

# ATASCADERO BASIN

Groundwater  
Sustainability Agency



## Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2022  
Meeting Time: 4:30 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Templeton CSD Board Meeting Room  
206 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Templeton, California 93465

or via Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Remote Meetings, Resolution 2022-06
5. Order of Business  
*Executive Committee members may request to change the order of business.*
6. Introductions
7. General Public Comments  
*The Executive Committee invites members of the public to address the committee on any subject that is within the purview of the committee and that is not on today's agenda. Comments shall be limited to three minutes.*

8. Consent Agenda

*The following items are considered routine and non-controversial by staff and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Executive Committee wishes an item removed. If discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by an Executive Committee member and will be considered separately. Questions or clarification may be made by the Executive Committee members without removal from the Consent Agenda. Individual items on the Consent Agenda are approved by the same vote that approves the Consent Agenda unless an item is pulled for separate consideration. Members of the public may comment on the Consent Agenda items.*

a. Minutes – March 9, 2022

9. Old Business:

10. New Business:

a. Proposition 1 Grant Amendment No. 2

b. Request for Future Items

c. Next Meeting: to be determined

11. Informational Items

12. Adjournment

**ATASCADERO BASIN**

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TO: Executive Committee

FROM: GSA Staff/ John Neil, Atascadero Mutual Water Company

DATE: July 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 4, Remote Meetings Resolution

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-06 authorizing the Executive Committee to continue the use of remote teleconferencing for Executive Committee meetings.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Governor's Executive Orders relating to the relaxing of the Brown Act and permitting remote meetings during the COVID 19 Pandemic expired on September 30, 2021. However, in mid-September, the Governor signed AB 361 into law, providing options for local agencies to continue to hold meetings remotely, under certain circumstances.

AB 361 has amended Government Code Section 54953, adding a new subsection (e) that permits legislative bodies, when there is a proclaimed State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, to decide to authorize meeting remotely via teleconferencing as a result of the emergency. To do so, a resolution would need to be adopted in which the legislative body finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, or that State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

Resolution 2022-06 has been drafted for your consideration, and if adopted, would be valid for thirty (30) days. If the State of Emergency remains active after that 30 day period, the Executive Committee may act to renew its resolution authorizing remote teleconferenced meetings by passing another resolution which includes findings that the State of Emergency declaration remains active, the local agency has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency, and the local agency has either identified: A) ongoing, direct impacts to the ability to meet safely in-person, or B) active social distancing measures as directed by relevant state or local officials.

Resolution 2022-06 has been drafted to include findings based upon a determination that as a result of the proclaimed State of Emergency in California due to the COVID-19

pandemic, and its continued spread in San Luis Obispo County through the Delta and Omnicron variants of SARS-CoV-2, which is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others, holding meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

If the Resolution 2022-06 is not adopted, the Executive Committee should adjourn the meeting immediately after this item, and consideration for the remaining agenda items should be postponed until the next Executive Committee Meeting is held in person, pursuant to the Brown Act.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Resolution 2022-06 – Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings

## RESOLUTION 2022-06

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ATASCADERO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MAKING FINDINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AB 361 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e), AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE ATASCADERO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency in the State of California pursuant to Government Code Section 8625 as a result of the threat of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, in March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20. These orders suspended certain elements of the Brown Act and specifically allowed for legislative bodies as defined by the Brown Act to hold their meetings entirely electronically with no physical meeting place. On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which provided that the provisions in Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain elements of the Brown Act would continue to apply through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which added subsection (e) to Government Code section 54953 of the Brown Act, and makes provision for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS a required condition of AB 361 is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the State caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS there has been a significant increase in COVID-19 cases in San Luis Obispo County due primarily to the Delta and Omnicron variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Emerging evidence indicates that the Delta and Omnicron variants are far more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and can be spread even by fully vaccinated individuals; and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee now desires to adopt a Resolution finding that the requisite conditions exist for the legislative bodies of the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as defined in the Brown Act, to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Committee of the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency as follows:

