X						
California Men's Colony	Scott Buffaloe	M												
	Mike Schwartz	A												
Camp SLO	John Reid	M			X	X	X	X			X		X	
	Jubilee Satele	A				X								
County Farm Bureau	George Kendall	M		X	X	X		X			X		X	X
	James Green	A									X		X	
Cuesta College	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Golden State Water	Anthony Lindstrom	M		X	X	X					X		X	X
	Matthew Hubbard	A												
Shandon-San Juan Water District	Stephen Sinton	M		X	X	X	X	X			X			X
	Kevin Peck	A												
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District	Lee Nesbit	M												X
	Hilary Graves	A												
CITIES														
City of Arroyo Grande	Barbara Harmon	M		X	X		X							
	Kristen Barneich	A												
City of Atascadero	Charles Bourbeau	M									X		X	
	Nick DeBar	A												
City of Grover Beach	Debbie Peterson	M		X							X		X	X
	Jeff Lee	A												
City of Morro Bay	Matt Makowetski	M												
	Rob Livick	A												
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M												
	Kirk Gonzalez	A		X							X			
	Keith Larson	O												
City of Pismo Beach	Marcia Guthrie	M			X		X	X			X		X	
	Sheila Blake	A									X			
	Chad Stoehr	O		X			X	X			X		X	X
City of San Luis Obispo	Andy Pease	M		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X
	Aaron Gomez	A												
	Aaron Floyd	O		X	X			X			X			
	Carrie Mattingly	O												
	Dean Furakawa	O												
	Mychal Boerman	O		X			X						X	
CSDs														
Avila Beach CSD	Brad Hagemann	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Cambria CSD	Bob Gresens	M											X	X
	Jerry Gruber	A												
	Amanda Rice	O												
Heritage Ranch CSD	Scott Duffled	M						X						
	Jason Molinari	A												
Los Osos CSD	Chuck Cesena	M												
	Renee Osborne	A												
Nipomo CSD	Craig Armstrong	M		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	
	Ed Eby	A		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	
	Mario Iglesias	O				X								
Oceano CSD	Cynthia Replogle	M									X		X	X
	Shirley Gibson	A											X	X
	Paavo Ogren	O												
San Miguel CSD	Anthony Kalvans	M												
	Dan Gilmore	A												
San Simeon CSD	Charles Grace	M												
	Renee Osborne	A												
Templeton CSD	Tina Mayer	M		X										
	Navid Fardanesh	A												
STAFF														
Board of Supervisors	Jen Caffee	Staff									X		X	
Agricultural Commissioner	Lynda Auchinachie	Staff		X		X	X	X					X	X
Planning and Building	Megan Martin	Staff		X	X		X							
	Jane Kim	Staff												
	Brian Pedrotti	Staff												
		Staff												
Public Health Services	Leslie Terry	Staff											X	
	Megan Lillich	Staff												
Public Works	Courtney Howard	Staff					X						X	X
	Ray Dienzo	Staff		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X
	Carolyn Berg	Staff									X		X	
	Mladen Bandov	Staff		X				X						X
	Angela Ruberto	Staff												
	Brendan Clark	Staff						X			X		X	X
	Sarah Crable	Staff						X					X	

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

**WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)
GUEST LIST 2018**

Signing-in is voluntary. You may attend the meeting regardless of whether you sign-in.

NAME	AFFILITATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Lynette Tomatzky	Resident Los Osos	/	X					/	/		/		
Steve McMasters	County Planning	/						/	/		/		
Patricia Wilmore	Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	/	X	X	X	X	X	/	/	X	/	X	X
Jean-Pierre Wolff	RWQCB	/						/	/		/	X	
Willy Cunha	Shandon-San Juan Water District	/	X					/	/		/	X	
Linda Jeiferz		/	X					/	/		/		
Joha Suyder		/	X					/	/		/		
Natalie Risner		/	X					/	/		/		
Dan Hechel	WSC	/	X					/	/		/		
Christine Halley	Sentinel Peak Resources	/				X		/	/		/		
Cheryl Cunuay	Cayucos Advisory Council	/					X	/	/		/		
Colt Esenwein	SLO Public Works	/					X	/	/		/		
Don Chartram	Central Coast Salmon Enhancement	/					X	/	/		/		
Mary Margaret McGuine	SSCSD	/				X	X	/	/		/	X	
Cortney Murguia	San Simeon CSD	/						/	/	X	/		
Devin Best	USLTRCD	/					X	/	/	X	/		
Kendall Stahl	Water Systems Consulting	/					X	/	/		/		
Brian Pedroth	County of SLO	/						/	/	X	/		
Maria Kelly	Justin	/						/	/	X	/		
Jerry Reaugh	EPC Water District	/						/	/	X	/		
Charlie Cote	S+T Mutual Water Co Los Osos	/						/	/		/	X	
Wes Thomson	SLO Public Works	/						/	/		/	X	
Ayelet Zamek	County PW	/						/	/		/	X	
Hilary Graves	EPCWD	/						/	/		/	X	
Arne Anselm	VCWPD	/						/	/		/	X	
John Wallay		/						/	/		/	X	