

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

ARTICLE I Purposes of the Committee

1. To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The Committee shall determine the needs and financial capabilities of the District with respect to water resources and upon deliberation shall convey their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.
2. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors specific water resource and water conservation programs with recognition of the economic and environmental values of the programs. Further, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors other programs concerning the objectives and purposes of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act.
3. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

ARTICLE II Members

1. Membership on the Committee shall be available to the following agencies or groups (agencies):
 - a. Each Incorporated City
 - b. Each Supervisorial District
 - c. Each Water Serving Independent Special District
 - d. Each Resource Conservation District
 - e. Atascadero Mutual Water Company
 - f. California Men's Colony
 - g. Camp San Luis Obispo
 - h. Cuesta Community College
 - i. Golden State Water Company
 - j. Rural Water Company
 - k. County Farm Bureau
 - l. Environmental At-Large (3 members)
 - m. Agriculture At-Large (2 members)
2. Each agency or group may have a member and an alternate.
3. Members (and alternates) for agencies shall be nominated by their agency and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.
4. Members (and alternates) for the Supervisorial Districts shall be nominated by the Supervisor of that district and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors. Such representatives shall reside in, and represent their District at the pleasure of the District's supervisor.

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5. The two Agricultural At-Large members (and their alternates) shall be selected by the Board of Supervisors from applicants engaged in production agriculture. Their terms shall be for two years, to be replaced or reaffirmed in February of odd numbered years.
6. The three Environmental At-Large members (and their alternates) shall be selected by the Board of Supervisors from applicants with a record of membership in one or more environmental groups and/or independent environmental activism. Their terms shall be for two years, to be replaced or reaffirmed in February of odd numbered years.
7. Members are encouraged to provide an update on water resource issues relevant to their group or agency at least once per year.
8. Three successive unexcused absences of a member without notifying the Committee, if no alternate is representing the member, shall be cause for the member to be dropped from the Committee and the member's agency shall be notified and nomination of a new representative requested.
9. This Committee shall comply with all applicable laws, including the Ralph M. Brown Act.
10. Members and alternates serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE III Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month except for July and August. If a majority vote of members present in a regular meeting approve, the July and/or August meeting may be held, and any regular meeting may be postponed if it would fall on a holiday.
2. Meetings shall begin at 1:30 p.m. and shall continue for no more than two hours unless extended time is approved by a majority vote.
3. The Chairperson, or the Vice Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence, may call a Special Meeting after proper notification of the Committee members. Proper notification shall be deemed to have been met if such notification is written and is delivered personally, by mail, by email with a confirmation receipt, or by direct contact by telephone at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.
4. Meetings may be canceled by vote of the committee in a meeting. If there are insufficient items to justify a meeting it may be canceled by agreement between the Chairperson and Secretary. Notice of canceled meetings shall be the same as for special meetings.
5. Ten members, or their alternates in their absence, shall constitute a quorum.
6. Any decision or recommendation to the Board of Supervisors shall require a majority vote by Committee members present, or their alternates, for passage.
7. Every member agency shall have one vote. This vote may be cast by the member or the alternate.

8. Meetings shall be open to the public and members of other governmental agencies. Visitors may express opinions or make requests during public comment. The Chairperson may open and close the meeting to public comment.

ARTICLE IV Officers

1. Officers of the Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.
2. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee shall be selected from the members of the Committee and elected by a majority vote of the members present. The Secretary shall be County Public Works staff assigned annually by the County Public Works Department Director.
3. Election of Officers shall be done annually at the January meeting of the Committee.
4. Vacated elected offices shall be filled by election/appointment by the Committee. The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the Chairpersonship in the event of absence of the Chairperson.