

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SALINAS RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN (BMP) COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Richard Ortiz, Chair  
Claude Hoover  
Deidre Sullivan

David Bunn, Public Member  
Don Chapin, Public Member  
Dennis Sites, Public Member

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m.  
**DATE:** Wednesday, October 5, 2016  
**PLACE:** Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Board Room  
893 Blanco Circle  
Salinas, CA 93901  
(831) 755-4860

**A G E N D A**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comment**  
*(Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker on matters within the jurisdiction of the Agency not listed on this agenda. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and make statements on agenda items as the Committee considers them.)*
- 3. Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on May 11, 2016.**  
The Committee will consider approval of the Minutes of the above-mentioned meeting.
- 4. Consider receiving an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation process.**  
Robert Johnson, Deputy General Manager, will present this item to the Committee.
- 5. Consider receiving an update on the appropriation for Salinas River and Lagoon via Senate Bill 1264.**  
Elizabeth Krafft, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist, will present this item to the Committee.
- 6. Consider receiving an update on the allocation for the Interlake Tunnel and Spillway Modification Project via Senate Bill 831.**  
Elizabeth Krafft, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist, will present this item to the Committee.
- 7. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.**  
The Committee will discuss and determine details for its next meeting.
- 8. Adjournment**

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL SALINAS RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN (BMP) COMMITTEE**

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Abby Taylor-Silva

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**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order @ 8:32 a.m.** by Committee Chair Richard Ortiz.

Members present: Directors Ortiz, Hoover, Sullivan, Taylor-Silva and Public Member Sites

Members absent: Public Members Bunn and Chapin

A quorum was established.

2. **Public Comment:** None

3. Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 9, 2016.

**Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members Hoover and Sullivan respectively, by unanimous vote approved the Minutes of the Salinas River Basin Management Planning Committee meeting held on March 9, 2016.**

4. Consider receiving an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act related activities; and, provide direction to Staff.  
Robert Johnson, Deputy General Manager, reported on this item with a PowerPoint presentation.

**Public Comment: John Baillie, Jack T. Baillie Company**

**Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members Hoover and Sullivan respectively, by unanimous vote received the update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act related activities, with comments submitted by Sites about whether the Agency can work with either Pajaro Valley Water Management**

**Agency or San Luis Obispo County regarding the connection to the State Water Project that would possibly lead to Prop 1 funds.**

5. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

The next meeting date is set for June 8, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Items for discussion include a sigma update; receive a report on the well permit process and the impact on the groundwater basin; receive an update from GSA meetings; and a presentation of a table of new wells.

6. Adjournment at 9:28 a.m.

Submitted by: Teresa Campa

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	October 5, 2016	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>
<b>Consent ( )                      Action ( X )                      Information ( )</b>		
<b>DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION:</b>	October 17, 2016	

**..Title**

Consider receiving an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation process.

**..Report**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

Receive an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation process.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Agency Board of Directors (BOD) has been receiving pertinent updates on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation process through either the Basin Management Plan (BMP) Committee or information items to the full BOD.

The facilitated process, using a Collaborative Work Group (CWG) to work through concepts, and then presenting the outcome of the CWG discussions to a larger group of stakeholders for buy-in and feedback has been effective, and has moved the process along in recent weeks.

The CWG proposed a tentative GSA legal structure: the formation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to create a separate entity to be the (interim) GSA, with the intent of transitioning to a GSA governing body formed by legislation. This approach was reached since special legislation could not be worked on and approved before the June 30, 2017 deadline for GSA formation. This way, the JPA legal document could account for this transition by providing a sunset provision (i.e. the JPA would dissolve when the legislated body was formed).

The CWG also agreed that the JPA is the best legal structure to address its interests and concerns for forming the GSA. Namely, the JPA would allow for the creation of a separate entity. The JPA would provide liability protection to member agencies. The JPA would allow the governing board composition to differ from the member agencies and create an opportunity for groundwater interest groups/users to serve on the board of directors to govern the GSA. The JPA legal document could have bylaws that stipulate how any changes to the governing board could occur. The JPA could be formed within the state-required deadline, protecting the Salinas Valley from state intervention.

