

**Groundwater Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)
April 10, 2019**

The following members or alternates were present:

Bob Schiebelhut, Chairperson, EVGMWC
Mark Zimmer, Vice Chairperson, GSWC
Dennis Fernandez, Member, ERMWC/VRMWC
Andy Pease, Member, City of San Luis Obispo
Adam Hill, Member, County of San Luis Obispo

1. Call to Order	Chairperson, Bob Schiebelhut: calls the meeting to order at 3:30 PM																														
2. Roll Call	City Staff, Mychal Boerman: calls roll.																														
3. Pledge of Allegiance	Chairperson, Bob Schiebelhut: leads the Pledge of Allegiance																														
4. Public Comment – Items not on Agenda	<p>Chairperson Schiebelhut opens the floor for public comment on items not on the Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Staff, Dick Tzou, introduced himself as the Project Manager and informed the Commission that Mladen Bandov will be replacing Carolyn Berg as County staff. • Mychal Boerman, Water Resources Program Manager, introduced himself as the interim representative for the City. His predecessor, Aaron Floyd, is now the acting Interim Director of Utilities and has recused himself from the Commission. 																														
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes	<p>Chairperson Schiebelhut: asked for Commission comments on Regular Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2018—there were none.</p> <p>Motion By: Commission Member Hill Second By: Commission Member Fernandez Motion: Approve the Regular Meeting minutes from December 12, 2018</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Members</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Ayes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Noes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Abstain</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bob Schieblhut (Chairperson)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Zimmer (Vice Chairperson)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andy Pease (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adam Hill (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennis Fernandez (Member)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Bob Schieblhut (Chairperson)	X				Mark Zimmer (Vice Chairperson)	X				Andy Pease (Member)	X				Adam Hill (Member)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			
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6. Overview of SGMA Compliance Efforts in the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin	<p>County Staff, Dick Tzou: Provided a summary update on the SGMA efforts in the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin (SLO Basin). The City and the County developed a Memorandum of Agreement to oversee the implementation and development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The County was awarded Prop 1 grant funding to fund a Characterization Study, which helped to develop the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Tzou also directed the committee to the County’s new San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin website: www.slocounty.ca.gov/slobasin.</p>																														

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<p>7. Consider Formation of a Stakeholder Advisory Committee</p>	<p>County Staff, Dick Tzou; City Staff, Mychal Boerman; Commission Members: Andy Pease and Dennis Fernandez: Consider and approve proposed alternative approach to SAC formation. The representatives listed above met in March to discuss various approaches to public involvement and engagement and how the GSAs would consider the interests of all beneficial users of the SLO Basin, as required by Water Code Section 10723.2. The working group concluded that there is much overlapping of interest groups by forming a separate SAC since the GSC already functions as an advisory body and members of the GSC also represent many of the stakeholder interests in the basin. However, the group recommended as an alternative approach that an active stakeholder list be maintained for outreach purposes, especially for certain focused parties and those stakeholders who are not represented by the GSC members.</p> <p>Commission Member Pease added that the outreach will be better served and be more inclusive than a SAC by inviting all interested parties to attend the various public open forum meetings.</p> <p>Chairperson Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Wolfe, Cal Poly, inquired about the prospect of a more active student body and faculty in the GSC, as a portion of the campus rests within the basin. <p>Motion By: Commission Member Hill Second By: Commission Member Pease Motion: Approve the alternative approach to SAC formation to ensure that the GSC will provide an open forum for all stakeholders to participate and encourage involvement through increased outreach and continue to develop a C&E Plan without a SAC.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="548 1402 1503 1633"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bob Schieblhut (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Zimmer (Vice Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andy Pease (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adam Hill (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennis Fernandez (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Bob Schieblhut (Chairperson)	X				Mark Zimmer (Vice Chairperson)	X				Andy Pease (Member)	X				Adam Hill (Member)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			
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<p>8. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development “Kickoff”</p>	<p>WSC Consultant Team, Michael Cruikshank and Team: Presentation on the basin characterization recap, GSP team member roles and responsibilities, and project approach, scope of work, and schedule. WSC has partnered with GSI Water Solutions, Cleath Harris Geologists, GEI Consultants, and Stillwater Sciences to bring the right combination of technical and stakeholder facilitation expertise to help develop a compliant and defensible plan that will provide the greatest value to the SLO Basin GSAs and GSC participating partners.</p> <p>Chairperson Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment</p>																														

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public posed several questions to the team about the timeframe for accessing the Groundwater Communication Portal and the strategy for notifying stakeholders of upcoming workshops, meetings and key decisions. • Sarah Crable asked the consultant team about the staffing needs and associated cost of managing the data once the project is complete. • George Donati suggested engaging farmers in the Edna Valley by sending communications by mail and asks if this is a possibility. • Jean-Pierre Wolfe urged the Commission to assess the need for bilingual notifications for paper mailings and electronic media. He also inquired about the proprietary nature of the information and resources developed by the consultant team, as this is a grant funded project. • Jim Lokey requested clarification on the basin’s change in status from a medium to high priority, and whether the shift affected the timeline for the project. 																														
<p>9. Future Items</p>	<p>Chairperson Schiebelhut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the draft Stakeholder Communication and Engagement (C&E) Plan • Presentation on the platform options for an integrated flow model • Next regular meeting on June 12, 2019 <p>Chairperson Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 																														
<p>10. Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion By: Commission Member Hill Second By: Commission Member Fernandez Motion: The Commission moves to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 PM</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="547 1434 1503 1665"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bob Schieblhut (Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Zimmer (Vice Chairperson)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andy Pease (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adam Hill (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennis Fernandez (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Bob Schieblhut (Chairperson)	X				Mark Zimmer (Vice Chairperson)	X				Andy Pease (Member)	X				Adam Hill (Member)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			
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