

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

City/County Library Community Room
995 Palm Street
San Luis Obispo

Wednesday, July 7, 2010
1:30 p.m.

1. **Determination of a Quorum and Introductions**
2. **Approval of June Meeting Minutes**
3. **Public Comment (15 Minutes)**
4. **Ongoing Updates:**
 - a. **Subcommittee Status Report Regarding the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's Draft Agricultural Order**
5. **Selection of Projects for Integrated Regional Water Management Program Implementation Grant Application**
6. **Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Draft Resource Capacity Study and Water Balance Update**
7. **Land Use and Circulation Element Update – Water Demand Projections**
8. **Zone 1/1A Waterway Management Plan**
9. **Consideration of Revision to Bylaws – Additional Membership for Development Interests (if time allows)**
10. **Future Agenda Items**
11. **Public Comment (if needed)**

--- Adjourn by 3:30 p.m. ---

Next Regular Meeting: **September 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**
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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.

Excerpts from WRAC By-Laws dated November 3, 2009

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Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2010

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

Approximately 1:30 p.m., Chairperson Winn called the meeting to order.

- 1) Determination of a Quorum and Introductions - Quorum Established.
- 2) Approval of May Meeting Minutes - The May 5, 2010 WRAC meeting minutes were approved with one amendment, by adding text within the Public Comment section to read "...landscape ordinances, *monitoring of new wells*, and utilization of...", upon a first by Member Hyman, second by Member Greening, and a unanimous vote with four (4) abstentions.
- 3) Public Comment (15 minutes) - Chairperson Winn informs the WRAC that Bruce Buel, former General Manager of Los Osos Community Services District (CSD) and then Nipomo CSD and member of the WRAC, passed away Friday, May 28, after a long battle with cancer. Member Fitzhugh informs the WRAC of a new State law which requires each person or organization that use diverted surface water or pump groundwater from a known subterranean stream to file a "Statement of Water Diversion and Use" or to file an application to appropriate water with the State Water Resources Control Board. Gwynn Taylor requests that the WRAC review saltwater intrusion in the Los Osos groundwater basin. Frank Ausilio informs the WRAC of a letter that he submitted to the California Coastal Commission requesting that they determine the source and veracity of statements regarding the alleged contamination of the Morro Bay National Estuary by nitrates coming from Los Osos septic systems. Member Greening requests information regarding invasive mussel prevention efforts. Courtney Howard, County Public Works, speaks to current and planned invasive mussel prevention efforts at Lakes Lopez, Santa Margarita, and Nacimiento. Member D'Ornellas speaks to challenges of implementing invasive mussel prevention efforts at Lake Nacimiento. Gary Henderson, San Luis Obispo City Staff, speaks to invasive mussel prevention education and self-evaluations planned for select privately-owned docks and launch ramps at Lake Nacimiento. Member Ehring speaks to the current invasive mussel monitoring and tagging process at Lake Lopez. Member Ashbaugh informs the WRAC that the San Luis Obispo City Council is especially concerned about a potential invasive mussel infestation in Lake Nacimiento and asked that city staff to work with the Counties of San Luis Obispo and Monterey to improve current invasive mussel prevention efforts. Member Eby informs the WRAC that the Nipomo CSD hired Don Spagnolo to serve as General Manager, effective June 1, 2010.

