

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2008

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Approximately 1:30 pm; Chairperson Winn called the meeting to order.

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established
- 2) Approval of April 2008 Meeting Minutes – The May 7, 2008, WRAC meeting minutes were approved upon a first by Member Buel, second by Member Mulholland, and a unanimous vote.
- 3) Public Comment – John Snyder speaks about the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin litigation including the decision by the landowners to appeal, request for a hearing regarding prescription and overdraft being considered on June 13<sup>th</sup>, portions of the case's transcript and comparison of the accounting for recipients of Twitchell Reservoir water versus accounting for recipients of the Santa Maria/Nipomo CSD inter-tie project water. Alternate Member Bianchi speaks about a Southwest Hydrology article regarding a 3.5 million acre-foot recharge project in Arizona. Member Buel informs the WRAC about a June 11<sup>th</sup> Nipomo CSD Board meeting agenda item regarding the current calculation of groundwater storage for the Nipomo mesa and the report's availability on the Nipomo CSD's website. Mark Hutchinson, County Public Works, informs the WRAC that the County has completed the first-year Annual Report for its Stormwater Management Program, available for review and comment on the Public Works Department website. Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC of a July 7<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission hearing on the Santa Margarita Ranch EIR, that San Simeon CSD will be a new member, that Richard Wimmer, Public Works intern assisting with website development and the data collection program, will be hired as a County Parks Aide, and that she will be giving an overview of water resources in the County at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Health Commission meeting. Member Winn speaks to water issues in the southeast of Spain that WRAC members may be interested in learning about.
- 4) Member Report – City of Pismo Beach – Dennis Delzeit, Director of Public Works, summarizes water resources issues for the City of Pismo Beach, including current and build-out population; sources of supply and their ability to meet needs at build-out; the Northern Cities Agreement for groundwater management; results of their recycling/reuse study and the wastewater treatment plant upgrade; ocean and stream water quality investigations; 1990s retrofit program and current conservation policies.
- 5) Integrated Regional Water Management Program/Master Water Plan – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, summarizes the anticipated changes to the guidelines under Proposition 84, including the requirement to form a Water Management Group with a formal agreement as a governance structure and a region approval process. Ms. Howard also speaks to the development of the Master Water Plan in conjunction with the IRWM Plan update and solicits water resources planning documents from agencies.

- 6) Consideration of a special July or August Meeting – Potential reasons for calling a special meeting were discussed, including the Santa Margarita Ranch Final EIR and Affordable Housing Ordinance. Consensus was reached that if a special meeting was called, it would ideally be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Library Community Room.
  
- 7) Ongoing Updates
  - a. Invasive Mussel Species – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC that the Planning and Public Works Departments will be presenting an update on the issue at a June 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting.
  - b. AB 303 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC that the City of Paso Robles application to complete a Groundwater Management Plan for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin qualified for grant funding, and that others who didn't were encouraged to request that they be considered by the State for a Capacity Building Grant.
  - c. Proposed Basin Plan Revisions – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC that the Regional Water Board approved the Revised Basin Plan with a change from “requirement” to “recommendation” of 5-year septic system pumping and inspection, and that it is to be approved by the State Water Board before it becomes administrative law, most likely in January of 2009. Chairperson Winn notes that “agency” was defined as the County.
  - d. State Water – Schedule for Reviewing Options for Shandon's Allocation – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC her next step will be contacting Shandon to discuss the topic, with Member Sinton informing the WRAC that Shandon will be holding a workshop to discuss their water issues. Ms. Howard also informs the WRAC that the annual transfer program will be a two-year program in accordance with State Department of Water Resources requirements.
  - e. Budget Hearings – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC that the budget report was finalized before the WRAC's recommendation for funding the monitoring of sentry wells in the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin could be incorporated, and that the amendment would be read into the record at the Board of Supervisor's budget hearings the week of June 16<sup>th</sup>, and incorporated into the final budget book.
  
- 8) Future Agenda Items – Data Enhancement Plan; Conservation Element; Resource Management System.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:15 pm.