

MINUTES (Approved)

Chairperson: Andy Pease
Vice Chairperson: Vacant
Secretary: Brendan Clark

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) and as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **May 6th, 2020** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

The audio 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
A quorum of 17 is established.
2. Approval of March 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes
No motion is required, previous minutes are approved based on consensus. (14-0-3)
3. Ongoing Updates:
 - Rain & Reservoir Report
No comments
 - California Drought Monitor Summary
No comment
 - Groundwater Basin Management Efforts
Member G. Grewal suggests adding well monitoring to reports. C. Howard responds that staff are currently working on disaster service work for COVID-19 and developing GSPs due in 2022.
W. Cunha adds that Shandon-San Juan Water District is installing stream gauges with DWR and studying wells for inclusion in monitoring network.
 - Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
B. Clark comments that he will bring the plan for endorsement and recommendation to the board for adoption to the next WRAC meeting.
 - Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP)
S. Crable comments that the state board released the round 2 stormwater grant solicitation information on April 17th and it is available on the SWRP website.
G. Grewal asks about qualification for stormwater grant, and county staff respond.
 - State Water Project
G. Grewal asks about participation in the twin tunnel to single tunnel project.
C. Howards comments on upcoming steps relating to State Water.

D. Loucks comments on subcontractors' roll relating to State Water and C. Howard responds.

J. Garing also comments.

- SLO County Flood Control and Water Conservation District FY2020-21 Budget
G. Grewal comments on the possibility of money allocated from the Flood Control District to Los Osos with respect to sewer water. C. Howard responds that a loan is already in place.
- Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances
E. Greening comments on the Cal Poly masterplan.
- Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information
No comment.

4. Consider Recommending Cynthia Replogle for Environmental At-Large Alternative Member

C. Replogle speaks on her qualifications and interest in the position.

E. Greening makes a motion which is seconded by David Chipping to recommend C. Replogle for the Environmental At-Large Alternative Member.

S. Gibson comments that there could be a conflict of interest with the recommendation of appointment of C. Replogle.

T. Walters, C. Mulholland, and C. Bourbeau all comment of whether the appointment would be a conflict of interest or not.

The Committee votes 15-1-0 to recommend the application to be approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

5. Provide Feedback to the County Department of Planning & Building on Water Neutral New Development Phase 1.5 Proposed Ordinance Amendments regarding updates to Paso Basin and Area of Severe Decline maps, a fallowing option for the Ag Offset Program, and clarifying the phrase "de minimis" in the Ag Offset Ordinance.

County Department of Planning and Building staff K. Hensley presents on updates to the Agriculture Offset Ordinance in the Paso Basin. Major points of presentation are as follows:

- Background on the Offset Program for the Paso Basin
- Phase 1.5 Amendments: Update Paso Basin Map, update the area of severe decline map, incorporate a fallowing option into the Agriculture Offset Ordinance, and clarify the phrase "de minimis" in the Agriculture Offset Ordinance.
- Updating the Paso Basin Map will change which properties are subject to specific restrictions.
- "De minimis" is proposed to be removed because of conflicting definitions, and the 5 AFY one-time exemption will remain in effect.
- Next Planning Commission hearing is planned for June 11th
- More information can be found at www.slocountywwcp.org/prgwb
- D. Loucks, G. Grewal, D. Chipping, S. Stinton, and C. Mulholland comment and K. Hensley responds.

6. Discuss using teleconference/virtual meeting software for future meetings

C. Mulholland suggests a transition to Zoom as a meeting platform instead of GoToMeetings.

7. Discuss Future Agenda Items

No Comment.

8. Public Comment

D. Loucks requests to see additional status of grant applications from the County staff with respect to water resources in the county. Well-monitoring data are also requested to be posted on the County website. Staff member B. Clark asks for specific requests to be emailed in order to provide a clearer response.

G. Grewal comments on shut down of AWMC wells due to contamination.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30