The CWG is favoring this two-step transitional model (moving from a JPA to a legislative entity), though there needs to be consideration in regards to short-term, interim liability protection. Liability will not be a significant issue in the period between implementation of the GSA and implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), and there should be ways to mitigate liability during this period. The most serious liability issues and financial obligations will arise later, when the GSA begins to implement projects. Additionally, it is important to consider what will happen if the legislation does not pass.

The CWG has also developed a proposed governing board structure with 11 members. The breakdown will be shown at the BMP Committee meeting.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

There has been involvement in the SGMA process by other county entities, including the County Resource Management Agency (RMA), the County Administrator's Office, and County Counsel.

FINANCING:

The Agency has been involved in this process as per a request by the BOD and the County, though there is not a funding source identified for the Agency's participation in this effort.

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) received a \$1 million dollar appropriation from the California General Fund in August and has begun developing the scope, schedule and budget information necessary to receive the allocation.

On February 18, 2016 Senator Anthony Cannella introduced Senate Bill 1264 to appropriate \$1 million dollars from the California State General Fund to the Agency to do any of the following in the Salinas River and Lagoon:

- a. Assist in the removal of excess vegetation and trash
- b. Increase the efficiency of instream flow using sediment and vegetation management strategies
- c. Support the development and implementation of long-term management policies

The California State budget signed by Governor Brown on June 27, 2016 appropriated \$1 million to the State Coastal Conservancy for the Agency to do work in the Salinas River and Lagoon as described above. Agency staff has met with the Coastal Conservancy staff who described the necessary steps for the Agency to receive this grant. The Agency needs to develop a scope, schedule and budget with Coastal Conservancy staff's assistance and be approved by the Coastal Conservancy Board at a regular meeting. Agency staff is targeting the December 1 Coastal Conservancy Board meeting to have a plan approved.

According to Coastal Conservancy staff the \$1 million needs to be encumbered by June 30, 2019 and spent by June 30, 2021. Based on this information Agency staff is developing a two-part plan. The first part will consist of a \$250,000 dollar that will be used to conduct stakeholder outreach and evaluate existing information and projects to develop a scope for the larger \$750,000 piece. The draft schedule is:

- October 2016: Provide Coastal Conservancy with scope and schedule for \$250,000
- December 1, 2016: Coastal Conservancy Board approval
- January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018: Complete \$250,000 scope
- July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021: Complete \$750,000 scope

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

FINANCING:

This is a \$1 million dollar appropriation from the California General Fund with no match required. It is anticipated that \$250,000 will be received and spent between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. The remaining \$750,000 will be received and spent between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2021. It is likely that Agency budget amendments will be necessary.

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On September 13, 2016 California Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 831 which appropriated \$10 million dollars from the California General Fund to California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the purposes of a water conveyance tunnel between San Antonio and Nacimiento Reservoirs and spillway modifications at San Antonio to increase water storage.

Senate Bill 831 appropriates \$10 million dollars from the General Fund to DWR for the purposes of a water conveyance tunnel between Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs and spillway modifications at San Antonio to increase storage by approximately 60,000 acre-feet. DWR will provide a grant to the Agency for the purposes of construction, in accordance with the design-build process authorized by Section 11.1 of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act (Chapter 1159 of the Statutes of 1990, as amended by Chapter 865 of the Statutes of 2014).

Monterey County Administrative Office (CAO) of Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs and their consultant NOSSAMAN have provided support during the last days of the state budget process to ensure this appropriation came to fruition.

There is a meeting on October 6 with DWR and Agency staff to work out the parameters related to what the monies can be spent on, and the timing of the funds being released.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

CAO –Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs.



FINANCING:

Ten million dollars in grant funds are to be received from DWR. Timing for disbursement has not been determined. It is likely that a budget amendment will be necessary.

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