

**Paso Basin Cooperative Committee**  
**Minutes APPROVED**  
**April 25, 2018**

**The following members or alternates were present:**

- John Hamon**, Chair, Member, City of Paso Robles
- Debbie Arnold**, Alternate, County of San Luis Obispo
- Willy Cunha**, Secretary, Member, Shandon-San Juan WD
- Reginald Cousineau**, Member, Heritage Ranch CSD
- Joe Parent**, Member, San Miguel CSD

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Chairperson Hamon, acting as Chair, calls the meeting to order at 4:00PM
<b>2. Roll Call</b>	Secretary Cunha leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>3. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	City Staff, Dick McKinley: calls roll.
<b>4. Public Comment – Items not on the Agenda</b>	<p>Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment on items not on the Agenda.</p> <p>Greg Grewal: Comments on sources of water in the Paso Basin, including Nacimiento Pipeline, it's associated costs and the ratepayers; comments on the golf courses' lack of monitoring and how this correlates with the basin condition assumptions.</p> <p>Patricia Willmore: Comments that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee ("Committee") can appoint additional members to the Committee and suggests consideration of a representative from the community of grape growers in Paso Robles.</p> <p>Scott Duffield (Heritage Ranch CSD): States that Heritage Ranch Community Services has formally directed staff to submit a Notification of Intent (NOI) with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for pursuit of a basin boundary modification (BBMR); the boundary modification will be based on scientific evidence and there will be a continued effort to work with GSAs in developing a GSP during basin boundary modification process.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: Calling for any further Comment, and seeing none, closes Public Comment for items not on the Agenda; asks the Committee if they would like to address comments.</p> <p>City Staff, Dick McKinley: Responding to comments regarding sources of water in Paso, clarifies that there are currently three sources of water and that a fourth source of water is currently being developed; states that there will be adequate water for proposed build out.</p>

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	<p>Chairperson Hamon: Comments that Greg Grewal’s concerns regarding the Nacimiento pipeline may be best addressed at the Nacimiento Water Commission.</p> <p>City Staff, Dick McKinley: States that the major partners addressed those issues at the time of full subscription.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: Confirms there are no further comments and closes item.</p>																														
<p><b>5. Approval of Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Hamon: Moves to discuss approval of minutes and asks the Committee for questions or comments.</p> <p>Secretary Cunha: Expressed approval of minutes.</p> <p><b>Motion By:</b> Secretary Cunha  <b>Second By:</b> Member Cousineau  <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to approve Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2018.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="578 892 1487 1119"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debbie Arnold (Vice Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willy Cunha (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Parent (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reginald Cousineau (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Hamon (Chairperson)	X				Debbie Arnold (Vice Chairperson)	X				Willy Cunha (Secretary)	X				Joe Parent (Member)	X				Reginald Cousineau (Member)	X			
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<p><b>6. Approach for GSP Development Process, Roles and Responsibilities</b></p>	<p>President of HydroMetrics, Derek Williams: Presents Approach for GSP Development Process, Roles and Responsibilities, as outlined in Memorandum (Agenda Item 6). He reiterates that all key sustainability decisions will come back to the Board.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: Reiterates that all major decisions will be vetted at a public level; would like to ensure that all partners and colleagues are comfortable with the pace and level of GSP development; acknowledges that each group has individual GSAs to consult with and hopes that time constraints do not heavily impact the consultants schedule.</p> <p>President of HydroMetrics, Derek Williams: Responds that they have planned for GSA consultation time and have worked that into the schedule.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Cody Ferguson: Speaks.</p>																														

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	<p>Chairperson Hamon: closes the floor for public comment and opens the floor for Committee discussion.</p> <p>Member Alternate Arnold: Moves to go forward with County Staff’s recommendation; states that it is up to each Committee Member to be informed and have open communication with staff.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: Comments on the benefit of having public workshops and informing the community on complex water topics.</p> <p>Secretary Cunha: States the importance of being open and keeping costs as low as possible, being able to effectively protect the water resources for all who rely on it and speaks to the importance of staff involvement and keeping on schedule.</p> <p><b>Motion By:</b> Member Alternate Arnold  <b>Second By:</b> Secretary Cunha  <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to Accept Memorandum and Approach.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="578 926 1489 1157"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debbie Arnold (Vice Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willy Cunha (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Parent (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reginald Cousineau (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Chairperson Hamon: Confirms with President of HydroMetrics, Derek Williams, that this approach accounts for schedule of events; introduces Matt Owens and Ben Gooding from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) who are in attendance.</p> <p>Matt Owens and Ben Gooding: introduce themselves and state that they will be available to the Committee and the public to answer question.</p>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Hamon (Chairperson)	X				Debbie Arnold (Vice Chairperson)	X				Willy Cunha (Secretary)	X				Joe Parent (Member)	X				Reginald Cousineau (Member)	X			
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<p><b>7. Approval of Sustainability Indicators Addressed by GSP</b></p>	<p>President of HydroMetrics, Derek Williams: Presents request for Approval of Sustainability Indicators to be Addressed by the GSP, as outlined in Memorandum (Agenda Item 7).</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal and Sue Harvey: Speak</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: closes the public comment period and opens the floor for Committee discussion.</p>																														

