

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2007

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

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established
- 2) Approval of October 2007 Meeting Minutes – Upon motion by Member Mulholland, and second by Member Buel, the October 3, 2007, meeting minutes of the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) were approved.
- 3) Public Comment – Member Buel discusses the postponement of formal consideration of the new septic discharge standards until the State Water Board releases the new draft anticipated December 1st. Regional Water Board staff will be requested to make a presentation to the WRAC on the new septic standards at a future meeting. Chairman Winn speaks to the November 27th Board of Supervisors meeting and the Storm Water Management Ordinance on the agenda and Member Greening requests clarification regarding permitting required for groundwater discharged to drainage infrastructure, with Mark Hutchinson, County Public Works, responding. Member Winholtz announces a local blood drive and incentives.
- 4) Member Reports – Member D’Ornellas presents an update on water resources for the Heritage Ranch CSD, including current and projected water supply and demand; how the CSD’s water resources relate to the Nacimiento Water Project, the County’s contracts with Monterey County, and Monterey County’s operation of the reservoir; and the performance of wells in the area, alternative water source studies and Water Management Plan update. Discussion ensues regarding the CSD’s rate structure, conservation efforts and wastewater treatment facilities. The Los Osos CSD will present in December.
- 5) Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Water Banking Feasibility Study Draft Final Report – Mike Cornelius, GEI Consulting, presents the Draft Final Report, including a review of the study’s goals and approach; hydrogeologic modeling results; economic analysis; environmental considerations; groundwater recharge and banking operational considerations; recommendations on groundwater management in the Paso Basin; and findings that the Shell Creek/Camatta Creek and Highway 46 corridor alternatives for recharge and/or banking appear feasible, while the Creston alternative does not. Comments on the Draft Final Report are due to the County on November 21, 2007, in order to final the report by mid-December. The results of the study will be incorporated into the County’s Resource Capacity Study, Master Water Plan and IRWM Planning efforts.

6) Ongoing Updates

- a. Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program (AB 303) – Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, speaks to the County’s intent to apply for a grant on behalf of either the Paso Robles or Los Osos Valley Groundwater Basins and Nipomo’s application for the Nipomo Mesa, in order to develop groundwater management and monitoring plans.
- b. Resource Management System – James Caruso, County Planning, will present the Annual Summary Report approach for the water supply, water system and wastewater sections at the December WRAC meeting.
- c. Integrated Regional Water Management – Paavo Ogren, County Public Works, announces that the County was not called back to Step 2 of the Prop 50 Round 2 Implementation grant application process and the County’s intentions to review the State’s scoring and correspond with appropriate State officials and staff.
- d. State Water – Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Liaison Report: No report. Central Coast Water Supply Reliability Agreements (CCWSRA): Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, summarizes the results of a meeting with CCWA and local State Water subcontractors to review the new approach to a program, for 2008 only, to transfer available excess Table A allocation to State Water contracting agencies, and future meetings with the subcommittee.
- e. Santa Margarita Ranch DEIR – James Caruso, County Planning, announces that Martha Miller is the new County project manager, and that the new draft will not be out for another few months.
- f. 2008 Meeting Schedule – WRAC meetings for 2008 will continue to be held in the City/County Library Community Room on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm, with the exception of January’s meeting being held on the 10th.

7) Future Agenda Items – Brief discussion.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:30 pm