



**5/7/13 Agenda Item 21 Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan -
WRAC Recommendations Letter**

Courtney Howard to: Board of Supervisors and all staff
Cc: Sue Luft, Paavo Ogren, cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder

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Good afternoon Chairperson Teixeira and Board Members,

Please find attached a letter from your Water Resources Advisory Committee regarding the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan item on your agenda for May 7, 2013.

Thank you,
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Honorable Paul Teixeira
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
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1050 Monterey Street
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Subject: May 7, 2013 Board of Supervisors Meeting – WRAC Recommendations Related to Agenda Item No. 21 (*Consideration of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan Implementation Update and Request to Approve Appointments to the Blue Ribbon Committee*)

Dear Chairperson Teixeira:

At the May 1, 2013 Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) meeting, Public Works Department Staff, Courtney Howard, presented the upcoming recommendations being considered by your Honorable Board's on May 7, 2013 (Agenda Item No. 21: "*Consideration of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan Implementation Update and Request to Approve Appointments to the Blue Ribbon Committee*"). The WRAC reviewed both Public Works Department Staff and the Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendations, and provided support as discussed below.

The WRAC supports Staff's recommendations that your Honorable Board:

- Receive the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan implementation update and consider the prioritized list of recommendations, as illustrated in Exhibit A; and
- Approve updated appointments to the Blue Ribbon Steering Committee (Exhibit B).

Furthermore, the WRAC supports the Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendations for:

- Funding for help for the Flood Control and Water Conservation District staff.
- Direction and support to District staff to prepare an annual report for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin every year.
- Direction and support to District staff to update the well level hydrographs as soon as possible after each April and October well testing.

These five recommendations were supported by the WRAC with a vote of 12-2-0. Member Greening, who cast one of the "no" votes, advocated for seats on the Blue Ribbon Committee for an environmental representative and a City of San Luis Obispo representative.

Additionally, the WRAC recommends that your honorable Board support securing technical and legal advice, in coordination with other groups and individuals investigating

Purpose of the Committee:	ITEM #21
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.	MEETING DATE: May 7, 2013 PRESENTED BY: Courtney Howard - Public Works RECEIVED PRIOR TO MEETING
	POSTED ON: May 3, 2013 Excerpts from WRAC Bylaws dated 8/28/2012

this solution [groundwater management structure], to formulate the most feasible structure and public process to enable the formation of a Paso Robles Basin Groundwater Management District at a vote of 16-1-0.

Please consider the WRAC's comments during your consideration of the subject agenda item on May 7, 2013.

Thank you for your consideration.

