

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

Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2007

Approximately 1:30 pm; Chairman Winn called the meeting to Order

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established
- 2) Approval of April 2007 Meeting Minutes – Item #2, Approval of April 2007 Meeting Minutes, is amended to correct the spelling of several names (Karl Wittstrom, Doug Filippini, and Gwen Taylor). The accuracy of drought buffer costs for Morro Bay in Item # 3, Public Comment, is briefly discussed but not amended. Upon motion by Member Vardas and second by Member Buel, the April 4, 2007, meeting minutes of the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) were approved as amended.
- 3) Public Comment – Member Mulholland thanks Partners in Water Conservation for the treats at the meeting, which remind attendees of the May 5, 2007, WaterFest event, and asks about bicycle accommodations. Jaime Lien, Atascadero Mutual Water Company, announces that WaterFest is from 10 am to 4 pm in the Home Depot parking lot in San Luis Obispo on Saturday, May 5, and that the event will feature a “Bike Valet”. John Snyder informs the WRAC that he will provide an expanded presentation on the Santa Maria Groundwater Litigation following the meeting. Member Greening informs the WRAC of the May 10, 2007, Planning Commission meeting to review Agricultural Policies 6, 8 and 24, noting that Policy 24 addresses preservation of areas with high groundwater recharge capacities, and notes that the Santa Margarita Ranch Project Draft EIR comments are posted on the Planning Department website.
- 4) Letter Requesting Consideration of County’s Request to Appropriate Federal Funds to the Los Osos Wastewater Project – The WRAC reviews the draft letter provided by County staff and amends the first sentence of the fourth paragraph to read “...converting from septic to *a* sanitary sewer *systems* could cost . . .”; the first sentence of the fifth paragraph to read “. . . and *California* Proposition 218 . . .”; and the sixth paragraph to read “. . . request ~~your consideration of support for~~ the County’s request . . .”. Upon Motion by Member Mulholland and second by Member Greening, **the WRAC votes, 16-0-0, to have the Chairman sign and send the letter as amended.**
- 5) Discussion re Changing the WRAC Meeting Times 1:00 – 3:00 pm – After a straw vote of 21 indicating indifference to a time change, 5 indicating the change would positively impact their participation, and 3 indicating the change would negatively impact their participation, and a brief discussion, consensus is reached to **continue to schedule WRAC meetings from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.**

- 6) 2007 WRAC Goals and Priorities – Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, summarizes the proposed 2007 WRAC Goals and Priorities and how they line up under staff work efforts, including the Master Water Plan, IRWM Plan, Groundwater Banking Plan, and the Data Enhancement Plan. WRAC amendments include: addressing the potential for adding water quality and trend analysis to the Data Collection Program as a part of the Data Enhancement Plan; adding Drought Preparedness and Emergency Response under the Master Water Plan, Conservation, and IRWM headings; Improving accuracy of *all* water demand estimates under the Master Water Plan heading; adding golf courses under the Conservation and IRWM headings when mentioning Best Management Practices; defining the role of the WRAC in establishing policies and implementing actions in the Conservation Element item under the Conservation heading. Upon motion by Member Winholz, second by Member Mulholland, **the WRAC votes, 18-1, to endorse the 2007 WRAC Goals and Priorities as amended, with the understanding that the amended version will be provided to the WRAC at the June meeting.**
- 7) Proposed 2007/08 Fiscal Year Budget for the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District (SLOCFC&WCD) – Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, reviews the proposed budget with the WRAC and it is requested that the projected actual expenditures for the current Fiscal Year be included as a column for this item next year. Upon motion by Member Greening and second by Member Mulholland, **the WRAC votes, 18-0-0, to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending approval of the proposed 2007/08 Fiscal Year budget for the SLOCFC&WCD.**
- 8) Member Reports – Member John Shoals summarizes water resources issues for City of Grover Beach, including cooperative efforts in managing the groundwater basin; need for additional water supply at build-out; options for meeting build-out needs including transfers, water conservation measures, surface water and desalination. Discussion ensues regarding retrofit programs, tiered rate structures, and the potential for reclamation of South County Sanitation District effluent.
- 9) Partners in Water Conservation (PIWC) Presentation – Jaime Lien, Atascadero Mutual Water Company, summarizes the PIWC participants and activities, including community outreach programs, signage, WaterFest, and home show displays, and encourages those that would like to participate to contact her.
- 10) Environmental At-Large Membership – Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, informs the WRAC that Sue Luft has applied for the Environmental at-Large member position and that Sue Harvey has applied for the Environmental at-Large alternate member position. After discussion, Sue Harvey will be alternate to Sue Luft, and David Chipping will be alternate to Eric Greening. Upon motion by Member Mulholland and second by Member Greening, **the WRAC votes unanimously to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending**

appointment of Sue Luft to Environmental at-Large member and Sue Harvey to Environmental at-Large alternate member.

11) Santa Maria Groundwater Litigation – Private and Public Perspectives – John Snyder, a landowner overlying the basin, gives a presentation outlining the history of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin litigation and the resulting phased judgments from his perspective. John Seitz, attorney for the Nipomo CSD, gives a presentation outlining the history of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin litigation and the resulting phased judgments from the agency’s perspective.

12) Ongoing Updates:

- a. Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA)/State Water – Member Buel provides a copy of the last CCWA meeting agenda.
- b. Groundwater Banking Subcommittee – Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, informs the WRAC that the next meeting is Thursday, May 3, 2007, and that the consultant will be presenting the projects for more detailed analysis.
- c. Rainfall and Reservoir Update – No discussion.
- d. SLO County Ocean Disposal Alternative – Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, refers to the attached letter from the Planning Department and recommends that a member take the lead on following the issue if interested.
- e. Integrated Regional Water Management Program – Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, refers to the attached staff report regarding the August 1, 2007, due date for Prop 50, Round 2 grant applications and an upcoming public workshop to discuss the application approach.
- f. Santa Margarita Ranch Draft EIR – No discussion.
- g. Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Resource Capacity Study – No discussion.