1. The above recitals are true, correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The Executive Committee of the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby determines that as a result of the proclaimed State of Emergency in California due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and its continued spread in San Luis Obispo County and

Templeton through the Delta and Omnicron variants of SARS-CoV-2, which is far more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others, holding meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

- 3. The staff and legislative bodies of the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, continuing to conduct open and public remote teleconferencing meetings in accordance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) thirty (30) days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e), or such time that the Executive Committee adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Atascadero Basin GSA on July 20, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:  
 NOES:  
 ABSENT:  
 ABSTAIN:

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*Robert Jones, Chairperson*

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Secretary’s Certification

I, Rob Rossi, Secretary of the Atascadero Basin GSA Executive Committee, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy entered into the Minutes of the Meeting of July 20, 2022, at which time a quorum was present, and no motion to amend or rescind the above resolution was made.

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*Rob Rossi, Secretary*

# ATASCADERO BASIN

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## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, March 9, 2022

The Executive Committee (Committee) of the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) was held at the Templeton Community Services District board room and via teleconference on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairperson Robert Jones called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Present in person at the Committee meeting were Voting Members Robert Jones, Navid Fardanesh, Rob Rossi, and Susan Funk. A quorum (minimum of 4 voting representatives) of the Committee was established. Voting members Debbie Arnold, John Hamon, and non-voting member Tom Mora were absent.

### Meeting Attendees:

<u>Atascadero Mutual Water Company</u> John Neil	<u>Templeton Community Services District</u> Jeff Britz	<u>G&amp;I Consultants</u> Mike Cornelius Lydia Holland
<u>GSI Water Solutions</u> Dave O'Rourke Nate Page		

Remote Meeting Resolution: Chairperson Jones introduced a Resolution No. 2022-04 authorizing the Executive Committee to continue the use of remote teleconferencing for Executive Committee meetings for the next 30 days.

*A motion was made by Member Rossi to adopt Resolution No. 2022-04 authorizing the Executive Committee to continue the use of remote teleconferencing for Executive Committee meetings for the next 30 days, seconded by Member Funk. Voice vote of Voting Members: Ayes – Jones, Fardanesh, Funk, Rossi. Nays – none. Motion carried.*

Order of Business: The Committee Members reviewed the order of the meeting's agenda and confirmed to conduct the meeting as presented in the agenda.

Introductions: None

General Public Comments: Chairperson Jones opened public comment and, seeing none, closed public comment.

### Consent Agenda:

Agenda 8.a: January 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes – The Committee reviewed the minutes from the January 19, 2022, meeting.

*A motion was made by Member Fardanesh to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Funk. The motion carried unanimously with Member Rossi abstaining.*

Old Business Agenda: (None)

New Business Agenda:

Agenda 10.a: Annual Report Approval – GSA staff member Neil introduced the item. Michael Cornelius of GEI provided the Committee with an overview of the first annual report required to be submitted to the Department of Water Resources by April 1, 2022, for the preceding water year (Oct 1, 2020 – Sep 30, 2021). Annual reports are required to be submitted by GSAs following submittal of their groundwater sustainability plans. A resolution was presented to the Committee to approve the annual report for the Atascadero Basin and authorize its filing with the California Department of Water Resources.

Member Funk asked if the pumping volumes used for the City of Paso Robles were for all water used by the city, or only the water being pumped from the Atascadero Basin. Michael Cornelius confirmed that the volumes were only for water being pumped from the Atascadero Basin. She asked about the groundwater extractions shown on Figure 20 near the intersection of Highways 46 and 101. Michael Cornelius informed her that the extractions were from the City of Paso Robles Thunderbird wellfield.

*A motion was made by Member Funk to adopt Resolution 2022-05 approving the annual report and authorizing its filing with the California Department of Water Resources, seconded by Member Rossi. The motion carried unanimously.*

Agenda 10.b: Request for Future Items – The Committee did not offer any suggestions for future agenda items.

