1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. General Public Comment
   Members of the public may comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the agency that are not on the agenda. Public comments generally are limited to two (2) minutes per speaker; the Chair may further limit the time for public comments depending on the agenda schedule. Comments on agenda items should be held until the items are reached. To be respectful of all speakers and avoid disruption of the meeting, please refrain from applauding or jeering speakers.

5. Special Board Matters
   None

6. Consent Items
   All matters listed under the Consent Agenda may be enacted by one motion unless a member of the Board, audience, or staff requests discussion or a separate vote.

   6.a Approve July 12, 2018 regular Board meeting minutes.
       2018-07-12 Unofficial Meeting Minutes.docx

7. Scheduled Items

   7.a Consider confirming Advisory Committee’s nomination of Donna Meyers, Executive Director, Salinas River Channel Stream Maintenance Program’s River Management Unit Association, Inc.
8. General Manager’s Report

8.a Public Outreach and GSP Planning Update - Gary Petersen, General Manager, and Derrik Williams, Montgomery and Associates.
8-9 GSA Brd Public Outreach meetings - final[12513].pptx

9. Directors’ Reports

10. Future Agenda Items

11. Closed Session

12. Adjournment

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VIEWING MEETINGS
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AGENDA POSTING The meeting agenda was posted on August 3, 2018 at the Salinas City Clerk’s Office and City Hall Rotunda, Monterey County Offices at 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA
1. Call to Order

Chairperson Gunter convened the meeting at 3 p.m..

2. Roll call

Present:
Director Luis Alejo
Director Janet Brennan
Director Lou Calcagno (arrived during the Interlake Tunnel Presentation)
Director Brenda Granillo
Director Joe Gunter
Director Bill Lipe (arrived during the Interlake Tunnel Presentation)
Director Michael McHatten
Director Steve McIntrye
Director Colby Pereira
Director Adam Secondo
Director Ron Stefani

Absent:
None

Also Present: Gary Petersen, General Manager; Les Girard, Agency Counsel; Merida Alvarez, Deputy Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Rotation of Board Officers


5. General Public Comments

Nancy Isakson, Salinas Valley Water Coalition, submitted a letter outlining projects to consider including in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, including completion of deferred maintenance of Nacimiento and
San Antonio Reservoirs; upgrading Nacimiento release systems; utilizing Water Right Permit 11043 at the Chualar Diversion point; negative pressure extraction barrier; CSIP enhancement optimization; and management action on channel maintenance and conservation preservation programs.

6. Special Board Matters

6a. Interlake Tunnel Project

Brent Buche, Water Resources Agency, presented a power point presentation on the Interlake Tunnel project, which would protect the valley from floods and move water from Nacimiento to San Antonio for storage.

Nancy Isakson encouraged the Board to work with the Water Resources Agency for the best project for the basin.

6b. Contributions recognizing contributions by outgoing Board Chairperson Joe Gunter to the SVBGSA

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the Proclamation recognizing Chairperson Gunter for his contributions to the SVBGSA. Ayes: Directors Alejo, Brennan, Calcagno, Granillo, Gunter, Lipe, McHatten, McIntyre, Pereira, Secondo, and Stefani. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

7. Consent Items


The Consent Resolution contained the following items:

7.a. Approved June 14, 2018 minutes.

7.b. Approved May 2018 Financial Reports.

8. Scheduled Items

8a. Appointments to Board Committees

The Board voted to appoint Vice Chair Alejo to the Executive Committee, replacing former Chair Gunter, who was appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee. Ayes: Directors Alejo, Brennan, Calcagno, Granillo, Gunter, Lipe, McIntyre, Pereira, Secondo, Stefani, and Chairperson McHatten. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

8b. Assignment of HydroMetrics contract to Errol L. Montgomery and Associates, Inc.

