



Council Agenda Report

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Subject: Appointing a Representative and Alternate to the Paso Robles Basin MOA Executive Committee

Date: September 7, 2017

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 August 15, 2017 the City approved a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that provides for the City of Paso Robles GSA to participate with the other GSAs in the SLO county portion of the Paso Robles Basin in preparing a GSP, identifies a schedule for the parties to share costs, creates an Cooperative Committee to manage the GSP process, and establishes weighted voting percentages.
3. Section 4.1 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 Cooperative Committee.
4. 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 Cooperative Committee meetings shall be at least quarterly. There is no stipend for serving on the Cooperative 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 Paso Robles Basin MOA Cooperative 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 Cooperative Committee per the Paso Robles Basin MOA. Those appointments should be made before the first meeting of the Cooperative Committee, which is expected to be in the fall of 2017.

Option 2 – Council Member Hamon and Mayor Martin have been representing the Council in a number of conversations with other parties in the Paso Robles Basin regarding 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. Council Member Hamon and Mayor Martin have been appointed to serve on the Atascadero Basin GSA, so this appointment to the Paso Robles Basin MOA Cooperative Committee will help with consistency.

Option 3 – the City Council has the option to appoint any of the other Councilmembers to the Paso Robles Basin MOA Cooperative 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 15% 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 Paso Robles Basin remains a high priority basin the cost of creating the GSP could be about \$500,000, with 15% of that being \$75,000.

Recommendation

Appoint Council Member John Hamon as the City's Representative and Mayor Steve Martin as the City's Alternate Representative on the Paso Robles Basin MOA Cooperative Committee.

Attachments

None.