- 4) Ongoing Updates:
- a. Master Water Plan - Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs members of the WRAC that staff are considering all received comments and suggestions for incorporation into the Master Water Plan, that staff is reviewing the water management strategies for each water planning area with representative agencies and stakeholders, and speaks to upcoming workshops and work efforts.
 - b. Integrated Regional Water Management - Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs members of the WRAC that staff is initiating the first steps to develop a Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Program Implementation grant application. Discussion ensues regarding project selection, funding sources, the updating the plan and incorporating new projects, project prioritization methodology, and project cost.
 - c. Planning Department Efforts - Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs members of the WRAC that on June 8, 2010, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors will have a hearing to consider the 2009 Resource Management System Annual Summary Report. Discussion ensues regarding expected changes, incorporation of all of the WRAC recommendations, and other minor revisions.
 - d. Rainfall and Reservoir Update - Brief discussion.
 - e. Status of Negotiations with the Central Coast Water Authority for Emergency Water to South County - Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs members of the WRAC that the State Water Contractors' Board of Directors sent a letter to the California Department of Water Resources recommending approval of the proposed one year (renewable) emergency exchange program and indicates that staff are currently working on necessary California Environmental Quality Act documentation and coordinating with local agencies to develop specific agreement details. Discussion ensues regarding agreement details, agency participation, and long-term alternative solutions.
- 5) Subcommittee to Review the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's Draft Agricultural Order and Public Feedback - Subcommittee Chairperson Luft provides a summary of the May 12, 2010 Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) workshop, speaks to the July 8, 2010 RWQCB meeting in Watsonville, and informs members of the WRAC that on June 8, 2010, the San Luis Obispo County Board (Board) of Supervisors will hold a hearing to consider the Agricultural Commissioner's recommendation for the Board to submit a letter to the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the Draft Agricultural Order for Irrigated Lands. Discussion ensues regarding the inclusion of a specific example of Draft Agricultural Order language in the draft letter, and regarding the process outlined in the draft letter. Alternate Member Bianchi moves to recommend that the Board of Supervisors send the letter to the RWQCB with the following additions or changes: 1) Remove the last sentence from the fifth (5th) paragraph that begins with: "For example, designating 0.5 part per billion ...", 2) add language that speaks in

support of the 18 month time extension, with a second by Member Hyman. Discussion ensues regarding the need for the RWQCB to work cooperatively with the California Department of Fish and Game. The motion passes 20-2-0.

- 6) Shandon Community Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report Subcommittee Report - Chairperson Winn speaks to the similarity between comments made in the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) subcommittee report and the WRAC's comments on the public review draft of the Shandon Community Plan. Discussion ensues regarding groundwater chemistry, feasible mitigation measures involving the State Water Project (SWP), groundwater impact analysis that is predicated on providing an offset for irrigated land replaced with urban development, the reliability of the State Water Project, the water-level/storage interaction for basins of differing capacities, and the economic feasibility of a water supply project involving SWP water. Member Allen moves to adopt the subcommittee report as written, with a second by Member Greening. Chairperson Winn recommends that occurrences of "sub basin" should be changed to "subbasin". The maker of the motion and the second are amenable to the amendment. The motion passes 19-2-1.

By unanimous consent, the WRAC agreed to take the following item out of order.

- 7) Consideration of Holding a WRAC Meeting in July and/or August - Members of the WRAC briefly discuss vacation schedules and upcoming issues that may require WRAC input. Member Winholtz moves to hold the next WRAC meeting on July 7, 2010, with a second by Member Barrett. The motion passes unanimously.
- 8) Consideration of Forming a Subcommittee to Review the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Resource Capacity Study - Member Ashbaugh nominates Member Sinton to serve on the ad-hoc subcommittee. Member Luft recommends that the WRAC reconvene the ad-hoc subcommittee to review the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Resource Capacity Study. Member Barrett, Alternate Member Larson, Member Luft, Member Neil (via correspondence received in advance of the meeting), Member Thompson, Chairperson Winn, and Member Zelinski volunteer to serve on the ad-hoc subcommittee. Member Luft volunteers to serve as subcommittee chair. Member Ehring moves to form an ad-hoc subcommittee to review the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Resource Capacity Study, with a second by Member Garfinkel. The motion passes unanimously. Discussion ensues regarding scheduling and timing of future ad-hoc subcommittee meetings.
- 9) Consideration of Reconvening the Los Osos Wastewater Project Subcommittee to Review Publicly Released Information from the Interlocutory Stipulated Judgment Entities - Member Gilmore informs the WRAC that the LOCSD supports reconvening the ad-hoc subcommittee and that Alternate Member Kelly can no longer serve on the subcommittee if it were formed, and recommends that replacement subcommittee members are not from Los Osos. Discussion ensues regarding the role and purview of the subcommittee if it were formed. Member Garfinkel moves to reform the Los Osos Wastewater Project ad-hoc subcommittee to review publicly released information from the Interlocutory Stipulated Judgment entities, with a second by Member Winholtz. Discussion ensues regarding subcommittee membership qualifications and requirements, and their scope of work. Member Luft