Agenda 10.c: Next Meeting: The working group will convene and develop a schedule for future Executive Committee meetings.

Informational Items:

Member Funk informed the committee of work being performed by the City of Atascadero to upgrade its wastewater treatment facility. She described the challenges the City is facing in trying to meet the discharge requirements for total dissolved solids (TDS) established by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

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Rob Rossi, Secretary



**ATASCADERO BASIN***Groundwater  
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TO: Executive Committee

FROM: GSA Staff/ John Neil, Atascadero Mutual Water Company

DATE: July 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 10.a, Proposition 1 Grant Amendment No. 2

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve an amendment to the scope of work, schedule, and budget for the GSA's groundwater sustainability plan Proposition 1 grant as outlined in Attachment A.

**PREPARED BY:**

John Neil, Atascadero Mutual Water Company (AMWC)

**DISCUSSION:**

California voters approved Proposition 1 (AB 1471) which enacted the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Water Code §§ 79700 et seq.) (Act) that authorizes the issuance of bonds to finance, among other things, a Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program.

The Atascadero Basin GSA was awarded a Proposition 1 grant to prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Atascadero Basin on December 2, 2019. The grant funding offsets 50% of the GSP development costs. Table 1 shows the budget allocation as awarded under the grant for development of the GSP.

**TABLE 1**

<b>BUDGET ALLOCATION, GRANT AWARD</b>				
<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>GSA Cost Share</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent Cost Share</b>
A. Grant Administration	\$43,400	\$107,103	<b>\$150,503</b>	<b>71.2%</b>
B. Stakeholder Engagement	\$75,300	\$194,646	<b>\$269,946</b>	<b>72.1%</b>
C. GSP Development	\$690,550	\$549,009	<b>\$1,239,559</b>	<b>44.3%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$809,250</b>	<b>\$850,758</b>	<b>\$1,660,008</b>	<b>51.3%</b>

Table 2 shows the revised budget allocation under Grant Amendment No. 2.

**TABLE 2**

<b>BUDGET ALLOCATION, AMENDMENT NO. 2</b>				
<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>GSA Cost Share</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent Cost Share</b>
A. Grant Administration	\$25,450	\$54,550	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>68.2%</b>
B. Stakeholder Engagement	\$62,095	\$162,905	<b>\$225,000</b>	<b>72.4%</b>
C. GSP Development	\$721,705	\$633,303	<b>\$1,355,008</b>	<b>46.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$809,250</b>	<b>\$850,758</b>	<b>\$1,660,008</b>	<b>51.3%</b>

The work required to prepare the GSP is complete and the GSP was adopted by the Executive Committee on January 19, 2022. The GSP development work was completed under budget using the best available data and modeling tools. Table 3 shows the costs associated with GSP development through April 30, 2022.

**TABLE 3**

<b>GSP COSTS BILLED THROUGH 4/30/2022</b>			
<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>GSA Cost Share</b>	<b>Total</b>
A. Grant Administration	\$22,104	\$54,550	<b>\$76,654</b>
B. Stakeholder Engagement	\$54,182	\$162,905	<b>\$217,087</b>
C. GSP Development	\$512,776	\$466,155	<b>\$978,931</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$589,062</b>	<b>\$683,610</b>	<b>\$1,272,672</b>

Table 4 shows the budget variance as of April 30, 2022, in relation to the revised budget allocation under Amendment No. 2. There are approximately \$220,000 in unexpended grant funds.

**TABLE 4**

<b>BUDGET VARIANCE A/O 04/30/2022</b>			
<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>GSA Cost Share</b>	<b>Total</b>
A. Grant Administration	\$3,346	\$0	<b>\$3,346</b>
B. Stakeholder Engagement	\$7,913	\$0	<b>\$7,913</b>
C. GSP Development	\$208,929	\$167,148	<b>\$376,077</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$220,188</b>	<b>\$167,148</b>	<b>\$387,336</b>

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) informed GSA staff on June 20, 2022, that it would consider an amendment to the Proposition 1 grant agreement that would allow the GSA to expend remaining grant funds on costs related to GSP development beyond the grant agreement termination date of April 30, 2022.