The Board voted to adopt RESOLUTION 2018-07 approving assignment of HydroMetrics contract to Errol L. Montgomery and Associates, Inc. Ayes: Directors Alejo, Brennan, Calcagno, Granillo,
8.c. Approve the Financial Policies.


9. General Manager’s Report

General Manager Gary Petersen announced that the public comment period for the Basin Boundary Modification is open, and any comments must be submitted through the SGMA portal. He announced an upcoming electro-seismic aquifer mapping workshop by Aquatronics on July 23, 2018.

10. Future Agenda Items

Director Granillo inquired about the Planning Committee. Mr. Petersen stated that the Advisory Committee and Executive Committee are serving that purpose, and the Technical Committee would convene as needed.

Director McIntyre would like a breakdown from the Water Resources Agency of deferred maintenance, including the dams and the CSIP.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.
AGENCY MEETING DATE: August 9, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: 7a

SUBJECT: Advisory Committee Membership Roster

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Advisory Committee Membership Roster

BACKGROUND:
At its July 19, 2018 meeting, the Advisory Committee voted to nominate Donna Meyers to the Committee (application attached). Ms. Meyers is the Executive Director of the Salinas River Channel Stream Maintenance Program’s River Management Unit Association, which is part of the partnership committed to Salinas River maintenance programs.

DISCUSSION:
In keeping with the Agency’s Joint Powers Agreement and the attached Committee Bylaws, the Board is requested to consider affirming Ms. Meyers’ appointment to the Advisory Committee and to approve the updated roster of Committee members (attached).

FISCAL IMPACT:
None

ATTACHMENT(S):
Application
Advisory Committee Bylaws
Advisory Committee Membership Roster

APPROVED BY:
Gary Petersen, General Manager
Full Name: Donna Meyers

*Date: July 5, 2018

Information provided by the applicant is not regarded as confidential except for the addresses and phone numbers of references and the applicant’s personal information including home and work addresses, phone numbers and email address.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPOINTEES MAY BE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW AND COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS.

• Current Occupation: (within the last twelve (12) months)

Executive Director, Salinas River Channel Stream Maintenance Program’s River Management Unit Association, Inc.

Principal, Conservation Collaborative, private consulting company

*Current License: (Professional or Occupational, date of issue/or expiration including status.

Not Applicable

*Education/Experience: (A resume may be attached for this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application,)

Please see my attached resume
None in Monterey County

President of the Board of Directors, Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History

Chair, City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Commission

Past Chair, City of Santa Cruz Water Department

Member, Measure E Oversight Committee, City of Santa Cruz

*Name and occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married, for Conflict of Interest Purposes

Roberta Hunter, President, Wave Crest Wealth Management

*References (at least two (2) list names and contact phone numbers)

Paul Robins, Executive Director Monterey County Resource Conservation District

Christopher Bunn, Chair, Board of Directors, Salinas River Management Unit Association
Donna Meyers

Education

Masters in City and Regional Planning (MCRP) • California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo. Masters Focus: Coastal and Environmental Planning. 1993

Bachelor of Arts • Biology • University of California Santa Cruz. 1988

Donna Meyers has worked in natural resource and watershed conservation and management for over 20 years and has served on local, state, and federal expert panels for issues such as water quality, watershed protection, and watershed management and serves as a guest lecturer at UC Santa Cruz, San Jose State University and De Anza College.

Experience

2012k Current. Principal, Conservation Collaborative. Provide conservation planning services for multi benefit watershed scale projects and programs focused on water quality and water supply, flood management, habitat restoration, endangered species, and public access. Serves as the consulting Executive Director of the Salinas River Management Unit Association, LLC. for Salinas Stream Maintenance Program.

2006k 2012. Director of Conservation Programs, Big Sur Land Trust. Directed all acquisition, conservation planning, restoration and financing for land trust projects and programs.

2004k 2006. West Coast Regional Water Quality Coordinator NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program. Manage the development and implementation of water quality protection plans for five national marine sanctuaries located on the west coast.

