

Report to LOCSB
SLO County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Water Resources Advisory Committee
January 6, 2010

There was a morning workshop regarding the SLO County's Master Water Plan. For more information regarding steps and methodology and responses to previous WRAC comments, please go to the county's website: <http://www.slocountywater.org>

The WRAC was presented and commented on the Evaluation Criteria for Water Resource Shortfalls and Evaluating Potential Water Resource Supply Solutions.

Afternoon Session

- 3. Quorum Re-Established**
- 4. Officer Elections**
 1. Mike Winn elected Chair and Sue Luft Vice-Chair-Unanimously
- 5. Approval of December minutes**
- 6. Public Comment:**
 1. Study session by BOS on COSE
 2. Mussel study – ongoing – media article presented
 3. Flame retardant effects on environment – article from Santa Barbara re fires
 4. Cuesta College Class – Green Bldg starting Jan 19th, semester class
 5. Pharmaceuticals in water – media article
 6. Satellites detect water loss in the Central Valley – media article
 7. Agency Control over management and planning of water supplies when sea water intrusion has occurred.
 8. Oceano has agreement with Nipomo and Santa Maria for "shared" supply.
 9. Status of salt water in supply and reporting methodology in Zone 3.
- 7. Ongoing Updates:**
 - a. Paso Robles Groundwater Basin
 - b. Land to Sea Advisory Committee – Undecided as of yet.
 - c. Rainfall and Reservoir Update – no new news. Hopeful that predicted rainfall will augment shortage.
- 8. Consideration of Forming a Subcommittee to Review the 2009 Resource Management System Annual Summary Report - Volunteers recruited – yes.**
- 9. Consideration of Forming a Subcommittee to Review the Proposed Updates to the Land Use and Circulation Elements - Scoping of what would be reviewed is happening this month and will be brought back to the WRAC for discussion and possible formation.**
- 10. Subcommittee Report on New Agricultural and Environmental At-Large Positions – Sub-committee recommendations moved and approved unanimously: Dan Berman, Environmental At-Large Member; Ann Gillespie, Environmental At-Large Alternate; Dr. Lowell Zelinski, Agricultural At-Large Member, Steve Lohr, Agricultural At-Large Alternate.**
- 11. Presentation on the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program – This organization provides financial and technical assistance to the agricultural community to implement water enhancement for conservation and water quality purposes. They have a Mobile Water Lap that evaluates the effectiveness of landowner's irrigation systems and helps identify ways to optimize savings and reduce run-off. They work with local RCD's in San Luis, Monterey and Northern Santa Barbara Counties.**
- 12. Future Agenda Items**

Respectfully Submitted by:
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Purpose of the Committee:

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the SLO County Flood Control & Water Conservation District.

To recommend to the Board specific water resource programs.

To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

(Excerpts from WRAC By-Laws dated March, 6, 2007)