

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2007

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

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established
- 2) Approval of November 2007 Meeting Minutes – The November 7, 2007, WRAC meeting minutes were approved with no emendations.
- 3) Public Comment – John Snyder provides an update on the approval of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin Litigation Settlement and a copy of an email from Golden State Water Company to ALJ DeAngelis, dated December 4, 2007. Gary Henderson, City of San Luis Obispo, discusses recent news articles regarding the County stormwater ordinance that includes restrictions on discharging carwash-water into the storm drains and the incorrect perception that the ordinance will ban car washing at private homes. Alternate Member Bianchi references a LA Times article regarding conservation efforts in southern California and the use of “DroughtBusters” to catch water-wasters. Member Allen points out that agriculture has been subject to strict stormwater runoff restrictions and that urban landowners will be subject to similar restrictions with the proposed County Stormwater Ordinance. Dorothy Jennings comments on the Nacimiento Water Project and a recent Templeton Area Advisory Council meeting.
- 4) Member Reports – Member Senet and George Milanes, Los Osos CSD, present an update on water resources for the Los Osos CSD, including current and projected water supply and demand; water system upgrades including a new well, storage tank and emergency intertie; and the recent hiring of a new General Manager, John Schempf.

[Agenda Item #7 is moved up]

- 5) (7) Resource Management System Annual Summary Report – James Caruso, County Planning, describes the new approach to the Annual Summary Report and WRAC attendees provide feedback on the draft including the inclusion of a Level of Severity (LOS) for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, increase to the LOS for the Cuyama Groundwater Basin, inclusion of Nitrates as an issue in the Morro and Chorro Valley Groundwater Basins, improving the accuracy of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin discussion and updating the Templeton water system discussion. A new draft of the Annual Summary Report will be provided to the WRAC in January.
- 6) (5) Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program (AB 303) – Member Buel discusses the Nipomo CSD’s grant application to develop a Water Management Plan for the Nipomo Mesa Water Management Area, and Courtney Howard, County Public Works, discusses the County’s grant application to develop a Water Management Plan for the Los Osos Valley Groundwater Basin. Ms. Howard also

discusses how the City of Paso Robles, in cooperation with the County, will be submitting a grant application for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, as only one application can be submitted per public agency. Discussion ensues regarding the appropriateness of the WRAC submitting letters of support for all three applications. Upon a motion by Member Mullholland and second by member Hyman, the Chairperson is authorized to submit letters of support for the Local Groundwater Assistance grant applications submitted by the Nipomo CSD, the County and the City of Paso Robles by a vote of 11-0-0.

- 7) (6) State Water – a. Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Liaison Report: Member Buel discusses the action of the CCWA Operating Committee to execute a buyer's option agreement for 5,000 acre feet of water from the State's Dry Year Program.
b. Central Coast Water Supply Reliability Agreements (CCWSRA): Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, reports that the WRAC subcommittee endorsed a recommendation that the WRAC recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of a Water Supply Reliability Program after review the County's approach to such a program to ensure the subcommittee's specific policy concerns were addressed. Upon motion by Member Winholtz, and second by Member Mullholland, the WRAC endorses the County's approach to a Water Supply Reliability Program for 2008.
- 8) Ongoing Updates
 - a. Integrated Regional Water Management – Courtney Howard and Paavo Ogren, County Public Works, announce that the County was called back to Step 2 of the Prop 50 Round 2 Implementation grant application process after the State reviewed the County's response to the State's original scoring, and that the County will be working with project managers to submit the application by January 28, 2008.
 - b. Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Water Banking Feasibility Study Draft Final Report – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, provides a copy of comments submitted on the Draft Final Report and discusses the schedule for its completion in coordination with the pending Resource Capacity Study for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.
 - c. Santa Margarita Ranch DEIR – The next update is not anticipated until Spring 2008.
 - d. 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 9th.
- 9) Future Agenda Items – Onsite Septic System Regulations, Resource Management System.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:30 pm