

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2009

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Approximately 1:30 pm; Vice Chairperson Sue Luft called the meeting to order.

- 1) Introductions of Members and Attendees – Quorum Established
- 2) Approval of December Meeting Minutes – Item 7 of the February 4, 2009 WRAC meeting minutes was amended by Member O’Grady to read, “does not analyze the future required water treatment plant as required for EIRs” instead of “does not account for future treatment plant capacity.” The February 4, 2009 minutes were then approved as amended upon a first by Member Hyman, second by Member Garfinkel, and a unanimous vote with one abstention.
- 3) Public Comment – (An audio recording of the meeting and materials submitted during public comment are available under the WRAC link at [www.slocountywater.org](http://www.slocountywater.org).) Los Osos resident Gwynn Taylor requested that the WRAC review the future of saltwater intrusion in Los Osos. Member Hyman inquired as to whether there was any additional information about a recent sewage spill in the San Luis Obispo area.
- 4) Ongoing Updates:
  - a. IRWM – No updates
  - b. Paso Robles Basin Groundwater Management Plan – The report on the status of the Paso Robles Groundwater Management Plan is included in the agenda packet.
  - c. Master Water Plan - Utilities Division Manager Dean Benedix informed the committee that the County has selected Carrollo Engineers as the consultant to prepare the Master Water Plan. Currently, the District is coordinating with Carrollo Engineers to refine the contract and scope of work. The District anticipates taking the contract to the Board of Supervisors on March 24, 2009.
  - d. Invasive Mussels - Utilities Division Manager Dean Benedix answered numerous questions regarding current and proposed decontamination measures and coordination efforts with Monterey County.
  - e. Rainfall and Reservoir Update - The Rainfall and Reservoir Update is included in the agenda packet.
- 5) Laetitia Ranch Development DEIR-Subcommittee Report – Subcommittee chairman Bill Garfinkel presented the results of the Subcommittee’s study of the Laetitia Ranch Draft EIR. Member Chipping reiterated the subcommittee’s lack of confidence in the 72-hr. pump test for making long-term well supply determinations and suggested the WRAC collaborate with experts to review and comment on the adequacy of current well testing methods for predicting long-term water supply. As suggested by Member Greening, the comments were amended to omit the statement at the top of page 14 of the agenda package regarding the ability of agricultural operations to adjust to

changes in water supply. After a discussion of the purpose and future of the subcommittee's comments, the comments were approved as amended upon a motion by Member Winholtz, a second by Member Greening, and a vote with 12 in favor and 3 opposed. Member Greening requested that an agenda item to examine the adequacy and perhaps recommend revision of the 72-hr pump test be included for next month's meeting. In response to a request from Member Greening, Member Luft added consideration of the RMS and Ag Clusters from a water resources perspective as items for the agenda in April.

- 6) Consideration of the Los Osos Wastewater Project – Public Works Director Paavo Ogren discussed the project status and recommended to continue this item to a future date. Mr. Ogren recommended scheduling a meeting prior to the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Planning Commission Meeting. Discussion ensues regarding the schedule of the proposed special meeting. Member O'Grady moved to continue this agenda item to a special meeting on April 4, 2009, with a second by Member Garfinkel and a vote with 13 in favor and 2 opposed.
- 7) Future Agenda Items –
  1. Consideration and potential formation of a subcommittee to review the Resource Management System as it pertains to Ag Clusters
  2. Paso Robles Resource Capacity Study
  3. Pump Test Requirements

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:24 pm.