

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
March 5, 2008

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Approximately 1:30 pm; Vice Chairperson Mulholland called the meeting to order

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established
- 2) Approval of February 2008 Meeting Minutes – The word “emendations” was revised to “amendments” in Item #2, Approval of January 2008 Meeting Minutes. The amended February 6, 2008, WRAC meeting minutes were approved upon a first by Member Ashton, second by member Sinton, and a unanimous vote.
- 3) Public Comment – John Snyder provides an update on the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin litigation including posting of the Final Judgment at [www.sccomplex.org](http://www.sccomplex.org), that no appeals have yet been filed, and an April 4, 2008, hearing to consider whether the court will hold a hearing to determine whether the Basin is in overdraft. George Sullivan expresses concern regarding decisions related to development and water quality. Member Greening questions whether water quality will be included in the Santa Margarita area Resource Capacity Study.
- 4) Member Report – John Kellerman, California Men’s Colony, summarizes the history and current statistics for CMC and provides an overview of CMC’s projects to upgrade the water distribution system, wastewater collection system and wastewater treatment plant. Member Kellerman explains that solids from the wastewater treatment plant are shipped to Kern County for land application and the effluent is fully allocated to Chorro Creek and Dairy Creek Golf Course. John Marshall, CMC Warden, reviews the cause of and response to a recent wastewater treatment plant overflow (faulty generator) and new contingency plan for storm events. Member Kellerman comments on the unique nature of CMC utilities management and Penal Code governance for operations.
- 5) Santa Margarita Ranch Revised Draft EIR (RDEIR) – Member O’Grady shares the comments and cover letter proposed to be submitted by the WRAC to County Planning and copied to the Board of Supervisors and thanks the subcommittee for their time and effort in reviewing the RDEIR and developing the comments. Discussion ensues regarding the appropriateness of data and information requests in the comments, whether to request that another RDEIR be circulated once the resource capacity study (RCS) for the Santa Margarita area is complete; implication of in-lieu imported water concepts being in conflict with agricultural policies; difference in regulation of underflow use and groundwater use; CEQA process with respect to public comment and RDEIRs. Member Fitzhugh moves that if the comments are approved, then references to requests for another RDEIR be removed. Member Hyman seconds the motion and after verification of the several places where the reference is made, the motion passes by a vote of 13-3-0. Discussion ensues regarding changes to wording of the comments and letter, including addition of two comments from the City of San Luis Obispo, and removal of rhetorical statements.

Member Winholz moves to send the comments and cover letter, as amended, to County Planning, with Member Garfinkel seconding the motion. Member Hyman recommends including a statement in the cover letter regarding completion of the RCS prior to finalization of the EIR, which the motion maker accepts. The amended motion passes by a vote of 13-0-4.

- 6) Conservation Element – James Caruso, County Planning, reviews the four policy areas for water in the Conservation and Open Space Element, requests input from the WRAC and announces that open houses will be held in Paso Robles on March 6, 2008, and Arroyo Grande on March 13, 2008. Comments are provided such as ensuring water supply solutions are implemented prior to changing land use designations, including an emergency policy statement, including water quality degradation prevention policies, and encouraging infill of vacant parcels in urban reserve lines.
- 7) Ongoing Updates
  - a. Rainfall and Reservoir Update – Brief discussion
  - b. State Water – No report
- 8) Future Agenda Items – Transfer of Development Credit update, Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) update, Upper Salinas – Las Tablas RCD Member Report in May

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:30 pm