indicates that she can no longer serve on the subcommittee if it were formed. Member Fitzhugh indicates that she can no longer serve on the subcommittee if it were formed. The motion passes 17-1-4. Member L. Chipping, Member Ehring, Member Garfinkel, and Chairperson Winn volunteer to serve on the ad-hoc subcommittee. Member Ashbaugh nominates Member Winholtz to serve on the ad-hoc subcommittee, and in the event that Member Winholtz is unwilling to serve, volunteers himself to serve on the ad-hoc subcommittee.

- 10) Future Agenda Items - Chairperson Winn informs the WRAC that the Board of Supervisors (Board) might entertain a suggestion from the WRAC to add one Member and Alternate Member position representing the development community. Discussion ensues regarding WRAC's motivation for considering such a request and the lack of any formal Board direction on the matter. Member Eby moves to not agendaize consideration of adding a membership position on the WRAC to represent developmental interests, with a second by Member Greening. The motion fails 6-13-0. Member Ashbaugh requests that the WRAC advise the Board to take a position on the Clean Water Bond. Member Zelinski requests an update on the State Water Project (SWP) relating to Judge Wagner's most recent court ruling on the federal biological opinion. Discussion ensues regarding SWP pumping restrictions and operations. Member D. Chipping requests that Paavo Ogren, San Luis Obispo County Director of Public Works, provide an update on the feasibility of water supply projects for the community of Shandon.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:20 p.m.

