

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
September 3, 2008

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Approximately 1:34 pm; Vice Chairperson Mulholland called the meeting to order. Chairperson Winn arrives shortly thereafter.

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established
- 2) Approval of June and August Meeting Minutes – The June 4, 2008, and July 2, 2008 WRAC meeting minutes were approved upon a first by Member Ashton, second by Member Buel, and a unanimous vote with two abstentions.
- 3) Public Comment – (Materials submitted during public comment are available under the WRAC link at [www.slocountywater.org](http://www.slocountywater.org).) Alternate Member Harvey provides materials on Orange County's groundwater replenishment system. Member Buel informs the WRAC that on September 9<sup>th</sup>, County Staff is requesting the Board of Supervisors set a hearing date to consider an ordinance to comply with the anticipated changes to the Basin Plan for onsite wastewater systems. David Broadwater informs the WRAC that a draft ordinance on the land application of wastewater solids is out for review and comment, and asks the WRAC to consider this item for an upcoming agenda due to its potential to impact water resources. Consensus is reached among WRAC members to request direction from the Board of Supervisors as to whether the topic is within the WRAC's purview. John Snyder speaks to Santa Maria Groundwater Basin issues, including submittal of monitoring plans by the three groundwater management groups, a second request for a finding of overdraft-hearing, status of rate increase requests to the Public Utilities Commission, litigation costs and the Santa Maria-Nipomo CSD waterline inter-tie project. [Chairperson Winn contests the accuracy of Mr Snyder's presentation.] Alternate Member Eby speaks to the September 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors hearing on the requested County-line boundary change between Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, the impact of changed land-use on water resources and that Agricultural Liaison will consider this topic at their September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7 pm. Alternate Member Bianchi announces the opening for an Upper Salinas/Las Tablas RCD Board Director and speaks to articles on United States climate change modeling and desalination.
- 4) Ongoing Updates
  - a. San Luis Drainage Feature Re-evaluation Project (Central Valley Selenium Project) – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, refers to the staff report provided by the Planning Departments which summarizes the Bureau of Reclamation's intention to evaluate in-valley alternatives and not the coastal outfall alternative.
  - b. Santa Margarita Ag Cluster EIR – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC that after discussing potential water impacts and the use of Nacimiento water for the project, the Planning Commission continued their hearing to September 25<sup>th</sup> directing Staff to further develop Alternative 13,

which involves locating homes nearer to the town of Santa Margarita and potential infrastructure inter-ties and improvements.

- c. Conservation and Open Space Element (COSE) – James Caruso, County Planning, informs the WRAC that the water chapter of the COSE will be ready two weeks in advance of its November meeting and discusses its relationship with other planning efforts.
  - d. North County Water Forum – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC that the North County Water Forum’s next meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup>, and that the update to pumping in the Paso Basin, Resource Capacity Study and Groundwater Management Plan will be discussed.
  - e. IRWM/Master Water Plan – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, discusses the approach to the next update of the IRWM Plan and the next steps in the development of the Master Water Plan.
  - f. State Water – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC that transfers of excess State Water allocation began in August and discussion ensues regarding the use of the revenue. The Delta Vision Strategic Plan and Delta issues are also discussed.
  - g. CA Water Plan – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, informs the WRAC that the State is in the process of developing an update to the California Water Plan. Discussion ensues regarding different water management strategies, including desalination, conservation and greywater systems. WRAC requests that desalination and greywater/stormwater capture be topics for upcoming WRAC meetings and that knowledgeable experts be invited to speak.
- 5) Invasive Mussel Species – Courtney Howard, County Public Works, shares the monitoring results for July and August. Discussion ensues regarding the number of boats turned away and/or found to have invasive mussels on them. Ms. Howard informs the WRAC of an upcoming meeting with Monterey County and San Luis Obispo County Board members and recommends the WRAC select a member(s) to attend. Upon motion by Member Buel, second by Member Winholtz, and unanimous vote, Christine Mulholland and John D’Ornellas are the WRAC members selected to attend.
- 6) Report on the Countywide California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Chapter – Chairperson Winn informs the WRAC that the CSDA’s next meeting is September 19<sup>th</sup>, that it meets every other month, and that it is another forum for discussing water and land use planning issues. Discussion ensues regarding the relationship between planning efforts and the importance of considering water issues in their development.
- 7) Future Agenda Items – Cambria Member Report; Data Enhancement Plan; Master Water Plan RFP; Conservation Element; Resource Management System.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:30 pm.