



Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EPCGSA)

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 08, 2025

Windfall Farms Conference Room, 4710 Flying Paster Lane, Paso Robles

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:00PM by Hilary Graves

Directors Roll Call:

Dana Merrill – present
Jerry Reaugh – present
Hilary Graves – present
Lee Nesbitt - present
Ryan Scott - present

Others present:

Alan Doud
Eric Pooler
Guests (in person and by teleconference)

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to public comment, Hilary Graves made a statement regarding Public Comment guidelines. No public comment presented. Public comment included Murray Powell acknowledging the open discussion format. Lee Knudtson commented on the use of Prop 26 by other GSPs to fund administrative functions. Murray Powell further commented that if PRAGA's purpose is to implement the GSP, projects will be needed but unfunded by a Prop 26.

ITEM 3: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING MINUTES made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, voice vote, motion passed 5-0.

ITEMS 4: CONSIDER VOTE ON LAFCO ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT SEAT

Board consensus was to not submit a ballot due to unfamiliarity with the candidates. MOTION TO PASS ON VOTING FOR THE LAFCO ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT SEAT made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Hilary Graves, voice vote, passed 5-0.

ITEM 5: AFFIRM NOTIFICATION LETTER TO SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE GSP

Jerry Reaugh summarized the history of the GSP adoption process. The District understood at the time of GSA formation that adoption was part of that process. Murray Powell pointed out that there have been amendments to the GSP and which is being adopted? MOTION TO AFFIRM NOTIFICATION LETTER TO SAN LUIS

OBISPO COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE GSP made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Ryan Scott, roll call vote:

Dana Merrill – yes
Jerry Reaugh – yes
Lee Nesbitt – yes
Ryan Scott – yes
Hilary Graves – yes

Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 6: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD VACANCY

Due to the resignation of Jerry Reaugh effective October 11, 2025, there is a vacant seat on the Board. MOTION TO APPOINT A DIRECTOR TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Dana Merrill, roll call vote:

Dana Merrill – yes
Lee Nesbitt – yes
Hilary Graves – yes
Ryan Scott – yes
Jerry Reaugh – yes

Motion passed 5-0.

Jerry Reaugh made a statement regarding his resignation after working on Basin issues since 2012, and made a presentation of thoughts on moving forward with Basin sustainability and the District relationship with PRAGA, suggesting withdrawal if reforms are not considered. Hilary Graves (and the Board), Patricia Wilmore, and Murray Powell all thanked Jerry Reaugh for his service.

ITEM 7: REPORT ON WRAC MEETING OCTOBER 1, 2025

Lee Nesbitt report on the single-item meeting and its primary topic: SLO County desalination project. The County is currently reviewing multiple potential sites and the expected timeline is 10-15 years to fruition.

ITEM 8: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SERVICES AVAILABLE FROM REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Ashley Metzger of Regional Government Services attended the meeting remotely and took the opportunity to introduce herself and the firm. The discussion included how working with RGS could benefit EPCWD in terms of offering executive director services, possibly hybrid with existing staff. Hilary Graves and Ryan Scott will serve in an ad hoc capacity to look at the District's needs, possibly coordinating with Shandon-San Juan Water District, and develop a list to provide to RGS.

ITEM 9: TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025

Jerry Reaugh summarized the report.

ITEM 10: CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF PRAGA DIRECTOR

Hilary Graves was proposed as the PRAGA Director representative, with Dana Merrill as alternate until the end of his term in December. MOTION TO APPOINT HILARY GRAVES AS PRIMARY AND DANA MERRILL AS

ALTERNATE (UNTIL TERM EXPIRATION IN DECEMBER 2025) made by Ryan Scott, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, roll call vote:

- Dana Merrill – yes
- Jerry Reaugh – yes
- Hilary Graves – yes
- Lee Nesbitt – yes
- Ryan Scott – yes

Motion passed 5-0

ITEM 11: NEW BUSINESS

Eric Pooler was welcomed as our newly confirmed appointed director with his term to begin December 5, 2025.

ITEM 12: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2025

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, voice vote:

Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:

Dana Merrill, President

Date