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2010

Organization	Representative		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cambria CSD	Jim Adams	M												
	Robert Reason	A												
	Bob Gresens	Staff		X										
Heritage Ranch CSD	John D'Ornellas	M				X	X	X						
	Debbie Fransen	A												
Los Osos CSD	Maria Kelly	M	X	X	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Dan Gilmore**		n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X						
	Marshall Ochylski	A	X		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Maria Kelly**		n/a	n/a				X						
	Dan Gilmore	Staff	X	X	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nipomo CSD	Marshall Ochylski		n/a	n/a			X							
	Bruce Buell	M			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Ed Eby**		n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X						
	Ed Eby	A	X	X	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oceano CSD	Vacant*		n/a	n/a										
	Barbara Mann	M												
Templeton CSD	Phil Davis	A												
	Jeff Hodge	M	X			X		X						
San Simeon CSD	Judith Dieth	A												
	John Russell	M	X	X	X	X	X	X						
San Miguel CSD	Charles Grace	A												
	Mike Ellison	M												
City of Arroyo Grande	Dale Hamblin	A												
	Chuck Fellows	M	X		X	X	X	X						
City of Atascadero	Jim Guthrie	A												
	Russ Thompson	M	X	X		X	X	X						
City of Grover Beach	David Athey	A	*											
	Robert Mires	M	X	X	X	X	X	X						
City of Morro Bay	Debbie Peterson	A												
	Betty Winholtz	M	X	X	X	X	X	X						
City of Paso Robles	Dylan Wade	A	X	X	X									
	Christopher Alakel	M					X							
City of Pismo Beach	Keith Larson	A	X	X	X	X	X	X						
	Ted Ehring	M		X	X	X	X	X						
	Ed Waage	A												
	Dwayne Chisam	Staff		X	X	X								
City of San Luis Obispo	Allen Settle	M			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	John Ashbaugh**		n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X						
	Andrew Carter	A		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Jan Marx**		n/a	n/a										
	John Ashbaugh	Staff		X	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
District 1	Gary Henderson		X	X	X	X		X						
	Ron Munds		X				X							
District 2	Steve Sinton	M	X		X	X	X		*					
District 3	Bill Garfinkel	M	X	X	X	X		X						
District 4	Marilee Hyman	M	X	X	X	X	X	X						
District 5	Michael Winn	M	X	X	X	X	X	X						
California Men's Colony	Dan O'Grady	M	*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Della Barrett**	M	n/a	X	X	X	X	X						
	John Kellerman	M					n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Mike Vela**	NM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a								
	Mike Mintey	A		X	X		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Camp SLO	Rudy Vargas**	NA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		X						
	Mike Vela	Staff				X	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cuesta College	John Reid	M	X	*	X	X	X	X						
	Nicole Balliet	A		*										
Atascadero Mutual	Edralin Maduli	M												
	Terry Reece	A												
Golden State Water	John Neil	M												
	Jaime Lien	A			X		X							
Agriculture At-Large	Mark Zimmer	M	*		X	*	*	X						
	Patrick Vowell	A	X	X	*	*	X	X						
	Ray Allen	M		X		X	X	X						
	Lowell Zelinski**	M	n/a	X	X		X	X						
County Farm Bureau	Mike Broadhurst	A	*	X	X		X	X						
	Steve Lohr**	A	n/a			X		X						
	Joy Fitzhugh	M	X	X	X	X	X	X						
	Jackie Crabb	A			X									
Environmental At-Large	Sue Luft	M	X	X	X	X	X	X						
	Eric Greening	M	X	X	X	X	X	X						
	Daniel Berman**	M	n/a	X		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	David Chipping	A	X	X	X	X	X	X						
	Sue Harvey	A	X	X			X	X						
Coastal San Luis RCD	Annie Gillespie**	A	n/a	*	X	X	X	X						
	Linda Chipping	M	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Upper Salinas RCD	Kathie Matsuyama	A												
	Tom Mora	M		X										
	Bill Bianchi	A	X			X		X						
	Shayna Bailey	Staff	X											
Agricultural Commissioner	Donald J. Funk	Staff	X		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Board of Supervisors	Jim Patterson	Dist. 5	X											
	Courtney Howard		X	*	X	X	X	X						
	Paavo Ogren	Staff		X	X									
	Dean Benedix		X											
	Sylas Cranor		X	X	*	X	X	X						
Planning and Building	Carolyn Berg		X											
	James Caruso	Staff	X	X	X	X								
	Suzan Ehdaie		X											
Public Health Services	Katie Simkover		X											
	Jay Johnson					X								
Agricultural Commissioner	Leslie Terry	Staff	X	X	X	X	X							
	Megan Lillich		X	X	X	X	X							

M = Member; A = Alternate; NM = New Member; NA = New Alternate;
 * = Notified of absence or conflict

* = To be confirmed at a future BOS meeting
 ** = Membership confirmed by the BOS after 01/01/2010