Staff submitted a letter to the DWR on June 30, 2022, requesting that the DWR revise the grant agreement. The request identified additional GSP development work that could be undertaken to enhance the GSA’s understanding of the Atascadero Basin. Staff revised the request on July 8, 2022, based in input received from the DWR (see Attachment A).

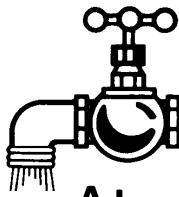
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The table below shows how expenditures under the grant amendment would be apportioned among the GSA participants under the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

<b>REMAINING EXPENSE ALLOCATION PER MOA</b>		
<b>Participant</b>	<b>MOA Allocation</b>	<b>Expense Share</b>
AMWC	43%	\$71,874
Atascadero City	1%	\$1,671
Paso Robles City	22%	\$36,773
SLOCO	16%	\$26,744
Small Systems	1%	\$1,671
TCSD	17%	\$28,415
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$167,148</b>

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. 07/08/2022 Grant Amendment Request Letter



## ATTACHMENT A

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# Atascadero Mutual Water Company

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July 8, 2022

State of California  
Department of Water Resources  
ATTN: Michael McGinnis  
3374 East Shields Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93726

Subject: Grant Agreement No. 4600012646, Amendment No. 2, Revised request

Dear Mr. McGinnis:

Atascadero Mutual Water Company (AMWC) hereby revises its request that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) amend the subject Proposition 1 grant awarded to AMWC for the development of a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) for Basin No. 3-004.11, Atascadero Area Groundwater Sub-basin of the Salinas Valley Basin (Atascadero Basin).

AMWC is requesting five amendments to the grant:

1. Amend Category (c) of the project work plan to include the work required to supplement the monitoring network to improve understanding of the groundwater basin and continued sustainable groundwater management. Some emphasis will be placed on collecting additional surface water and shallow groundwater data to support groundwater modeling efforts to better understand the surface water- groundwater interactions along the Salinas River.
2. Amend Category (c) of the project work plan to develop a basin-wide/basin specific hydrogeologic conceptual model for the Atascadero Basin. This is a critical step to develop a basin-wide model that reflects the latest basin boundary established in the 2016 Basin Boundary Modification and the additional information collected during the development of the GSP. The basin currently does not have a basin wide model. A portion of the Atascadero Basin is covered by an existing Paso Robles Basin groundwater model (which did not reflect the 2016 basin boundary modification). The refined model grid will be developed to provide improved understanding of basin boundaries and the surface-groundwater interaction along the Salinas River which plays a significant role in overall groundwater management of the basin.
3. Amend Category (c) of the project work plan to develop public data portals and coordinate on data between agencies in the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. A San Luis Obispo County wide web-based SGMA-focused Data Management System (DMS) was developed and deployed as part of the project. The local agency SGMA DMS framework deployed in San Luis Obispo County is continually being expanded and improved to support better data

management, data sharing and data transparency. Several improvements to the DMS have taken place since the San Luis Obispo County DMS has been deployed. As part of this activity, the latest version of the DMS will be deployed for the County. Additionally, the DMS will be populated with additional well data and groundwater level data from local agencies that are not currently in the DMS. An updated user's manual and training will be provided as part of this activity.

4. Amend Exhibit B, Budget, of the Grant Agreement per the table below.

**BUDGET ALLOCATION, AMENDMENT NO. 2**

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5. Amend Exhibit C, Schedule, of the Grant Agreement to allow completion of the work identified above per the table below.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE, AMENDMENT NO. 2**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
A. Grant Administration	01/01/2018	05/31/2023
B. Stakeholder Engagement	01/01/2018	03/31/2023
C. GSP Development	01/22/2018	03/31/2023

Respectfully,

John B. Neil, PE  
General Manager