2000k 2004. Environmental Analyst, City of Santa Cruz. Project manager for environmental projects and programs focusing on watershed protection, water quality, and endangered species including manager to develop a Habitat Conservation Program. Served as Project Director for the San Lorenzo Urban River Plan and flood management implementation.

1994k 2000. Executive Director, Coastal Watershed Council. Founded and served as Executive Director for nonprofit organization focusing on promoting watershed stewardship through volunteer monitoring programs, watershed planning and assessment, and watershed education and outreach.

Professional Associations

Member, Measure E Oversight Budgetary Committee, City of Santa Cruz – 2010 e current
President, Board of Directors, Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History – 2011 e current
Former Chair and Water Commissioner, City of Santa Cruz – 2010e 2014
Central Coast Representative, California Watershed Advisory Committee, 2007e 2008
Committee Charter and By-laws

Charge
The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide input and recommendations to the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency"). At the request of the Board, the Advisory Committee will provide input on groundwater sustainability plan development and implementation and Agency policies. The intent of the Committee is to provide community perspective and inclusive participation in the Agency.

The Advisory Committee will review and/or provide recommendations to the Board on groundwater-related issues that may include:

- Development, adoption or amendment of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP")
- Sustainability goals and objectives
- Monitoring programs
- Annual work plans and reports (including mandatory 5-year milestone reports)
- Modeling scenarios
- Inter-basin coordination activities
- Projects and management actions to achieve sustainability
- Community outreach
- Local regulations to implement Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA")
- Fee proposals
- General advisory

Brown Act, Open Process and Conflicts of Interest
1. Advisory Committee meetings are subject to the Brown Act. All meetings of the Advisory Committee are open to the public. The Advisory Committee shall adopt a schedule and location for regular meetings, and meeting agendas shall be posted in compliance with the Brown Act.
2. The Board will maintain an interested parties list, develop an application process, and make appointments to the Advisory Committee from time-to-time.
3. Members of the Advisory Committee are subject to all applicable conflict of interest laws including Government Code section 1090 and the California Political Reform Act. The Board shall adopt a conflict of interest code for the Advisory Committee.

Roles and Responsibilities

Agency Board of Directors

The Board commits to the value of the Advisory Committee and will consider Advisory Committee recommendations when making its policy decisions.

Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to incorporate community and stakeholder interests into consensus recommendations on SGMA implementation in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin for the Board to consider in its decision-making process.

Advisory Committee members represent the diverse interests of GSA-eligible agencies and groundwater users. The criteria for Advisory Committee members are to:

- Serve as a strong effective advocate
- Work collaboratively with others
- Commit time needed for ongoing discussions
- Collectively reflect diversity of interests
- Maintain Committee size to support focused deliberations

Sub-Committees

The Advisory Committee may establish ad hoc sub-committees to come together periodically to manage a specific task. Sub-committees would develop options for the Advisory Committee to contemplate and refine before sharing with the Board. Sub-committees would be small and focused on a particular task. Participants could be, but do not need to be, members of the Advisory Committee, would have expertise related to the sub-committee’s purpose, and would reflect a diversity of interests when possible. The Advisory Committee would define its scope and purpose.

An Engagement Sub-Committee could work with Agency staff and the facilitation team to develop and implement a communication and engagement plan. A Technical Sub-Committee could begin advising on development of the groundwater sustainability plan.

Facilitator

The facilitator will remain impartial toward the content of the issues under discussion. The facilitator will work with all the parties to ensure the process is credible, fair, and effective.

The facilitator will:

- Chair meetings of the Advisory Committee.
- In consultation with the staff, formulate the agenda and desired outcomes for the sessions, including developing a meeting work plan.
- Identify and synthesize points of agreement and disagreement.
- Assist in building consensus among participants.
- Work with members to ensure process and participation agreements are followed.
• Assure a fair, effective, and credible process, but remain impartial with respect to the outcome of the deliberations.

