

PASO BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TEMPLETON COMMUNITY CENTER

August 20, 2015
Meeting Minutes

An audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted during public comment are available online at www.PasoBasin.org

Approximately 2:00 pm the meeting is called to order.

1. Introductions and determination of a Quorum- Quorum established.
2. Approve July 16th and Special August 3rd Meeting Minutes - The July 16th Paso Basin Advisory Committee (PBAC) meeting minutes were reviewed. Member Engel asks to amend Section “5(b) – Conservation” by noting it was Member Engel herself who described the alfalfa irrigation system. Alternate Member Evans moves to approve the amended July meeting minutes, seconded by Member Wilmore. (19-0-2-3).

The August 3rd PBAC Special Meeting minutes were reviewed. Member Tracy asks what funding methodology was recommended by the management subcommittee, to which John Diodati clarifies. Member Brown moves to approve the Special Meeting minutes, seconded by Member Kalvans (10-0-12-2).

3. Presentation – League of Women Voters’ Civil Discourse Task Force- Marguerite Bader, the president of the League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County (LWVSLO), presents on the purpose and vision of the LWVSLO organization. Sharon Kimball, Chair of the LWVSLO Civil Discourse Action Team, then discusses civil discourse and democracy.
4. General Public Comment – No general public comments.
5. County Efforts
 - a. Water District Application Review Process Update – David Church, Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), reminds members of the public hearing at 5:30 pm that night, August 20, 2015, at the Paso Event Center. Member Engel discusses the need for civil discourse and respect. Member Faulkner suggests getting letters to LAFCO by September 10, 2015. Discussion ensues about the schedule and location. John Diodati, County Public Works Department, summarizes the action taken at the August 18th Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting to approve the funding formula and mechanisms for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) compliance. Discussion ensues on determination of irrigated versus non-irrigated lands, how fallowed lands will be handled, and generally about SGMA requirements. A resident comments that it is

important to meter groundwater pumping to determine quantities of water leaving the basin. Discussion ensues on ballot language, Prop 218, funding formulas and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) enforcement/ fees.

- b. Countywide Water Conservation Program Development Update- Michael Hanebutt, County Planning Department, announced that on August 13th the Planning Commission recommended that the BOS certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Countywide Water Conservation Program as well as the General Plan and County Code Ordinance Code updates. Mr. Hanebutt notes staff will likely return to the BOS in October, but that he will notify the PBAC once a date is set. He notes that the urgency ordinance expires on August 27, 2015, and that new ordinances will not take effect until 30 days after the BOS adopts them. Discussion ensues on the recommendations, vested rights, irrigated lands inclusions, exemptions of new grower water saving technologies, de minimus usage, and the sunset provision. Further discussion ensues on the expiration of the urgency ordinance and how that relates to new plantings, irrigation and offset credits.
 - c. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Basin Study Update – Courtney Howard, County Public Works Department, reminds the audience that the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) selected the Salinas River Basin to partner with the local agencies on a study of strategies for managing future water supply needs. She notes that the first phase is to collaborate with Monterey agencies and USBR to develop the study scope and schedule (“plan of study”). On August 25th, the BOS will consider authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into an agreement with USBR to develop a plan of study. The second phase is to develop the study itself, which should help to develop technical information needed for a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Ms. Howard notes her new role as the new Water Resources Division Manager and her intent to focus on more county-wide water resources efforts. She notes that Scott Duffield will likely be the Project Manager for the county’s efforts on this study.
 - d. Consider advising the Board of Supervisors regarding County efforts – Nothing new to consider.
6. Subcommittee Reports/ Recommended PBAC Actions
- a. Computer Model Update- Ms. Howard describes the current model calibration status and how, once complete, the consultant can run the nine future projection model scenarios. She further explains how the model works, the type of data being generated and future projection scenarios. Discussion ensues regarding crop coefficients used and various water demands.
 - b. Conservation- Member Engel describes the subcommittee meeting with various vineyard stakeholders. Member Kalvans mentions how development of roots can improve water conservation.
 - c. In-Basin Projects- Nothing to report.
 - d. Management- The subcommittee wants to ensure the Paso Basin Water District cannot export water out of the basin. Member McKinley states that the NPDES permit requirements for water treatment plants may sometimes require discharge to the river system which can result in “export” out of the basin. Member Faulkner inquires about submittal to County Counsel, and asks to include a discussion about groundwater storage being considered a public resource.

Member Sinton moves that the PBAC approve the language as recommended by the management subcommittee to be sent to the BOS with a copy to LAFCO and County Counsel, seconded by Brown, motion passes (22-0-0-2).