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	<p>Secretary Cunha: Agrees with Derek William’s assessment of Sustainability Indicators; comments on the importance of water quality and maintaining water levels to avoid future water quality issues; states that testing can be beneficial in identifying possible changes to the water quality in the basin; moves to adopt the five Sustainability indicators presented (including: chronic lowering of groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater storage, degraded water quality, land subsidence; and depletion of interconnected surface waters; excluding: seawater intrusion since it is not applicable).</p> <p>Member Alternate Arnold: Seconds the motion to adopt the five Sustainability indicators.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: Comments on the importance of addressing all sustainability factors moving forward; mentions the importance of the Salinas River and its roles in replenishing local aquifers; asks Derek Williams how seawater intrusion will be addressed to DWR.</p> <p>President of HydroMetrics, Derek Williams: Responds that there is no reasonable chance of seawater intrusion in the future, therefore it is not being considered as a sustainability indicator.</p> <p><b>Motion By:</b> Secretary Cunha  <b>Second By:</b> Member Alternate Arnold  <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to adopt the five Sustainability Indicators addressed by the GSP.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="576 1255 1487 1480"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debbie Arnold (Vice Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willy Cunha (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Parent (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reginald Cousineau (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Hamon (Chairperson)	X				Debbie Arnold (Vice Chairperson)	X				Willy Cunha (Secretary)	X				Joe Parent (Member)	X				Reginald Cousineau (Member)	X			
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<p><b>8. Receive Update on GSP Development</b></p>	<p>Strategy Driver Inc. (GSP Subconsultant to HydroMetrics), Ellen Cross: presents an overview of the Communication Engagement Plan for the GSP process and discusses the corresponding Paso Basin web portal (under development).</p> <p>Strategy Driver Inc., Ellen Cross: Notes that the first Public Workshop on GSP development occurred the previous Monday (April 23, 2018) and future workshops will be held on the following Mondays: April 30, May 14, and May 21.</p>																														

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	<p>Chairperson Hamon: asks if there is local media outreach, in addition to the social media outreach, for announcing future public meetings.</p> <p>Strategy Driver Inc., Ellen Cross: In response to questions from Chairperson Hamon, confirms that local media is included in outreach efforts and is engaged for announcing public meetings; confirms that the anticipated web portal will serve as a centralized holding for information that will help keep each GSA informed, including relevant links to DWR documents.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: states that some questions were asked after the last Committee meeting had concluded; asks if it is possible to review questions which were not asked during the meeting.</p> <p>Strategy Driver Inc., Ellen Cross: Confirms that notes were taken on questions and suggestions at the end of the April 23<sup>rd</sup> public forum and will be reviewed/considered.</p> <p>HydroMetrics, Derek Williams: adds that KPRL, Dick Mason, and Scott Brennan at Paso Robles Daily News have been contacted as part of the local media engagement.</p> <p>Member Alternate Arnold: adds that Peter Johnson from the New Times is attendance.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon opens the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Greg Grewal and Patricia Wilmore: speak.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon closes the floor for public comments.</p> <p>Strategy Driver Inc., Ellen Cross: Addresses public comments by stating that fact sheets will be available to help clarify SGMA specific definitions and terminology; states that interviews with specific stakeholders or groups is a possibility if requested by the Committee.</p>
<p><b>9. Consider support for the Salinas Valley Basin GSA’s potential pursuit of jurisdictional boundary modification for the Paso Basin</b></p>	<p>County Staff, Angela Ruberto: Requests Committee’s consideration of support for the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency’s (SVBGSA’s) pursuit of a jurisdictional boundary modification for the Paso Basin.</p> <p>SVBGSA General Manager Gary Peterson is in attendance and states that efforts were made in 2015 to look at an administrative or scientific basin boundary modification at the County line, however</p>

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the process was not completed or approved at that time; direction has been given from the SVBGSA Board to start the process of compiling documents for submitting an Initial Notification to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and to notify the affected agencies and seek resolutions of support.

Chairperson Hamon: states that he personally sees no issue with providing support from the committee; comments that even though the subbasins may be administratively separated, that there is typically open communication between GSAs; asks if the Committee should write a Letter of Support for the jurisdictional basin boundary modification effort.

SVBGSA General Manager, Gary Peterson: concurs that the GSAs will continue coordinating as the GSPs are developed and states that a Letter of Support for the basin boundary modification would be welcome.

