

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**Workshop Meeting
August 26, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.**

Online Teleconference Meeting

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	✓	Lance Eckhart	✓	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.

In addition to the Board of Directors identified above, the following members of the public were registered as attending the meeting:

- Madeline Blua - Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Derek Hoffman, Gresham Savage / South Mesa Water Company
- Joyce McIntire - Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Mike Podegraz - Charles Abbot Associates / City of Yucaipa
- Steve Stuart - Dudek

III. Public Comments – None.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. July 22, 2020 - Board Meeting

Bob Tincher moved to approve the minutes for July 22, 2020.

Fermin Preciado seconded the motion.

South Mesa Water Company	Abstain
South Mountain Water Company	Yes
Western Heights Water Company	Yes
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Yes
City of Redlands	Absent
City of Yucaipa	Yes
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Yes
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Absent

V. Discussion Items

A. COVID-19 Update

Matt Howard provided information about the current status of COVID-19 and the need to continue to conduct online meetings.

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

- Consideration of the Proposed Management Zones for the Yucaipa Basin

Steve Stuart provided information and concepts to create four management areas in the Yucaipa Basin; North Bench Management Area; Western Heights Management Area; Calimesa Management Area; and San Timoteo Management Area.

- Status Report on the Project List and Project Evaluation Forms

Steve Stuart suggested that the Yucaipa SGMA members begin to consider various projects to be included in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. A form will be developed by Dudek and discussed at a future meeting.

- Status Report on the Water Budget Development for the Yucaipa Basin

Steve Stuart shared data and plots that illustrated how water budgets can be used to assist with the management of the Yucaipa Basin.

- Discussion of the Sustainability Criteria for the Western Heights Management Area

Steve Stuart presented conceptual criteria for determining the sustainability of a groundwater basin. The criteria included: a sustainability goal; minimum thresholds for groundwater levels; identification of undesirable results; and measurable objectives with operational flexibility. The Western Heights Management Area was used as an example to illustrate how the criteria can be applied to the groundwater basin.

C. Discussion of Draft Chapters 1 and 2 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Chapter 1 was sent out in July 2020.

Chapter 2 is expected to be sent out in September 2020.

Chapters 3, 4, and 5 will be sent out in the future.

D. Status Report on the SGMA Grant, Financial Status and Grant Opportunities

Matt Howard reported that the 6th quarterly report is currently being prepared through June 30, 2020.

E. Discussion Regarding the Scheduling of the First Public Meeting

The sustainable yield for the Yucaipa Basin and the Management Areas is expected to be delivered on October 31, 2020.

The first public meeting is planned to be conducted on November 18, 2020 as a Zoom meeting.

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 projects to be included in the groundwater model
- Discussion regarding the refinement of basin management areas
- Discussion regarding the development of sustainability criteria

VII. Comments by the Board of Directors

Dave Armstrong would appreciate distribution of presentation material in advance of the meeting.

VIII. Announcements - The next meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be a workshop on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

IX. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.