

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

Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2007

Approximately 1:35 pm; Chairman Winn called the meeting to Order

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established

- 2) Approval of June 2007 Meeting Minutes – The second to last sentence of Item #3 – Public Comment is amended to read “. . .not required to meter water *or practice conservation* unless required by a judge . . .” Item #6 – Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Water Banking Feasibility Study, starting from the second sentence, is amended to read:

“Discussion ensues on the hydrologic period of the model and its utilization; delivery to an end user; Polonio Pass Water Treatment Plant capacity; the use of CCWA demands as a *put-and-take* scenario to assess each area’s capability of supporting a banking program; and the original intent of the feasibility study. *Members present opined that the original intent of the Study was to explore how the excess State Project Water at Polonio Pass might be banked for use in SLO County, not with Santa Barbara County as the sole recipient, as presented in the Study. Bill Brennan, General Manager of the CCWA, asked that references to Santa Barbara County as the end user be deleted. Member Mulholland moves to support proceeding with utilizing the basin model at the three locations identified with consideration of the end users being in SLO County.* Upon second by Member Buel, the motion is approved unanimously.”

Upon motion by Member Mulholland and second by Member Greening, the June 6, 2007, meeting minutes of the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) were approved as amended.

- 3) Public Comment – Alternate Member Bianchi discusses an article in Southwest Hydrology regarding the Central Valley Selenium Drainage Project, \$2.2B project cost estimate, potential for additional alternative studies by Congress and the importance of following the project’s progress. Member Greening discusses the first bid result for the Nacimiento Water Project and scheduling an update on the project after all bids are opened at the next WRAC meeting. Discussion ensues regarding the ability to estimate costs of complex project components versus common project components, where cost information is available from recent project bid results. Member Greening also requests that the consultant hired to complete the Conservation Element attend the WRAC meeting. Gewynn Taylor asks the WRAC to recommend the Board adopt an ordinance to restrict the use of water to facilitate water conservation. Discussion ensues regarding the County’s ability to adopt and enforce such an ordinance, and agendaizing the discussion with County Counsel and/or other Water Law experts. Bill Martony asks if the existing pipelines abandoned by an

oil company were considered the Nacimiento Water Project using; Gary Henderson, San Luis Obispo City staff, responds that the alternative was studied during project development. Alternate Member Bianchi discusses LAFCO meeting on July 19th and recommends attendance by a WRAC member. Chairman Winn discusses attending the Avila Valley Advisory Council meeting to inform them about the WRAC.

****Item 5 is moved up to facilitate discussion****

- 4) (5.) Ongoing Updates – State Water – CCWA Membership: Chairman Winn reviews his discussion with Supervisor Jerry Lenthall regarding formation of a committee made up of two Supervisors, WRAC members, State Water Sub-Contractors, and County staff to investigate the process for becoming members of the Central Coast Water Authority. Discussion ensues regarding the replacement of the previously formed WRAC sub-committee to review the issue with the proposed committee.
- 5) (4.) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) – Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, discusses the July 2007 update to the IRWM Plan for the San Luis Region, including the State agencies involved, funding available, finalizing the update, ranking and prioritization of projects in the region. Items discussed include the scoring of the Morro Bay Harborwalk Project, environmental water demands, and the projects being considered for inclusion in the Round 2, Step 2 application for Prop 50. Member Buel moves to have the WRAC environmental representatives recommend an alternate project to consider for the Round 2, Step 2 Prop 50 application under the ecosystem category in lieu of the Morro Bay Harborwalk Project and support the update to the IRWM Plan with that alternate project. Upon second by Member Winholtz, the motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Future Agenda Items – Conservation Element; Heritage Ranch Member Report in September; City of San Luis Obispo Member Report in October

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:15 pm