If a Committee member has a concern about bias, neutrality or performance of the facilitator, s/he should raise the concern first with the facilitator and then the General Manager or Legal Counsel.

Decision Making
To inform the Board's decision-making, the Advisory Committee will provide written recommendations on subjects that the Board assigns to the Advisory Committee. The recommendations will identify areas of agreement and disagreement.

The Advisory Committee will be consensus seeking. The Advisory Committee will strive to reach consensus on its recommendations. The definition of consensus spans the range from strong support to neutrality, to abstention, to "I can live with it," to "I will let this go forward." When unable to reach consensus on recommendations, the Advisory Committee will outline the areas of agreement and areas in which it does not agree, providing explanation to inform the Board's decision-making. Then, the Advisory Committee will forward this summary via the Agency staff to the Board. To comply with the Brown Act, the position of each Advisory Committee member on the points of consensus or summary will be noted in the Committee's records.

The Advisory Committee may request that one or more members present its recommendations to the Board, including areas of agreement and disagreement, consistent with Advisory Committee deliberations.

Membership
The initial membership of the Advisory Committee has been established as of March 9, 2017, by the Agency Board of Directors to include the members of the Collaborative Working Group (see Appendix A). The intent of the Advisory Committee is to provide broad participation and advice to the Board. Board members may serve on the Advisory Committee, but will encourage others to participate in the Advisory Committee to maximize participation from different interests and voices as outlined below. (Note, the number of Board Members serving on the Advisory Committee must be less than a Board quorum.) To facilitate effective meetings and manage group size, is no set limit on membership on the Committee will not exceed 25 members. Each seat has a primary representative and an alternate.

The Advisory Committee will manage its membership and composition, and the Agency Board of Directors may make appointments from time-to-time after receiving Advisory Committee recommendations and corresponding applications from Interested parties to serve on the Committee. Organizations that hold seats on the Advisory Committee select their representatives (primary and alternate), which the Advisory Committee recommends to the Board for appointment. When an organization's representative is no longer able to serve, the organization will recommend a new representative to the Advisory Committee. If the organization withdraws from the Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee will identify another organization and corresponding representative to fill that interest-based seat and recommend the organization to the Board for appointment. If a stakeholder seat, not affiliated with an organization becomes vacant, the Advisory Committee will solicit applications for the seat and then make a recommendation for the stakeholder's replacement to the Board.
The Advisory Committee strives to include a range of interests in groundwater in the Salinas Valley and outlined in the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act. Advisory Committee members live in the Salinas Valley or represent organizations with a presence or agencies with jurisdiction in the Salinas Valley groundwater basin, including:

- All Groundwater Users
- County and City Governments
- Planning Departments / Land Use
- Local Landowners
- Disadvantaged Communities
- Business and Agriculture
- Rural Residential Well Owners
- Environmental Uses
- Water Supply and Management Surface Water Users (if connection between surface and ground water)

The Advisory Committee, at this time, does not include representatives from:

- Tribes
- Federal Government

**Organization and Functions**

The facilitator will convene each meeting as service as the "chair" of the meeting. The facilitator will preside over the conduct of Advisory Committee meetings in conformance with the posted agenda. A leader shall be chosen for any established sub-committees.

All Committee meetings shall provide for public comment in conformance with the Brown Act, including non-agenda public comment and public comment on individual agenda items. Public Comment will generally be limited to 3 minutes, but the time may be adjusted based upon meeting circumstances. Special and Emergency meetings need not provide for non-agenda public comment, but such comment may be allowed in the Advisory Committee's discretion.

**Process Agreements**

To conduct a successful process, the parties agree to the procedures that the Committee will use as well as define individual behaviors or ground rules.

