



## Council Agenda Report

**From:** Dick McKinley, Public Works Director

**Subject:** Appointing a Representative and Alternate to the Atascadero Basin GSA Executive Committee

**Date:** June 6, 2017

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### Facts

1. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires the creation of Groundwater Sustainable Agencies (GSA) and Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) to manage groundwater in basins that are medium or high priority.
2. On May 2, 2017 the City held a public hearing and approved a resolution to join other parties in creating a GSA for the Atascadero Sub-basin of the Salinas Basin.
3. On May 2, 2017 the City also approved a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that establishes the GSA, identifies a schedule for the parties to share costs, creates an Executive Committee to manage the GSA, and establishes weighted voting percentages.
4. Section 4.1.1 of the MOA calls for each party, including the City of Paso Robles, to appoint an elected official as the City's Representative and another elected official as the City's Alternate Representative to the Executive Committee.
5. The term of this appointment is up to the appointing body (the City Council). The Council can change its representative or alternate whenever desired. The Executive Committee meetings shall be at least quarterly and take place within the Atascadero Sub-basin. There is no stipend for serving on the Executive Committee.

### Options

1. Do nothing – take no action now and make the appointments at a later meeting;
2. Appoint Council Member John Hamon as the City's Representative, and Mayor Steve Martin as the City's Alternate Representative on the Atascadero GSA Executive Committee;
3. Appoint other elected officials to these positions.

### Analysis and Conclusions

Option 1 – the approved MOA calls for the City to make appointments to the Executive Committee of the Atascadero GSA. Those appointments should be made before the first meeting of the Executive Committee, which is expected to be in July.

Option 2 – Council Member Hamon and Mayor Martin have been representing the Council in a number of conversations with the City of Atascadero, the Templeton CSD, and the Atascadero Mutual Water Company to discuss the status of the responses to SGMA. Council Member Hamon and Mayor Martin have attended specific training related to water law in the State of California.

Option 3 – the City Council has the option to appoint any of the other Councilmembers to the Atascadero GSA Executive Committee.

**Fiscal Impact**

There are no specific fiscal impacts of the appointment process for the GSA Executive Committee. The City will have expenses to pay the designated 22% share of costs for creating the GSP, which is significantly less than the impact would be if we had not agreed to work with the other parties and share these costs. If the Atascadero Basin remains a medium or high priority basin the cost of creating the GSP could be as high as \$500,000, with 22% of that being \$110,000.

**Recommendation**

Appoint Council Member John Hamon as the City's Representative and Mayor Steve Martin as the City's Alternate Representative on the Atascadero GSA Executive Committee.

**Attachments**

None.