

**MINUTES  
OF  
THE  
GROUNDWATER COUNCIL**

**March 12, 2018**

**Registered Guests:**

Dave Cosgrove, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Mike Cory, City of Colton

John Mura, East Valley Water District

Greg Herzog, Riverside Public Utilities

Linda Jadeski, West Valley Water District

Miguel Guerrero, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

Greg Gage, West Valley Water District

Joe Zoba, Yucaipa Valley Water District

Daniel Cozad, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Jarb Thaipejr, City of Loma Linda

Tom Crowley, City of Rialto

Russ Handy, City of Loma Linda

Wen Huang, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Jeff Noelte, East Valley Water District

Ryan Shaw, Western Municipal Water District

Sam Fuller, Bear Valley Mutual Water Company

Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands

Parag Kalaria, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

Abe Saunders, Legal Counsel for Loma Linda University

Bob Tincher, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Cindy Saks, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Kaitlin Schulte, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Bill Kelly, Kelly Associates Management Group

The Groundwater Council meeting was called to order by Bill Kelly at 10:00 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District office, 380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino.

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was noted present.

## **Agenda Item 1. Regular Business.**

1. **Effective Date of the Agreement.** David Cosgrove stated that eight of the thirteen parties had approved the agreement. The seventh and eight parties both approved the agreement on February 27, 2018. Based on Section 1.1.7 of the agreement in the definition of the effective date, the Council's effective date will be February 27, 2018. Douglas Headrick thanked and dismissed Bill Kelly as task force facilitator.
2. **Regular Meeting Schedule.** David Cosgrove indicated that the group needed to set a regular meeting schedule. The group decided to meet on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, 380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, California.

Jarb Thaipejr moved approval of the regular meeting schedule set for the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. John Mura seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

3. **Nomination of President, Vice President and Secretary.** David Cosgrove indicated that the Council needed to elect officers for the Council.

Douglas Headrick moved to nominate Tom Crowley as President. Miguel Guerrero seconded. Jarb Thaipejr moved to nominate Douglas Headrick as President. The motion died for lack of a second. Tom Crowley was elected President by a unanimous vote.

Jarb Thaipejr volunteered for the office of Vice-President. Joe Zoba seconded. There being no other nominations, the voting proceeded. Jarb Thaipejr was elected Vice-President by a unanimous vote.

Daniel Cozad nominated Douglas Headrick as Secretary. Joe Zoba seconded. There being no other nominations, the voting proceeded. Douglas Headrick was elected Secretary by a unanimous vote.

4. **Rules of Proceeding, Committee Appointments.** President Crowley suggested forming a Budget Committee. He asked who wished to be on the Budget Committee. The City of San Bernardino, East Valley Water District (EVWD), and the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (SBVWCD), requested to be on the Budget Committee. Mr. Headrick moved approval of the slate. It was passed by the participants in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Crowley suggested forming a Governance Committee. He asked for interested participants. The City Rialto, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD), West Valley Water District (WVWD), Yucaipa Valley Water District (YVWD), and the City of Loma Linda indicated their interest in being on the Governance Committee.

Joe Zoba moved approval of the committees and participants. Miguel Guerrero seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

- 5. Fiscal Year Budget Committee.** Bob Tincher stated that as the Basin Technical Advisory Committee's Engineering Subcommittee has been working together to come up with the cost sharing methodology they started with generalized figures of \$4 million in water and \$1 million in Operations and Maintenance. He reported that the generalized numbers were reduced by \$1 million in total. They are using the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) to tell them how much State Water Project water is needed into the future. It will be updated every five years. So this year there is \$2.6 million in water using the UWMP into 2040. The SBVWCD put in their actual budget for Operations and Maintenance which is approximately \$900,000. Mr. Tincher stated that the Council needs to consider when to run the recalculation model again. The Budget Committee will discuss this topic at their first meeting along with discussion on having an account where money can be deposited and held. Daniel Cozad stated that the Operations and Maintenance has to fit within their rate structure because not everyone is in the Council. There will still be a groundwater charge for people who are not members of the Council.
- 6. Annual Groundwater Basin Report.** In the agreement it calls for an annual groundwater basin report. Mr. Cosgrove stated that in Section 5.1.6 of the agreement it contemplates the Basin Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC) will provide the technical support.

Douglas Headrick moved to request the BTAC to consider appointing their Engineering Subcommittee to perform the task for the Council. John Mura seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

**Agenda Item 2. Other Business.** Douglas Headrick stated that a Board member asked if there were alternates for the Council. Mr. Headrick consulted Mr. Cosgrove and Mr. Cosgrove thinks it is within the discretion of each agency under the agreement Section 3.4 which says that an agency can choose their own method of how they want to choose their representative and if they want to have an alternate. Mr. Cosgrove indicated that it would be helpful to have written confirmation by way of letter or email addressed to the President of the Council of who the designated representatives are. It will take 51 percent of the weighted vote to conduct a meeting but 80 percent of the weighted vote to change something. The agreement also allows for telephonic participation as well.

Jarb Thaipejr wanted to know if the Council needed to meet every month. Mr. Headrick indicated that it would be appropriate for the first year then the Council could meet quarterly or semi-annually.

President Crowley indicated that the next Council meeting will be on April 9, 2018.

Mr. Headrick thank all of the participants for their hard work to accomplish establishing the Council.

Tom Crowley thanked David Cosgrove and Daniel Cozad for their work.

Daniel Cozad thanked David Cosgrove for his work. Mr. Cosgrove will not be at every meeting unless specifically requested.

**Agenda Item 3. Adjournment.**

There being no further business, President Crowley adjourned the meeting 10:55 a.m.

<p><b>APPROVAL CERTIFICATION</b> I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing Minutes of the Groundwater Council.</p> <p><i>Douglas S. Neadnick</i> Secretary</p> <p>Date <u>4-9-18</u></p>
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Respectfully submitted,

*Lillian Hernandez*  
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Board Secretary