

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2009

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

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established
- 2) Elections – Secretary Howard requests nominations for Chair of the WRAC. Chairperson Winn is nominated and approved. Member Luft is nominated and approved as Vice Chair of the WRAC. The director of Public Works appointed Courtney Howard as the secretary to the WRAC.
- 3) Approval of December Meeting Minutes – The December 3, 2008 WRAC meeting minutes were approved with an amendment to the attendance record, revising Member Garfinkel’s December attendance upon a first by Member Buel, second by Member Winholtz, and a unanimous vote with five abstentions.
- 4) Public Comment – (An audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted during public comment are available under the WRAC link at www.slocountywater.org.) Supervisor Patterson presents member Dan O’Grady with certificate of appreciation for service to District 5. John Snyder calls attention to Santa Maria groundwater litigation and the need for clarification of monitoring obligations, status of landowner appeals, appeal process, and relationship between landowners and stipulations. Member Bianchi calls attention to Delta committee background reports which can be found at LA Times on the internet-western/state water issues. Member Greening informs of website (<http://change.gov>) to ask Obama-Biden transition team questions about stimulus bill content. Member Luft addresses the San Miguel Ranch draft EIR calling in to question the existing level of severity in Paso Robles and the impact on water, informs of February 11th deadline for comments, and offers to chair a committee to comment on the document. A subcommittee is formed with plans to bring their findings to the WRAC in February. Gwen Taylor suggests that the community of Los Osos ask the WRAC to review the wastewater project draft EIR with respect to water availability and location and provide comments by the January 30th deadline. Member O’Grady discusses Arroyo Grande water supply issues. Chairperson Winn informs the WRAC he will meet individually with Board members to ascertain their vision for the WRAC. A brief discussion follows.
- 5) Resource Management System Annual Summary Report – James Caruso, County Planning, discusses preliminary draft ideas for addressing water rates and population forecasts. Caruso suggests updating stale plans as an implementation status priority. Caruso requests data discussions be directed to his office. Member Harvey raises the issue of costs and liability for use of reclaimed water. Member Henderson initiates a move to a qualitative water rate discussion. After a lengthy discussion, Chairperson Winn encourages each community to focus on and refine their individual water/wastewater issues for discussion at the February WRAC meeting.

- 6) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – Secretary Howard informs that State acceptance guidelines for IRWM regions are available and asks agencies represented by the WRAC to consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) required for Proposition 84 grant funding. Chairperson Winn requests example language for acceptance documents be sent to each involved group for approval.

- 7) Ongoing Updates –
 - a. COSE – James Caruso, County Planning, informs of COSE workshops scheduled for month of January in San Luis Obispo, Arroyo Grande, and Paso Robles.
 - b. Paso Robles Basin Groundwater Management Plan – Secretary Howard informs of Paso Robles Basin Groundwater Management Plan kickoff meeting in Paso Robles on Jan. 15th from 5-7 at the safety center.
 - c. Invasive Mussels – Secretary Howard informs the WRAC that a response plan is being developed.
 - d. Rainfall and reservoir update – Nothing to note.
 - e. Membership updates – Secretary Howard indicates new WRAC appointments are scheduled to go to the Board on February 4, 2009.

- 8) Future Agenda Items – Brief discussion.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:30 pm.