- **Everyone agrees to negotiate in good faith.** All participants agree to participate in decision making, to act in good faith in all aspects of this effort and to communicate their interests during meetings. Good faith also requires that parties not make commitments they do not intend to follow through with, and that parties act consistently in the meetings and in other forums where the issues under discussion in these meetings are also being discussed.

- **Everyone agrees to address the issues and concerns of the participants.** Everyone who is joining in the Advisory Committee is doing so because s/he has a stake in the issue at hand. For the process to be successful, all the parties agree to validate the issues and
concerns of the other parties and strive to reach an agreement that takes all the issues under consideration. Disagreements will be viewed as problems to be solved, rather than battles to be won.

✓ **Agreements stand even if representatives change.** If an organization changes its representatives, organizations commit to a thorough debriefing of new representatives including with the facilitator. New representatives agree to uphold previous agreements reached.

✓ **Everyone agrees to inform their leadership and constituents about the outcome of the facilitated discussions.** Meeting scheduling will allow for participants to inform and seek advice from their leadership, constituents, attorneys, and scientific advisors about the discussions and negotiated outcomes. Participants can express conditional support to an agreement, but will need to solicit input and support in their organization or interest group caucus before reaching final agreement.

✓ **Everyone agrees to attend all the meetings to the extent possible.** Continuity of the conversations and building trust are critical to the success of the Advisory Committee. Participants are encouraged to turn off cell phones and focus on the issue at hand. Every effort will be made to accommodate the schedule of the participants. GSA staff or the facilitator will coordinate the meeting schedule.

✓ **Everyone agrees that parties can meet with other organizational or interest group members.** Advisory Committee members may find it helpful to caucus or meet with other organizations or interest group members and to consult with constituents outside of the meeting or to talk privately with other meeting participants. Participants or the facilitator can request a caucus. Participants agree to use caucuses as a tool to move agreements forward and explore topics of concern. The facilitator may attend and consult with parties during caucus discussions.

**Participation Agreements**
The facilitator and participants will work together to create a problem-solving environment and to implement these agreements to that aim.

**Use Common Conversational Courtesy**

**All Ideas and Points of View Have Value**
All ideas have value in this setting. We are looking for innovative ideas. The goal is to achieve understanding. Simply listen, you do not have to agree. If you hear something you do not agree with or you think is "silly" or "wrong," please remember that the purpose of the forum is to share ideas.

**Be Honest, Fair, and as Candid as Possible**
Help others understand you and work to understand others.

**Avoid Editorials**
It will be tempting to analyze the motives of others or offer editorial comments. Please talk about your own ideas and thoughts. Avoid commenting on why you believe another participant thinks something.

**Honor Time and Be Concise**  
People's time is precious; treat it with respect.

**Think Innovatively and Welcome New Ideas**  
Creative thinking and problem solving are essential to success. "Climb out of the box" and attempt to think about the problem in a new way.

**Invite Humor and Good Will**

**Be Comfortable**  
Please feel help yourself to refreshments or take personal breaks. If you have other needs please inform the facilitator.

**Communication & Media**  
Agency staff will serve as primary contacts for all communication, outreach and media. At the request of the Agency Board of Directors, or staff, the Advisory Committee may advise on outreach and community engagement.

Advisory Committee members reserve freedom to express their own opinions to media representatives, but not the opinions of others. The temptation to discuss someone else's statements or position should be avoided. Participants can refer media inquiries to Committee members for individual comments.

If contacted by the press or an external party concerning the discussions, participants are asked to:

- Point out that they are not speaking on behalf of the Committee, unless specifically authorized by the Committee to do so.
- Present their views only and conscientiously refrain from expressing, characterizing, or judging the views of others.
- Avoid using the press as a vehicle for negotiation.

The facilitator will avoid speaking with the media.

