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May 30, 2024

Honorable Debbie Arnold
Chair, Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
1050 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: Water Resources Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report

Honorable Supervisor Arnold:

Attached is the 2023 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 District Board of Supervisors, with the broad view of promoting water resilience through regional cooperation. 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. WRAC members and public stakeholders on our mailing lists receive monthly updates on rainfall, reservoir levels, drought status, basin management activities, funding opportunities and more. Between 32 and 47 members and public participants attended each meeting. To continue allowing for broad access to meetings, we have continued to provide an option for virtual participation, though voting members must be in person.

Highlights from 2023 include our multiple presentations and discussions about water related projects and programs led by the County/District: Master Water Report Update, DESAL plan, Evapotranspiration analysis for Ag. demand, Low Impact Development Manual Updates, and more. Other highlights included hearing updates from the City of SLO on their Water Resource Recovery Facility Project and providing public forum/comment opportunity for relevant water-related County initiatives.

WRAC is a valuable forum for purveyors, organizations, community members, and more to stay informed about water resources, District staff projects & programs, and more. We added many new members to start the year, and we look forward to continuing to lead, inform and inspire our

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members and the broader community about our region's water resources, including upcoming discussions on DESAL, MWR, Flood Control, water conservation and more.

On March 6, 2024, the WRAC approved this report for submittal to your Board.

Sincerely,

Tom Burhenn, Chair
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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

February 1, 2023

- Open Discussion regarding recent storms and flooding
- Presentation on County LID Manual update from County of SLO staff

April 5, 2023

- Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
- Consider forming an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Committee Bylaws
- Presentation on the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee and repairs from County of SLO staff
- Presentation on DESAL Plan from County of SLO staff

May 3, 2023

- Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget for FY 2023/2024 from County of SLO Staff
- Presentation on City of San Luis Obispo Water Conservation Program by City of SLO Staff
- Discussion on Water Conservation Programs
- Update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Committee Bylaws

June 7, 2023

- Presentation on Lopez Lake by County of SLO staff
- Presentation on Master Water Report Update from County of SLO staff
- Update from the Ad Hoc Committee to review and comment on the Water Related Sections of the Dana Reserve Project EIR

July and August 2023

Summer recess – No meetings.

September 6, 2023

- Presentation on City of San Luis Obispo Water Resource Recovery Facility Project from City of SLO staff
- Update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Water Sections of the Dana Reserve Project EIR
- Update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Committee Bylaws

November 1, 2023

- Presentation on Regional Housing and Infrastructure Plan from SLOCOG
- Presentation on Overview of Satellite Based Evapotranspiration Technology and Potential Groundwater Management Uses in SLO County from County of SLO Groundwater Sustainability Director Blaine Reely
- Discuss Ad Hoc Subcommittee's report on the Water Sections of the Dana Reserve Project EIR and consider actions
- Consider recommending revisions to the Committee Bylaws

December 6, 2023

- Demonstration of the Prototype version of the Master Water Report Update by County of SLO staff and its consultant team

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2023

Organization	Representative	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT														
District 1	Melanie Blankenship	M												
	Elizabeth Covert	A												
District 2	(Vacant)	M												
	Neal MacDougall	A												
District 3	Michael Nordstrom	M		X										
	Natalie Risner	A												
District 4	Thomas Burhenn	M				X	X	X			X		X	X
	Erika Bylund	A		X										
District 5	Allen Duckworth	M		O			X	X			X			X
	Fred Hoey	A												
AT-LARGE														
Agriculture At-Large	Jon Winstead	M									X		X	X
	(Vacant)	A												
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	(Vacant)	A												
Development At-Large	Taylor Simpson	M				X								
	Tim Walters	A		X		X	X	O						X
Environmental At-Large	Christine Mulholland	M		X		X	X	X			X		X	X
	Dolores Howard	A		X		O	X	O					O	X
Environmental At-Large	Eric Greening	M		X		X	O	X			X		X	X
	(Vacant)	A												
Environmental At-Large	David Chipping	M		X		X	X	X			X		X	X
	Stephnie Wald	A											O	
RCDs														
Coastal San Luis RCD	Linda Chipping	M		X		X	X	X			X		X	X
	Jessica Crutchfield	A												
Upper Salinas RCD	George Kendall	M												
	Tom Mora	A						X						
OTHERS														
Atascadero Mutual	John Neil	M												
	Jaime Hendrickson	A					X	X						X
California Men's Colony	Scott Buffaloe	M												
	Mike Schwartz	A												
Camp SLO	(Vacant)	M												
	Jubilee Satele	A												
County Farm Bureau	Steve Carter	M				X	X				X		X	X
	Brent Burchett	A		X		X		X					X	
Cuesta College	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Golden State Water	Matt Cook	M				X	O	X			X		X	
	Mark Zimmer	A		O									X	
Shandon-San Juan Water District	Stephen Sinton	M		O		X	O				X		X	X
	Ray Shady	A						X						
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District	Lee Nesbit	M		X		X	X	X			X		X	X
	Hilary Graves	A												
CITIES														
City of Arroyo Grande	Jim Guthrie	M				X	X	X			X		X	
	Kristen Barneich	A												
City of Atascadero	Charles Bourbeau	M				X	X							
	Nick DeBar	A												
City of Grover Beach	Clint Weirick	M				X	X				X		X	X
	Robert Robert	A												
City of Morro Bay	Laurel Barton	M		O		X	X						X	X
	Cyndee Edwards	A												
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M												
	Kirk Gonzalez	A												
City of Pismo Beach	Marcia Guthrie	M					X							
	Stacy Inman	A				X								X
City of San Luis Obispo	Andy Pease	M		X		X	X	X			X		X	X
	Emily Francis	A				X								
CSDs														
Avila Beach CSD	Brad Hagemann	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Cambria CSD	Ray Dienzo	M		X				X			X			
	Tristan Reaper	A						O						
Heritage Ranch CSD	Scott Duffield	M				X	X				X		X	X
	Doug Groshart	A				X								
Los Osos CSD	Chuck Cesena	M												
	Ron Munds	A				X	X						O	
Nipomo CSD	Ed Eby	M		X		X	X	X			X		X	X
	Richard Malvarose	A												
Oceano CSD	Allene Villa	M				X	O	X					X	O
	Beverly Joyce-Suneson	A												
San Miguel CSD	Kelly Dodds	M		X									O	X
	Dustin Pittman	A												
San Simeon CSD	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Templeton CSD	Debra Logan	M		X		X	X	O			X		O	X
	Tina Mayer	A												
STAFF														
Planning and Building	Kylie Hensley	Staff												
	Claire Momburger	Staff												
Public Works	Airlin Singewald	Staff												
	Courtney Howard	Staff					X				X		X	O
	Alejandra Celio	Staff					X							
	Brandon Zuniga	Staff		X										
	Angela Ford	Staff				X	X							
	Brendan Clark	Staff		X		X	X	X			X		X	X
	Joey Steil	Staff		X		X	X	X			X		X	X
	Joshua Porter	Staff									X		X	
	Jenny Williamson	Staff		X			X						O	O
	Kory Burt	Staff									X			
Stormwater	May Thiri Kyaw	Staff		X		X	X	X						
	Ann Gillespie	Staff		X										

Notes: M = Member; A = Alternate Member, (O) = attended virtually

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