

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday July 14, 2004 7:00 PM

## NACIMIENTO INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

**MEETING LOCATION: PASO ROBLES LIBRARY/CITY HALL  
CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET**

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### CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Councilmembers Gary Nemeth, Jim Heggarty, and Mayor Frank Mecham  
Absent: Councilmembers George Finigan and Duane Picanco

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ted Gilbert spoke about the need for additional water sources.

### DISCUSSION

#### 1. The Nacimiento Water Project

J. App, City Manager

An informational workshop for the community to discuss the Nacimiento Water Project.

Mayor Frank Mecham announced that the workshop is to review the Nacimiento Water Project. Additionally, a presentation will be made of the proposed desalination plant by Barton Construction and Parson/Brinckerhoff.

City Manager Jim App reviewed the purpose and format of the Workshop. He indicated that a variety of agencies would be providing the City with information on the Nacimiento Water Project.

Tim Cleath (Cleath and Associates) made a presentation on the current health of the Paso Robles Ground Water Basin.

Christine Ferrera and Paavo Ogren (County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department) presented an overview of the history of the project, the different alternatives that have been considered, the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and the financial impacts of the project.

Ronnie Barton (Barton Construction), Jim Jensen and Dan Johnson (representing Parson/Brinckerhoff) made a presentation proposing the development of a desalination plant.

John Moss (City of San Luis Obispo Utilities Director) and Ken Weathers (Atascadero Mutual Water Company) cited reasons their respective cities chose the Nacimiento Water Project.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Joy Sprague, Pete Cagliereo, William Standifer, Gary Koontz, Bruce Greer, Steve Sylvester, Mike Weber, Roger Tighe, Sue Harvey, Courtney Howard, Robert Strahan, Dale Gustin, and Neil Olsen. There were no further comments from the public either written or oral and the public discussion was closed.

City staff and agency representatives responded to questions posed by the public and City Council.

*By general consensus, Council adjourned from regular session at 10:10 PM.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** to THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2004, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET.

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Catherine M. David, Deputy City Clerk  
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