- e. Outreach and Education- Alternate Member Baugh states that the next subcommittee meeting date has not been confirmed.
 - f. Supply Options- No report.
7. Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest –PBAC Members – Discussion ensues about conflicts of interest and disclosure, interests in the basin, and the nature of the PBAC. Several members agree that there is no harm in disclosing conflicts of interest, while other members note that the committee is advisory and not a decision making body, therefore disclosure is unnecessary. Motion made by Member Wilmore, seconded by Member Clark, to adopt a practice that “Each Advisory Committee member and alternate member has the responsibility to determine if they have a conflict of interest on any particular matter which may come before the Advisory Committee.” The motion passes (19-3-0-2). Motion made by Member Kalvans, seconded by Member Tracy to extend the meeting for 10 minutes, approved unanimously. Motion made by Member Kalvans, seconded by Member Tracy, to recommend BOS adopt language to require PBAC members to file a Form 700, motion fails (3-18-1-2).
8. Public Comment- No comments.
9. Future meeting topics/Committee comments- Next meeting is set for September 9th.
10. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned approximately 4:10 pm.

The Paso Basin Advisory Committee approved these minutes on August 20, 2015.
/s/ Carolyn Berg

CAROLYN BERG
Public Works Staff

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2015

Organization	Representative		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	3-Aug	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	
AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS															
Atascadero Mutual Water Company	John Neil	M	X	X	Not Recorded						X				
	Jaime Hendrickson	A	X	X		X	X	X							
Central Coast Vineyard Team	Kris Beal	M				X	X			X	X	X			
	Willy Cunha	A	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
City of Atascadero	Vacant	M													
	Vacant	A													
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M									X	X			
	Christine Halley	A		X			X	X							
City of San Luis Obispo	John Ashbaugh	M									X				
	Noah Evans	A	X	X			X	X	X	X		X			
County of Monterey (Resource Management Agency)	Tom Moss*	M													
	Carl Holm*	A													
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Robert Johnson	M													
	Howard Franklin	A	X	X			X		X	X		X			
Paso Robles Imperiled Overlying Rights (PRIOR)	Steve Sinton	M	X	X			X	•	X	X	X				
	Kent Gilmore	A					X	X							
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	Patricia Wilmore	M					X	X	X	X	X	X			
	Jerry Reaugh	A	X	X			X	X	X	X					
San Miguel Community Services District	Anthony Kalvans	M	X	X			X	X	X	X	X				
	Vacant	A													
Shandon (County Service Area 16)	Susan Howard	M					•								
	Vacant	A													
SLO County Cattlemen's Association	Kurt Bollinger	M		X			X	X	X	X	X				
	Dale Evanson	A		X											
SLO County Farm Bureau	Paul Clark	M	X	X			X	X	X	X		X			
	Megan Silcott	A													
Templeton Community Services District	Jeff Britz	M	X				X	X	X	X	X	X			
	Tina Mayer	A		X											
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD	Devin Best	M	X			•	X								
	Amy Smart	A							X		X				
AT-LARGE															
Viticulture Agriculturalist At-Large	Dana Merrill	M						X		X					
	Robert Brown	A	X	X		X	X		X	X	X				
Non-Viticulture Irrigated Crop Agriculturalist At-Large	Bill Spencer	M	X	X			X	X	X						
	John DeRosier	A													
Environmental At-Large	Sue Harvey	M	X	X		X	X	X	X		X				
	Daniel Meade	A	X	X		X									
Rural Residential At-Large	Sue Luft	M	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				
	Michael Baugh	A	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				
	Claudia Engel	M	X	X			X	X	X	X	X				
	Maria Lorca	A	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				
	Edward C. Redig	M	X	X			X	X	X	X					
	Jim DeRose	A													
	William Frost	M	X	X		X	X	X	X		X				
	Laurie Gage	A	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				
	George Tracy	M	X	X		X	X	X		•	X				
	Don Wilson	A													
(District 1)	Randy Diffenbaugh	M	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				
	Randy Heinzen	A	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				
(District 5)	Erin Faulkner	M	X	X		X	X	X	X						
	Dr. Serena Friedman	A	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				
Undesignated At-Large	Larry Werner	M	X	X		X	X	X	X		•				
	Miller Newlon	A				•	X				X				

M = Member; A = Alternate; NM = New Member; NA = New Alternate; O = Other Representatives (e.g Staff, Council, Board, etc.)
~~strikethrough text~~ = indicates that this individual is no longer serving in this role; • = Notified of absence or conflict

* = To be confirmed at a future BOS meeting

