

**Groundwater Sustainability Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved)**  
**February 17<sup>th</sup> , 2021**

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

- Bob Schiebelhut**, Chair, EVGMWC
- Mark Zimmer**, Vice Chair, GSWC
- Dawn Ortiz-Legg** Member, County of San Luis Obispo
- Dennis Fernandez**, Member, ERMWC/VRMWC
- Andy Pease**, Member, City of San Luis Obispo

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Chair Schiebelhut: calls the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.																														
<b>2. Roll Call</b>	City Staff, Mychal Boerman: calls roll.																														
<b>3. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Chair Schiebelhut: leads the Pledge of Allegiance.																														
<b>4. Public Comment – Items not on Agenda</b>	Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment; there is none.																														
<b>5. Approval of Meeting Minutes</b> a) December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	<p><i>Meeting materials and audio for this item can be accessed by visiting: <a href="https://www.slowaterbasin.com/resources">https://www.slowaterbasin.com/resources</a></i></p> <p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens discussion for Agenda Item 5 - Approval of Meeting Minutes for the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Groundwater Sustainability Commission Meeting and asks for comments from the Commission.</p> <p>Member Pease: suggests replacing the word “accelerate” with the word “expand” to clarify the intent of the discussion regarding scheduling additional GSC meetings for 2021 during item 11.</p> <p><b>Motion By: Chair Schiebelhut</b>  <b>Second By: Member Fernandez</b>  <b>Motion:</b> The Commission moves to approve the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting Minutes with the removal of the word “accelerate” and replacing it with the word “expand”.</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 Schiebelhut (Chair)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)</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>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 Schiebelhut (Chair)	X				Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)	X				Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)	X				Andy Pease (Member)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			
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<b>6. Discussion of Received Comments on Previous Draft GSP Chapters.</b>	<p><i>Meeting materials and audio for this item can be accessed by visiting: <a href="https://www.slowaterbasin.com/resources">https://www.slowaterbasin.com/resources</a></i></p> <p>County Staff, Dick Tzou: discusses the comments that have been received on draft GSP chapter 7 – Monitoring Network.</p>																														

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	<p><u>Discussion Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Schiebelhut: comments on the assumption of climate change and the impact on levels of precipitation and evaporation for the central coast area, citing a state issued climate change assessment from 2018 that runs climate models.</li> <li>• Alternate Member Gibson: comments that information on the referenced climate models is available online and speaks to how the models are averaged to predict precipitation.</li> <li>• Project Consultant, Dave O’Rourke: comments on a state mandate that requires running a climate change model through 2070, adding that the results will be presented at an upcoming GSC meeting.</li> <li>• Member Ortiz-Legg: asks how responses to public comments are being addressed.</li> <li>• County Staff, Dick Tzou: replies that all public comments will receive individual responses, and that all public comments will be posted for public review.</li> </ul> <p>Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment; there is none.</p>																														
<p><b>7. Integrated Model Calibration and Preliminary Model Results</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting materials and audio for this item can be accessed by visiting: <a href="https://www.slowaterbasin.com/resources">https://www.slowaterbasin.com/resources</a></i></p> <p>Project Consultant, Dave O’Rourke: presents on the Integrated Groundwater Surface Model, model calibration, and the preliminary model results.</p> <p><u>Discussion Summary</u>  Commission Members and staff discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model runs and implementation timelines, takeaways regarding long-term declining water levels and storage trends, the peer-reviewed technical memorandum on model calibration which will be posted for review once completed, and changes to the water budget and pumping estimates.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion By: Member Ortiz-Legg</b>  <b>Second By: Chair Schiebelhut</b>  <b>Motion:</b> The Commission moves to receive and file the presentation on the Integrated Model Calibration and Preliminary Model Results.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="537 1656 1495 1885"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)</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>Dennis Fernandez (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)	X				Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)	X				Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)	X				Andy Pease (Member)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			
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**8. Availability of the City of San Luis Obispo’s Recycled Water**

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<https://www.slowaterbasin.com/resources>

City Staff, Mychal Boerman: presents on the City of San Luis Obispo’s recycled water availability and limitations.

Discussion Summary

Commission Members and staff discuss:

- Cal Poly’s Master Plan Development and extension and the potential effects on the City’s Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF).
- Recycled water supply, use, distribution, permitting, timing, constraints, seasonal availability, beneficial use, discharge, and estimates of population growth and expansion.
- Water resiliency and conveying other sources of potable water through the City’s infrastructure.

Chair Schiebelhut: opens the floor for public comment.

Jean-Pierre Wolff: speaks.

**Motion By: Member Fernandez**

**Second By: Member Pease**

**Motion:** The Commission moves to receive and file the City of San Luis Obispo’s presentation on recycled water availability and limitations.

Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse
Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)	X			
Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)	X			
Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)	X			
Andy Pease (Member)	X			
Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			

**9. Projects and Management Actions**

*Meeting materials for this item can be accessed by visiting:*  
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Project Consultants, Michael Cruikshank and Dan Heibel: present on concept level projects and management actions and draft project evaluation criteria to achieve sustainability.

Discussion Summary

Commission Members and staff discuss:

- Rankings, scoring, benefits, and timing of concept level projects.
- Assumptions and feasibility of the State Water Project.
- The potential for combining projects with common sources of water and reevaluating the scoring analysis.

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- The potential for potable water delivery from the City of San Luis Obispo.
- The potential for desalinated water delivery from Diablo Canyon and associated costs.
- The County’s upcoming Board of Supervisors item to consider the water management tools amendment and staff’s upcoming presentation to the GSC.

Member Pease: confirms the intent of the March 1<sup>st</sup> GSC meeting to continue the discussion on projects and management actions; recommends continuing the item at that time and to include agendized time estimates for future items.

**Motion By: Member Pease**

**Second By: Vice Chair Zimmer**

**Motion:** The Commission moves to continue the projects and management actions item during the March 1<sup>st</sup> GSC meeting.

Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse
Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)	X			
Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)	X			
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**10. Proposed 2021 GSC Meeting Schedule**

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2021 proposed GSC meeting schedule:

- March 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- August 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- October 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**Motion By: Member Pease**

**Second By: Member Ortiz-Legg**

**Motion:** The Commission moves to approve of the proposed GSC meeting schedule for 2021.

Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse
Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)	X			
Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)	X			
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<b>11. Future Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSC Meeting – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Draft Chapter 8 – Sustainable Management Criteria</li> <li>• Chapter 9 – Projects and Management Actions</li> <li>• Draft Surface Water/Groundwater Modeling Calibration Technical Memorandum</li> </ul>																														
<b>12. Next Regular Meeting</b>	Next regular meeting to be held on March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021 at 3:00 p.m.																														
<b>13. Adjourn</b>	<p><b>Motion By: Member Pease</b>  <b>Second By: Member Ortiz-Legg</b>  <b>Motion:</b> The Commission moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="537 663 1495 898"> <thead> <tr> <th>Members</th> <th>Ayes</th> <th>Noes</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Recuse</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)</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>Dennis Fernandez (Member)</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Bob Schiebelhut (Chair)	X				Mark Zimmer (Vice Chair)	X				Dawn Ortiz-Legg (Member)	X				Andy Pease (Member)	X				Dennis Fernandez (Member)	X			
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