

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2007

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

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established
- 2) Approval of September 2007 Meeting Minutes – Item #5, New Draft Septic System Standards, is amended to read “Todd Thompson is the contact at the State Water Board.” Upon motion by Member Buel, and second by Member Garfinkel, the September 7, 2007, meeting minutes of the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) were approved as amended.
- 3) Public Comment – Member Mulholland summarizes a September 9, 2007, Sacramento Bee article regarding Senate Bills 5 and 20 their relationship to development in Flood Zones. Member O’Grady introduces Miranda Joseph, a resident in the Upper Salinas watershed near Trout Creek, who speaks to historical water resources issues in the watershed, including changes in surface flow and stream diversion, new wells and regulatory involvement, historical complaints of various code violations, the potential for current activities to perpetuate the issues, and the availability of data for a comprehensive study of the watershed (documents provided by Ms. Joseph are located at [www.slocountywater.org](http://www.slocountywater.org)). Alternate Member Chipping speaks to a High Country News article ([www.hcn.org](http://www.hcn.org)) regarding use of treated wastewater effluent for water supply. Dennis Gibbs, Santa Barbara County, summarizes the impacts of recent fires in Santa Barbara County on flood control in the Santa Maria watershed and the various projects to mitigate the impacts and speaks to San Luis Obispo County involvement in a groundwater basin study for the Cuyama area. Gwynn Taylor speaks to the need to include private wells in the Groundwater Basin Plan for the Los Osos Valley Groundwater Basin. Member Buel informs the WRAC that the Nipomo CSD will be presenting the Technical Memorandum for the Desalination option for supplemental water to the Nipomo CSD Board on October 10, 2007, and the County Board of Supervisors on October 16, 2007. Chairman Winn speaks to water conservation programs and the availability of the State’s Urban Drought Handbook.
- 4) Member Reports – Member Mulholland presents an update on water resources for the City of San Luis Obispo, including current and projected water supply and demand; water supply and development allocation management; reuse, retrofit, rebate, and audit programs; education and outreach programs; addition of water quality to water modeling; and status of various supplies. Heritage Ranch will present in November.
- 5) Santa Margarita Ranch DEIR – Discussion ensues regarding the appropriate approach to providing comments on the portions of the DEIR relevant to water resources – whether to form a subcommittee to jointly submit comments from the WRAC, the ability to solicit input from the general public, or to just submit comments

individually. Member Mulholland moves to form a subcommittee, to be chaired by Member O'Grady, to develop a cover letter for WRAC member comments on the DEIR related to water resources issues, and the subcommittee members are encouraged to solicit input from a diverse group while developing their comments. Upon second by Member Winholtz, the motion passes by a vote of 14-0-1. Discussion ensues regarding the perspective of County Service Area 23, which will be presented in conjunction with the subcommittee's cover letter in December.

- 6) State Water – a. Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Liaison Report: Member Buel provides a copy of a presentation on 2008 delivery scenarios given at the last CCWA Board Meeting (available at [www.slocountywater.org](http://www.slocountywater.org)).  
b. Central Coast Water Supply Reliability Agreements (CCWSRA): Paavo Ogren, SLO County Public Works, summarizes the results of two meetings of the subcommittee formed to review 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. Due to the uncertainty of the supply available from the State Water Project in 2008, the District will be revising the approach to developing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on a 2008 water supply reliability program. Where the draft CCWSRA set deadlines for options to purchase a portion of the District's available excess Table A allocation, the new approach under consideration will be a program, for 2008 only, to transfer available excess Table A allocation to State Water contracting agencies.
- 7) Data Enhancement Plan – Syllas Cranor, SLO County Public Works, reviews the Data Enhancement Plan outline, goals, and status; and gathers input from the WRAC on stakeholders and water resources data needs. Consensus is reached to solicit participation in the Plan's development from WRAC members via email.
- 8) Integrated Regional Water Management – Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, summarizes the projects to be included in the step 2 application for Proposition 50 Round 2 Implementation Grant Funding, the timeline for the step 2 application, and the new guidelines and anticipated update to the IRWM Plan. Discussion ensues regarding the approach to step 2 if the Prop 218 vote for Los Osos fails. Consensus is reached to solicit participation in the IRWM Plan's update from WRAC members via email.
- 9) Ongoing Updates
  - a. Resource Management System - James Caruso, County Planning, discusses reviewing the Annual Report and other work efforts with the WRAC in December; presentations on water resources issues at the Board of Supervisors on January 15, 2008, and on February 5, 2008.
- 10) Future Agenda Items – Brief discussion.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:30 pm