

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2008

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

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established
- 2) Approval of December 2007 Meeting Minutes – The December 5, 2007, WRAC meeting minutes were approved upon a first by Member Buel, second by member Garfinkel, no emendations, and a vote of 14-0-1.
- 3) Public Comment – Member Hyman discusses a December 14, 2007, Tribune article regarding the Interstate Agreement for operation of the Colorado River and discussion ensues regarding its lack of direct impact on San Luis Obispo County. John Snyder updates WRAC members on Santa Maria Groundwater Basin litigation and notes that the hearing has been rescheduled to January 25, 2008. Mr. Snyder also discusses the potential impact of Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group meetings not being public. Alternate Member Chipping discusses the issue of conflicting technical-expert findings and offers to develop a topic synopsis for a future WRAC meeting. Member Greening mentions that two conservation ordinances for Los Osos and Nipomo are being considered by the Board of Supervisors on January 15, 2008.
- 4) Election of Officers – Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, requests nominations for WRAC Chairperson. Member Greening nominates Member Winn, with a second by Member Hyman. Nominations are closed unanimously with a first by Member Buel and a second by Member Greening. Member Winn is elected WRAC Chairperson for 2008 by unanimous vocal vote. Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, requests nominations for WRAC Vice-Chairperson. Member Mulholland is nominated by Member Winholtz. Nominations are closed and Member Mulholland is elected WRAC Vice-Chairperson for 2008 by unanimous vocal vote.
- 5) Resource Management System Annual Summary Report – James Caruso, County Planning, receives input from the WRAC on the 2007 Annual Summary Report (ASR). Member O’Grady moves to recommend that the Board direct staff to complete a Resource Capacity Study for the Santa Margarita area, with a second by Member Winn. The motion passes by unanimous vocal vote. Member Winn moves to recommend that the Board direct staff to use the year in which a Level of Severity III is certified as the base year for establishing growth limits, and until such time as the Level of Severity is reduced or eliminated, in future Annual Resource Summary Reports, with a second by Member Winholtz. The motion passes by unanimous vocal vote. Discussion ensues on the difference between certification and recommendations regarding level of severities. Various WRAC members describe their comments on the 2007 ASR. Member Garfinkel moves to recommend that the Board approve the 2007 ASR with changes submitted to the Planning Department by

WRAC members, with a second by Member D'Ornellas. The motion passes by a vote of 15-0-0.

- 6) Onsite Wastewater System Criteria – Sorrel Marks, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board staff, presents the draft revisions of Basin Plan criteria and waiver of waste discharge requirements for onsite wastewater disposal systems for the Central Coast Region. (Key revisions are included as an attachment to these minutes). Discussion ensues regarding the applicability to grey water and alternative systems, onsite management plan requirements and examples, funding for implementation and the need to address septage handling in the County.
- 7) (6) State Water – a. Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Liaison Report: No report; Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, will attend CCWA's January 24, 2008, Board meeting.
b. Central Coast Water Supply Reliability Agreements (CCWSRA): Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works, reports that the market price may deviate from the price presented at the previous WRAC meeting when the Agreements are ultimately executed and requests WRAC's recommendation on the policy for negotiating pricing. Member Buel moves to recommend that Board of Supervisors seek to achieve market price in the 2008 CCWSRA, with a second by Alternate Member Delzeit. The motion passes by a vote of 16-0-0.
- 8) Guidelines for Member Reports – Chairperson Winn requests that the WRAC member or alternate member present their member report, and limit their timing to 5 to 8 minutes maximum. Discussion ensues regarding attendance and contacting members with unexcused absences. Member Chipping, Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District, will provide the Member Report in February.
- 9) Ongoing Updates
 - a. Integrated Regional Water Management – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, mentions that the County is working with project managers to submit the Step 2 application by January 28, 2008.
 - b. North County Water Forum - Courtney Howard, County Public Works, announces that a meeting of the North County Water Forum is being held on January 10, 2008.
- 10) Future Agenda Items – Goals/Topics for Discussion

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:30 pm