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2010 GUEST LIST

NAME	AFFILIATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Ausilio, Frank	Public	X			X	X	X						
Bailey, Shayna	Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD	X	X										
Barnett, Mark	Natural Resources Conservation Service	X											
Berman, Dan	Morro Bay National Estuary Program	X											
Bodrogi, Lisa	Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	X		X									
Carella, Lou	Carollo Engineers	X											
Dooley, Michelle	DWR, San Joaquin District	X		X			X						
Edwards, Jeff	Private Planner	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Fain, Annika	ESA	X											
Gillespie, Annie**	Morro Bay National Estuary Program	X											
Gutierrez, Jose	Carollo Engineers	X			X								
Jennings, Dorothy	Public					X							
Lohr, Steve**	J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines	X											
Margetson, Richard						X							
McCann, Lisa	Water Quality Control Board			X									
Owen, Linde				X	X								
Petrick, Bill	Blacklake Management Association	X											
Rice, Amanda	North Coast Advisory Council	X											
Schroeter, Angela	Water Quality Control Board			X									
Smokoska, Ken	Program Coordinator	X											
Snyder, John		X	X	X	X								
Sorensen, Paul	Fugro West Inc.				X								
Sweet, Kathy	Public	X			X								
Tacker, Julie	Los Osos						X						
Tanaka, Steven	Wallace Group	X			X								
Taylor, George		X	X	X	X	X	X						
Taylor, Gewynn		X	X	X	X	X	X						
Thomas, Michael	Water Quality Control Board			X									
Tornatzky, Lynette						X							
Wald, Stephnie	Central Coast Salmon Enhancement		X										
Whitney, C. Z.	Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council			X									
Williams, Dawn	League of Women Voters					X							
Williams, Stan	Poseidon Water	X											
Zelus, Cheryl	Natural Resources Conservation Service	X											
Zigas, Eric	ESA	X											

*Special Meeting

**See Member List

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Courtney Howard, SLO County Water Resources Engineer

DATE: July 7, 2010

SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 5: Selection of Projects for Integrated Regional Water Management Program Implementation Grant Application

Recommendation

Support proceeding with a Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program Implementation Grant application for the Los Osos Wastewater Project, the Zone 1/1A Waterway Management Plan, and, contingent upon securing financing prior to the application deadline, the Nipomo CSD Supplemental Water Project.

Discussion

Applications for the next implementation grant funding round are anticipated to be due by January 2011. Eligible projects are those that are identified in our region's existing IRWM Plan, and competitive projects are those that will be ready to go to construction within six months of grant award – roughly June 2011. Maximum funding available is in the \$5.8 to \$11.6 million dollar range, and the State has recommended that applications address both levels of funding.

After reviewing the status of the high priority projects identified in our region's 2007 adopted IRWM Plan (see table below), the Los Osos Wastewater Project, Nipomo CSD Supplemental Water Project, and the Zone 1/1A Waterway Management Program appear to be the most competitive projects to include in this grant cycle. They are both the highest scoring project per water resources benefit category and are ready to proceed in a timeframe consistent with IRWM grant guidelines. This group of projects also addresses the following IRWM Program preferences:

- Disadvantaged community assistance
- Inter-regional coordination
- Integration and inclusion of projects that provide multiple benefits - water quality, water supply, flood control, ecosystems and groundwater
- Conservation program implementation

In order to further demonstrate readiness to proceed, the Nipomo CSD Supplemental Water Project will need to secure adequate financing for the project prior to the application deadline.

After receiving the WRAC's feedback on the recommended projects, District Staff will work with the Regional Water Management Group members and project proponents to finalize the approach to the grant application and report back to the WRAC at a subsequent meeting.

2007 San Luis Obispo County IRWM Plan Priority Projects*

	Project	Score	Readiness	Project Cost	Funding Allocation	
					\$5.8M	\$11.6M
Water Quality	Los Osos Community Wastewater Project	52.8	2011	\$165M	TBD	TBD
	Southland Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade	37.9	2011			
Water Supply	Nacimiento Water Project	32.1	Complete			
	Morro Bay Desalination Facility Upgrade	37.1	Complete			
	Nipomo CSD Supplemental Water Project	34.2	2011	\$23.6M	TBD	TBD
Ecosystem	Morro Bay Estuary CCMP Chorro Creek Ecological Reserve Restoration Project	68.5	Uncertain			
Flood	Flood Control Zone 1/1A Waterway Management Program	44.8	2011	\$5.4M	TBD	TBD
	Flood Control Zone 9 Waterway Management Program	44.8	2012			

* 2007 San Luis Obispo County IRWM Plan Section F, Page 4

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: James Caruso, Senior Planner

DATE: July 7, 2010

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 6: Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Draft
Resource Capacity Study and Water Balance Update**

On July 7, 2010, the Department of Planning and Building will provide members of the WRAC with a preview of the revised Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Resource Capacity Study (RCS). Paul Sorensen, Fugro West, will also be available to cover questions regarding the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Water Balance Review and Update.