Secretary Cunha: states that the SVBGSA represents about a third of the Paso Basin and that there are less issues in their portion of the Basin; comments on the uneven nature of previous negotiations with Monterey County and expresses the need for a good partnership while pursuing future projects, such as capturing storm runoff.

SVBGSA General Manager Gary Peterson: states that in his previous position, Director of Public Works for the City of Salinas, the City secured a \$10 million in Proposition 1 Grant funds to capture storm water.

Member Alternate Arnold: asks about mechanism for coordination between San Luis Obispo County and Monterey County.

DWR, Ben Gooding: suggests looking into an Inter-Basin Agreement, which is less formal and applicable for the subbasin.

Member Alternate Arnold: asks if an Inter-Basin Agreement would apply if the jurisdictional subbasin was created, receives confirmation from DWR's Ben Gooding; asks if the Committee should bring back recommendation to support the basin boundary modification to the individual GSAs.

County Staff, Angela Ruberto: confirms that each GSA may consider supporting the SVBGSA's basin boundary modification request and states that the County of San Luis Obispo has started the process of bringing the recommendation before the County Board of Supervisors.

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	<p>Greg Grewal and Cody Ferguson: speak.</p> <p><b>Motion By:</b> Member Alternate Arnold  <b>Second By:</b> Secretary Cunha  <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to recommended that the five GSAs adopt a resolution supporting Salinas Valley Basin GSA’s potential pursuit of jurisdictional boundary modification for the Paso Basin.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="578 525 1487 751"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debbie Arnold (Vice Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willy Cunha (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Parent (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reginald Cousineau (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Hamon (Chairperson)	X				Debbie Arnold (Vice Chairperson)	X				Willy Cunha (Secretary)	X				Joe Parent (Member)	X				Reginald Cousineau (Member)	X			
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<p><b>10. Committee Member Comments</b></p>	<p>Secretary Cunha: comments that the webtool will have links to GSP development material, GSA websites, etc.; states that the DWR website has information on regulations and provides guidance on GSP development.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: comments on Patricia Willmore’s request of adding a non-voting member to the Committee; mentions that for those who are interested (and living) in the Atascadero Basin, the Atascadero Basin GSA is seeking applications for non-voting members to sit on their board; reiterates that adding a non-voting member would require Committee approval to become an action item.</p> <p>Member Alternate Arnold: states that land owners are represented by the County and the five GSAs; would prefer to offer an extension of time to groups and individuals to present or comment during Committee meetings at the discretion of the Committee rather than create another seat on the Cooperative Committee.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: agrees and states that the Committee is ready to work with people who might need more time for commenting.</p> <p>Secretary Cunha: adds that there needs to be a clear forum to hear concerns from the various stakeholders throughout the basin; states the importance of input from landowners and irrigated agricultural users.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: comments on the importance of maintaining a time schedule throughout the public input process.</p>																														

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<p><b>11. Upcoming Meetings</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Hamon: moves to discuss moving the October 24, 2018 Regular Committee Meeting to October 17, 2018; asks County Staff for further explanation.</p> <p>County Staff, Angela Ruberto: explains that the City Council Chambers are not available on October 24, 2018, Staff is recommending moving the Committee meeting to October 17, 2018 to accommodate use of the requested venue.</p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: asks the Committee if all agree to move the Cooperative Committee meeting to October 17, 2018.</p> <p><u>There is consensus to move the Paso Cooperative Meeting to October 17, 2018.</u></p> <p>Chairperson Hamon: moves to discuss considering special meeting schedules as needed; County Staff, Angela Ruberto responds that there are no special meetings planned; however, there are public workshops announced for Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, and May 21<sup>st</sup>.</p>																														
<p><b>12. Future Items</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Hamon: opens the floor to discuss any Future Items; there are no Items to discuss.</p>																														
<p><b>13. Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Next meeting is a Public Workshop set for Wednesday, April 30, 2018 at 5:30PM. Location: Kermit King Elementary          Next Paso Basin Cooperative Committee Regular Meeting is 4:00 PM on July 25, 2018 at the Paso Robles City Council Chambers.</p> <p><b>Motion By:</b> Chairman Hamon  <b>Second By:</b> Secretary Cunha  <b>Motion:</b> The Committee moves to adjourn the meeting.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="578 1367 1487 1596"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Hamon (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debbie Arnold (Vice Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willy Cunha (Secretary)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Parent (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reginald Cousineau (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	John Hamon (Chairperson)	X				Debbie Arnold (Vice Chairperson)	X				Willy Cunha (Secretary)	X				Joe Parent (Member)	X				Reginald Cousineau (Member)	X			
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I, Willy Cunha, Secretary to the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held on April 25, 2018, by the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

Willy Cunha, Secretary of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.  
 Drafted by: Joey Steil and Angela Ruberto, County of San Luis Obispo