**Amendments**  
The Advisory Committee can recommend future changes to the charter and by-laws. The Board may amend the charter and by-laws when needed using its decision-making guidelines.
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Public Outreach Meetings
GSP Development
10723.2. CONSIDERATION OF ALL INTERESTS OF ALL BENEFICIAL USES AND USERS OF GROUNDWATER

The groundwater sustainability agency shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans.
• Understanding where people are and what they want will direct our actions
• Inclusion and diversity produce better results
• Doing it together is the right, though difficult, thing to do.
Meetings and Participation

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Approximate 115 heard presentation (over lap counted)
Outreach

• Over 800 direct invites
  • GSA E-mail lists
  • Picked up by other lists

• Monterey Weekly Published

• Article in Herald

• Need to further Social Media presence
FORCES OF CHANGE & THE IMPORTANCE OF NARRATIVE
Narrative Findings

- Where you are in the Valley defines your water story
  - Yet more and more companies farm all over the Valley

- Old disagreements on water management drive new narrative
  - Paradox of “Leave me alone” vs. “We need to work together”

- Overarching dissatisfaction with current practices
  - Who pumps when and where
  - River management not acceptable
  - Deferred maintenance is unacceptable (dams CSIP)
  - Well moratoria in 180/400

- Desire to change the narrative exists Valley wide
  - Drought impacts fully present in the “new story”
Sustainability Definition is Locally Driven

- Locals define what is unacceptable
- Locals define what the groundwater basin should look like in 20 years
  - What improvements would you like compared to current conditions?
  - How do today’s conditions compare to what is unacceptable?

This is all accomplished through locally defined Sustainable Management Criteria
Review of Sustainability Management Criteria Terms

Minimum Thresholds
Measurable Objectives
Undesirable Results
Chronic Lowering of Groundwater levels

- Many comments focused on pre-drought to post-drought
  - Water levels okay in 2010-12 – not okay in 2015-16
  - Hydrologically that is a very narrow window

- Many comments that the river effects groundwater levels
  - Consistent expressions of dissatisfaction with how the river and reservoirs are operated in relation to water rights and water levels

- Significant concerns about well levels
  - Some areas wells cannot be lowered
  - Levels must include a buffer that protects wells from running dry

- Balance water levels for all users
  - Hydrogeology is very different throughout the valley
Seawater Intrusion

• Stop seawater where it is – do not let it get worse
  • Need to understand the costs associated with holding the line

• Push the seawater front back if possible
  • Desirable but only in the sense of economic reality

• Treat seawater where it exists
  • Process brackish water for reinjection

• Develop or improve projects to address intrusion
  • Maximize or rebuild the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project
  • Provide water injection to halt or manage intrusion
  • Concern of other valley water being used to address problem

• Who pays?
  • Multiple comments that water users in the area should pay for solutions
Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water

• River Management – front and center
  • Clear River Channel
  • Use the river for mutual benefit by understanding the hydrology and using that knowledge to provide water for storage
  • Protect the habitat for steelhead trout
  • Excessive pumping adjacent to river – this gives South County benefit and decreases water flows in the rest of the river
  • Reservoir releases need to acknowledge water rights and practical realities
Degraded Groundwater Quality

• SGMA says do nothing that reduces water quality
  • Does not address serious water quality issues

• Concern over role of Water Quality Control Board and GSP’s
  • Water quality is largely a Water Quality Control Board area
  • Many comments concerning coordination of parallel processes

• Drinking water quality is a real issue for small communities
  • Must maintain drinking water standards
  • Nitrates - heavy metals
  • Concern that lower groundwater levels create concentration of harmful chemicals

• Understand which wells are contaminated
Subsidence

- Limited area of interest to the Valley – More Central Valley
- Concern that any amount of subsidence is undesirable
- Avoid impacting land use or property values
- What about wetland subsidence?
Reduction of Groundwater Storage

• Need all of the storage we can get
• Need to understand Valley Hydrology and Geology to identify areas for potential new groundwater storage areas
• Need stored water for food safety, growth and climate change
• Preference for storage of water in the ground vs. new dams
Questions - Comments