Following the July meeting, the Department will complete the draft RCS and circulate it to the WRAC ad-hoc subcommittee during the middle of August. It is expected that the ad-hoc subcommittee will bring their final comments to the WRAC on September 1, 2010 for consideration and approval.

The Planning Commission will conduct a study session on the RCS on September 9, 2010. The Commission will hold a public hearing on September 23, 2010. The Board of Supervisors hearing date has not yet been set.

The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Water Balance Review and Update can be downloaded online at www.SLOCountyWater.org and is available for review upon request at the Public Works Department front counter.

The June 11, 2009 San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission staff report and 2009 draft RCS can be downloaded online from the following website: www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/meetings.htm.

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: James Caruso, Senior Planner

DATE: July 7, 2010

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item #7: Land Use and Circulation Element Update -
Water Demand Projections**

The Planning and Building Department has started the update of the County's Land Use Element of the General Plan. This update, referred to as the Land Use and Circulation Element update (LUCE), will focus on consolidating the eleven Area Plans into five Area Plans based on watershed and coastal zone boundaries. One of the major tasks of this update is projecting population and water use to the year 2035. We will also use the water demand projections as part of the Annual Summary Report for the Resource Management System.

Our Department understands that the Urban Water Management Planning (UWMP) Act requires a 20-year projection, and that applicable WRAC member agencies have provided those projections for 2025 to the Public Works Department for the Master Water Plan, and those not covered by the UWMP Act have also provided projections consistent with their latest planning documents.

In order to update the LUCE, we need purveyor assistance to further expand water demand projections to 2035 if purveyors have not completed this type of work already. Our Department can supply population projections for each community, if helpful, and can work with the purveyors to develop water use forecasts for our target years based either on these population projections or the purveyors' preferred methodology.

During the WRAC's July 7th meeting, our Department will take a quick poll of the applicable WRAC members to see if water demand forecasts to 2035 are either readily available or if purveyors can work with our Department to provide them.

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Jill Ogren, SLO County Utilities Division Engineer

DATE: July 7, 2010

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #8: Zone 1/1A Waterway Management Plan

Jill Ogren and John Farhar, from the Department of Public Works, will present information on the County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's Zone 1/1A Waterway Management Program (WMP) and related Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

The WMP provides a comprehensive set of actions designed to restore the capacity of the leveed lower three miles of Arroyo Grande Creek Channel and the Los Berros Creek Diversion Channel to provide flood protection up to a 20-year storm event while simultaneously enhancing water quality and sensitive species habitat within the managed channel.

The DEIR for the Arroyo Grande Creek Channel WMP is available for public review and comment. The DEIR addresses the environmental impacts that may be associated with the request to manage the lower leveed three and a half miles of the Arroyo Grande Creek Channel through the management of sediment, vegetation, and by raising levees. The DEIR is on the Department of Public Works, Division of Water Resources website at: www.SLOCountyWater.org under "Zone 1/1A", scroll down to "Documents", DEIR for Arroyo Grande Creek Channel WMP. Anyone interested in commenting on the DEIR on behalf of an individual or agency should submit a written statement by 5:00 p.m. on July 18, 2010, to John Farhar, Project Manager, at:

John Farhar, Project Manager
County Department of Public Works
976 Osos St., Rm. 207
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040

If you need more information about this project, please contact John Farhar 781-5714 (or e-mail: jfarhar@co.slo.ca.us).

The public hearing before the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission to certify the EIR and consider the project for approval has been tentatively scheduled for August 17, 2010.