

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

Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2007

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

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established
- 2) Approval of July 2007 Meeting Minutes – Upon motion by Member Greening to approve the minutes amended to correct the spelling of Gwynn Taylor's name, and second by Member Sinton, the July 18, 2007, meeting minutes of the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) were approved as amended. Various updates to the membership list were discussed.
- 3) Public Comment – Syllas Cranor, County Public Works, informs the WRAC of a pending modification to the County's existing cooperative agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS). The USGS will be assisting the Morro Bay National Estuary Program (NEP) with their sedimentation study in the Chorro Creek watershed and the County will collect the funds from the NEP to pay USGS. Member Luft informs the WRAC that wells of property owners just outside the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin are going dry and that property owners are having difficulty reestablishing wells. Discussion ensues regarding the impact of recent earthquakes; health standards for, and regulation of, trucked-in water; Health Commission involvement. Gwynn Taylor advocates for a moratorium in Los Osos to address water supply issues. Maria Lorca requests information regarding a will-serve issued for Pirate's Cove, with James Caruso, County Planning, responding.
- 4) Member Reports – Heritage Ranch is moved to November; City of San Luis Obispo will present in October.
- 5) New Draft Septic System Standards – Chairman Winn and Member Buel update the WRAC on pending regulations for on-site wastewater treatment systems, and the potential impacts to governmental organizations with regard to on-site system maintenance and enforcement responsibilities. A new draft of the regulations is due in October; the County is having a study session on October 19th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to review the regulations and necessary changes to Title 19 of the County Code. Todd Thompson is the contact at the State Water Board.
- 6) State Water – a. Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Liaison Report: Member Buel provides a brief report on the last CCWA Board Meeting.
b. Central Coast Water Supply Reliability Agreements (CCWSRA): Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, introduces the draft CCWSRA, which is an agreement to sell the County's excess allocation for reliability purposes on an annual

basis first to local subcontractors, then to CCWA and others as a way to recover costs associated with maintaining the long-term right to the County's excess allocation of State Water. Discussion ensues regarding support for local agency preference, the quantity of water available for reliability agreement sales and water requested for new sub-contractor allocation contracts, CCWA membership and access to closed-session items, the potential for annual CEQA processing and the ability to reduce cost to taxpayers or use revenues if they are greater than carrying costs. Member Hyman moves to form a subcommittee made up of Alternate Member Delzeit as chair, Alternate Member Boucher, Member Buel and Alternate Member Harvey to review the details of the draft CCWSRA and report back to WRAC. The motion is seconded by Member Garfinkel. After a brief discussion regarding the availability of County resources to support sub-committee efforts, the motion passes unanimously.

- 7) Stormwater Pollution Prevention and Discharge Control Ordinance – Mark Hutchinson, County Public Works reviews the Ordinance, including the definition of stormwater versus non-stormwater (including seasonal wetlands and springs); what constitutes a drainage facility; exceptions to the Ordinance; reliance on public education, the challenges of enforcement; sanitary sewer implications; and the permitting process for discharging non-stormwater.
- 8) Ongoing Updates
 - a. Integrated Regional Water Management – Courtney Howard, County Public Works informs the WRAC that those agencies with projects proceeding to Step 2 will need to adopt the Plan.
 - b. Conservation Element – James Caruso, County Planning, discusses reviewing the water resources section of the element with the WRAC in December.
 - c. Resource Management System - James Caruso, County Planning, discusses reviewing the Annual Report and other work efforts with the WRAC in December.
 - d. Nacimiento Pipeline Project – John Hollenbeck, County Public Works, describes the bid phase results and lessons learned on the project to-date.
 - e. Proposed Guadalupe Groundwater Settlement Fund Transer – Kathie Matsuyama, Coastal San Luis RCD, describes efforts to have the Regional Water Board spend Guadalupe Groundwater Settlement Funds on important watershed projects rather than their region-wide programs.
- 9) Future Agenda Items – Brief discussion.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:30 pm