

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Workshop Minutes May 27, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. City of Yucaipa, 34272 Yucaipa Boulevard, Yucaipa, California

- I. Call to Order - Chairman Mark Iverson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Roll Call - The following representatives, as assigned by each Party, attended the meeting:

Purveyors	Present	Primary Representative	Present	Alternative Representative
South Mesa Water Company	✓	David Armstrong	✓	George Jorritsma
South Mountain Water Company		Bob Martin		Rolland Moore
Western Heights Water Company	✓	Mark Iverson	✓	Tim Green
Yucaipa Valley Water District	✓	Joseph Zoba		Jennifer Ares
Municipals				
City of Redlands		Cecilia Griego		Kevin Watson
City of Yucaipa		Ray Casey		Fermin Preciado
Regionals				
San Bernardino Valley MWD		Bob Tincher	✓	Matt Howard
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	✓	Jeff Davis		Leonard Stephenson
Stakeholders				
County of Riverside		Steve Horn		Jeff Johnson
County of San Bernardino		Bob Page		
City of Calimesa		Bonnie Johnson		

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present to start the meeting.

- III. Introductions of Board Members and Public Participants - In addition to the Board of Directors identified above, the following members of the public attended the meeting:
 - Madeline Blua - Yucaipa Valley Water District
 - Mike Podegracz - Charles Abbott Associates / City of Yucaipa
 - Matt Palavido - Dudek
 - George Ruiz - Leighton Consulting
 - Steve Stuart - Dudek
- IV. Public Comments – None.

V. Discussion Items

A. COVID-19 Update

Matt Howard discussed the teleconference procedure to comply with the Open Meeting requirements of the State of California.

B. Status Report on Activities Related to the Preparation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Steve Stuart reported that Dudek received files from the USGS in April pertaining to the watershed model and the groundwater model. The simulation period is from January 1947 to December 2014. The model consists of four model layers and newly proposed subbasin boundaries have been developed and recommended by the USGS for the Yucaipa Basin.

Steve Stuart reported that the Department of Water Resources has identified 37 Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems covering about 545 acres in the Yucaipa Basin area. The Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Plan will conduct a validation of the initial assessment by the Department of Water Resources for the appropriate delineation of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems. The preliminary analysis indicates that fifteen areas could be designated as Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems with possibly six more areas.

Steve Stuart reported on land use changes in the Yucaipa Basin area and how these changes will be evaluated in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

C. Status Report on Data Management System Development

Steve Stuart reported that the Data Management System will conduct an initial kick-off meeting in June 2020 with representatives from each agency.

D. Status Report on the Stream Monitoring Locations

Matt Palavido reported that the City of Redlands is currently working with the Department of Water Resources on an encroachment permit for a proposed streambed gauging station.

E. Discussion of Grant opportunities for the Yucaipa SGMA

Steve Stuart reported on potential grant opportunities that are expected to be extremely competitive with potential awards in late 2021 or early 2022.

F. Status Report on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Grant and Financial Status

Matt Howard reported on the completion and submittal of the 5th quarterly report to the Department of Water Resources. The Groundwater Sustainability Plan activities are currently 42% complete.

G. Discussion item on Reviewing Draft Chapters 1 and 2

Steve Stuart reported that draft copies of Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 will be available by the end of July 2020. Steve Stuart recommended distributing chapters for review but holding comments until the full report is available. Comments will be forwarded to Matt Howard to identify and compile the various comments submitted by each agency.

H. Discussion Regarding the Scheduling of the First Public Meeting

The first public meeting is currently scheduled for November 18, 2020.

VI. Topics for Future Meetings - Suggested meeting dates are provided below and will be adjusted based on the progress of each topic.

- Discussion regarding groundwater dependent ecosystems
- Discussion regarding potential recharge projects to be included in the groundwater model

VII. Comments by the Board of Directors - None

VIII. Announcements - The next meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

IX. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.