

## **CRESTON ADVISORY BODY**

### Meeting Agenda

Creston Community Center

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 7:00 – 9:30 PM

Meetings scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month except December..

- 1) Call to Order – Flag Salute
- 2) CAB Recorder for this meeting – Roy Barba (next month will be Thomas Edel, or alternate?)
- 3) Minutes of the previous meeting(s) (5 min) (April 19<sup>th</sup>, Matt Lynge drafted)
- 4) Limited Public and/or CAB Member Comments for Items NOT on the agenda (2-3 min each)  
Including Community events and other items of interest.
  - a. CATCH grants and donations
- 5) Public Safety - Cal Fire, Sheriff, CHP, etc. – ~5 min. each  
Sheriff's Department - Deputy John McKenney  
Cal Fire - Fire Captain Ryan  
CHP - Lieutenant Chandler Stewart - Templeton Station
- 6) New Business – (45 min.)
  - a. SLO County Code Enforcement – Cynthia Alm – On May 4<sup>th</sup>, CAB invited this representative from Code Enforcement to attend this meeting to answer some of our questions. Still pursuing, she may come next month.
  - b. Should CAB send comments to PR Basin Cooperative Committee, regarding his “Draft Statement of Equity” for groundwater? Motion to send comments from CAB. See PR Basin Cooperative Committee draft Equity Statement attached.
  - c. Visiting Cal Poly students – Francesca McLaughlin & Gianni Greco – discussion of their survey results and provide additional input from CAB as necessary
- 7) Fifth District Supervisor Report–Supervisor Debbie Arnold or LA Kathleen Goble- Zoom maybe
- 8) Planning Department Update & Project Referrals - CAB Liaison-Lane Sutherland (30+ min).
  - a. Cannabis projects update – Jim Wortner & P&B liaison if present.
  - b. Chandler Ranch = CAB recommendation submitted to County – Sheila Lyons
- 9) Committee Reports/Next Steps (5-10 min each as needed) –
  - a. By-Laws – Sheila L. & Thomas E.
  - b. Elections – Sheila, Susan S. & Judy Blankenship (public) No action at this time.
  - c. Public Information – Roy Barba, Tom Edel & Mike Aarons, Kurt Almond A.
- 10) Treasurer's Report – (5 min) Roy Barba
- 11) Unfinished Business – (5 minutes) -
  - 12) Future meetings and agenda items- Next meeting June 21, 2023
  - 13) Adjournment by approximately 9:30 p.m.

DEPUTY JOHN MCKENNEY  
CALLS FOR SERVICE MARCH – MAY 2023

CIVIL PROBLEM	GOLDIE LANE
BURGLARY OF A BARN	WEBSTER ROAD
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARREST	HUER HUERO RD
ATTEMPTED PHONE SCAM	ODONOVAN RD
ALARM CALL	RYAN ROAD
ATTEMPTED INSURANCE SCAM	WEBSTER RD
MENTAL HEALTH CALL	KATA CREEK RD
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	ODONOVAN RD- THREE TIMES
LOOSE COW CALL	ODONOVAN RD
ALARM CALL	ROCKY CANYON
CHECK THE WELFARE	HUER HUERO RD
MENTAL HEALTH CALL	ROCKY CANYON RD - TWICE
LOST HORSE CALL	ODONOVAN RD
CIVIL ISSUE	KATA CREEK RD
TRESSPASS CALL	CALF CANYON

Reports of numerous sheep getting attacked by a dark colored German Shephard in the Creston area is being investigated by the Rural Deputy John Blank.

PASO BASIN COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
PROPOSED STATEMENT OF EQUITY  
FINAL DRAFT – OFFERED FOR ADOPTION  
April 28, 2023

Groundwater in the Paso Robles Subbasin is a shared resource that the GSAs that are party to this GSP seek to manage for the benefit of all Subbasin users, consistent with their rights under the California Constitution and state statutes. The management framework established by SGMA and this GSP is inherently focused on assuring both sustainable and equitable access to and use of this shared resource.

Sustainable management of a reliable groundwater supply is crucial to the ongoing health and wellbeing of our communities' residents and their economic interests, especially our valued agricultural economy – and also crucial to the natural environment upon which that economy depends.

The concept of equity is explicit in state statute. As noted on the State Water Resources Control Board website, in Water Code Section 106.3 “the state statutorily recognizes that ‘every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.’ The human right to water extends to all Californians, including disadvantaged individuals and groups and communities in rural and urban areas.”

Achieving equitable access to Subbasin groundwater faces several challenges:

- \* Users are located in diverse settings relative to the Subbasin's hydrogeology.
- \* Users' water supplies are managed in diverse jurisdictional settings (a city, a community services district, a county service area, small mutual water supply systems and individual wells in unincorporated rural areas).
- \* The Subbasin includes diverse land use patterns, including highly urbanized areas, rural residential lots, and both small and large irrigated agricultural operations, some of which include commercial facilities such as wineries, tasting rooms and lodging.
- \* Within irrigated agricultural operations – which collectively use the vast majority of groundwater – there is currently wide variation in the amount of irrigation water applied (acre- ft/acre), depending on crop type and cultural practice.
- \* The economic resources of individual Subbasin users vary widely.
- \* As stated in Water Code Section 10720.5, no action under SGMA can alter groundwater rights as determined under California common law or statute.

The central premise of SGMA is that the Subbasin's groundwater is sustainably managed and reasonably accessible to all users. Management actions in this GSP will be developed to seek equity in light of the diverse conditions noted.

Equity in achieving these goals requires that no user is precluded from maintaining reasonable access to groundwater because they lack financial resources. For example, the management objectives and minimum thresholds outlined in this GSP (Chapter 8) admit the possibility of shallow wells going dry. Such wells often serve disadvantaged residential communities and users who may be challenged to pay for improvements like deepening the well or drilling a new one.

Issues of equity should also be addressed in the distribution of water used for irrigation on different crop production sites. All GSP management efforts (supply enhancement, demand reduction, use allocations) should provide equitable opportunity for all land owners to participate and provide equitable allocation of costs and incentives.

All GSAs responsible for the development and administration of this GSP agree that the management actions established for the Paso Robles Subbasin will uphold the principles of equity outlined above.

**Added below by Sheila as a point of reference:**

CA SGMA Act of 2014

Water Code Section: 10720.5

(a) Groundwater management pursuant to this part shall be consistent with Section 2 of Article X of the California Constitution. Nothing in this part modifies rights or priorities to use or store groundwater consistent with Section 2 of Article X of the California Constitution, except that in basins designated medium- or high priority basins by the department, no extraction of groundwater between January 1, 2015, and the date of adoption of a groundwater sustainability plan pursuant to this part, whichever is sooner, may be used as evidence of, or to establish or defend against, any claim of prescription.

(b) Nothing in this part, or in any groundwater management plan adopted pursuant to this part, determines or alters surface water rights or groundwater rights under common law or any provision of law that determines or grants surface water rights.