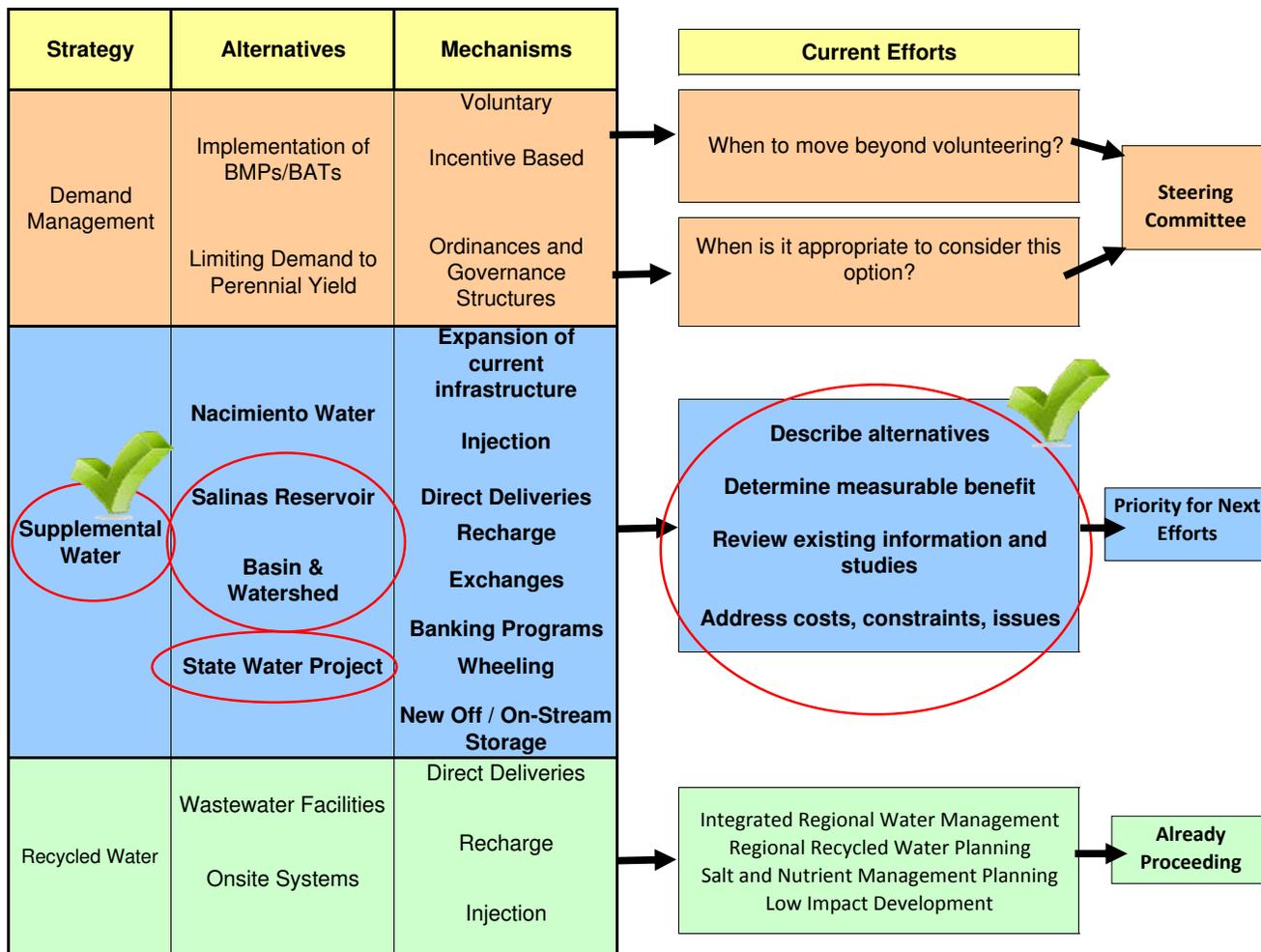
Respectfully,



Sue Luft
Chairperson, Water Resources Advisory Committee

cc: SLO County Board of Supervisors (All Districts)
Paavo Ogren, SLO County Public Works Department
Courtney Howard, SLO County Public Works Department

Attachments: Exhibit A – Alternatives for Stabilizing Groundwater Levels
Exhibit B – Blue Ribbon Steering Committee Membership



**Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan
Blue Ribbon Steering Committee**

Agency or Group	Position	Name
Atascadero Mutual Water Company	Member	John Neil
	Alternate Member	Jaime Hendrickson
Central Coast Vineyard Team	Member	Kris Beal
	Alternate Member	Willy Cunha
City of Atascadero	Member	Russ Thompson
	Alternate Member	David Athey
City of Paso Robles	Member	Christopher Alakel
	Alternate Member	Keith Larson
Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Member	Courtney Howard
	Alternate Member	Dean Benedix
Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Member	Robert Johnson
	Alternate Member	TBD by MCWRA
Paso Robles Imperiled Overlying Rights (PRIOR)	Member	Steve Sinton
	Alternate Member	Kent Gilmore
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance	Member	Patricia Wilmore
	Alternate Member	Jerry Reaugh
San Luis Obispo Cattlemen's Association	Member	Kurt Bollinger
	Alternate Member	Ray Allen
San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau	Member	Joy Fitzhugh
	Alternate Member	Jackie Crabb
San Miguel Community Services District	Member	Rene Salas
	Alternate Member	TBD by San Miguel CSD
Templeton Community Services District	Member	Tina Mayer
	Alternate Member	Jay Short
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District	Member	Laura Edwards
	Alternate Member	John DeRosier
At-Large	Member	Larry Werner
	Alternate Member	Mike Cussen
At-Large	Member	Sue Luft
	Alternate Member	Jim Magill
At-Large	Member	Dana Merrill
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