

**MINUTES
OF
THE
GROUNDWATER COUNCIL**

April 9, 2018

Registered Guests:

Daniel Cozad, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Karly Garnor, Western Municipal Water District

Bob Tincher, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Katelyn Scholte, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Jesus Gastelum, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

Sam Fuller, Consultant for Bear Valley Mutual Water Company

Russ Handy, City of Loma Linda (7)

Miguel Guerrero, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (38)

Tom Crowley, City of Rialto (9)

Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands

Paul Toor, City of Redlands (21)

Bruce Mackenzie, MSG, Southern California Edison

Jennifer Ares, Yucaipa Valley Water District

Jarb Thaipejr, City of Loma Linda

Wen Huang, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Douglas Headrick, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Cindy Saks, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Lillian Hernandez, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

The Groundwater Council meeting was called to order by Tom Crowley at 10:03 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. Approval of Minutes.

1. March 12, 2018, Meeting.

Douglas Headrick moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018, Groundwater Council meeting. Miguel Guerrero seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Agenda Item 2. Regular Business.

1. Budget Committee.

A. **Presentation on Proposed Draft Budget and Approve Budget Policy Document.**

Daniel Cozad stated that the Draft Budget Committee Policy was provided in the packet. He indicated that John Mura and Miguel Guerrero had reviewed it. Mr. Cozad provide an updated table and map as handouts. The policy includes rules and practices for the Committee. Mr. Mura made a recommendation that when appointments are made, one appointment is a one-year term and the second appointment is a two-year term so there is an alternating schedule and one person will be carried over each time. The Budget Committee will elect the Chair and communicate that election to the President of the Groundwater Council (GC). They will have meetings which include telephonic and in-person meetings. The Committee will set its own dates. To the extent possible, the Committee will let the full GC know of their meetings so if anyone wants to attend they can. The Budget Development and Findings is the result of what the Committee will be undertaking. Table 1 identifies everything that goes into the development of the budget. The Committee will meet each November to make sure they have all of the information required. The Committee is recommending that the GC work one year in arrears. 2016 was the date that was developed for this year. If they don't do that, they will not have all of the data and information necessary to complete their task. The Committee recommendation is that the GC stay with the same approach as this year. Mr. Headrick requested that imported water get combined into the estimated Operation and Maintenance (O&M) costs. Mr. Cozad stated that there may be Attachment A1 & A2 which will be the water part and then all the costs. The Budget Committee will meet in November to make sure they have all of the necessary information and review it. This is where they integrate locations where people want water delivered to if they are a purchaser of that water. He will ask the Basin Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC) Engineering Committee to review the information. The Budget Committee at its first meeting in early March or late February would propose a budget. In the agreement there is a provision for administrative costs and none were proposed for this year. Mr. Mura felt strongly the Committee should make a determination every year that there are not administrative costs. They developed the Budget Process and Timing for the Committee. In October the Watermaster and staff would all collect the data that is outlined. In November there would be the preliminary water purchase and the O&M budgets would come together. In February the Budget Committee would meet and review the Equitable Allocation Model (EAM) and send out the preliminary budget to the GC for review. In February/March there would be a presentation to the GC. In April/May the GC would approve the budget formally. The recommendation of the Committee is to bill at the beginning of the year each year in July and collections are due 30 days thereafter with a request to the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary of the GC. There is a provision to allow for a budget change should it be needed due to changed circumstances. Cindy Saks reviewed the Collection and Payment section which includes how each of the entities would bill. San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) and the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

(SBVWCD) would bill slightly differently. This is the policy proposal from the Budget Committee to the GC that it is billed once a year and agencies pay it when they are billed. He indicated that if anyone had any other ideas to let him know. He would like to receive everyone's comments. The Budget Committee Chair will send an email and outline the options and preference. The Budget Committee proposes that SBVMWD invest the funds for water purchase in accordance with their investment policy. Mr. Headrick requested that the Budget Committee add monthly reports to the GC on the current balance by agency. Mr. Headrick will set-up a Governance Committee meeting with interested parties.

2. Agreement Approvals.

- A. Update on Agreement Approvals.** Douglas Headrick reported that he met with Paul Toor from the City of Redlands and he is working the GC agreement through their process. Mr. Headrick is scheduled to present the agreement to a Committee of the West Valley Water District (WVWD) Board on May 10th. Based on the result of that meeting, that will determine whether or not WVWD will be approving it. They appear to be willing to pay costs that are associated with their recharge even if they don't approve the agreement. Their reluctance to sign the agreement is not related to funding. President Crowley requested that all agencies send a letter to him or the Secretary with their appointees to the GC.

3. Imported Water Availability.

- B. Update on Imported Water Availability.** Douglas Headrick reported that the State Water Project modeling shows that the current 20 percent allocation can be maintained through June. Due to a recent storm there is a possibility it could increase to 25 percent. Bob Tincher is working on a tool to take the numbers when they become available and help the GC and others to do planning. At 25 percent there is no water for refilling the basin.

Agenda Item 3. Other Business.

The next regularly scheduled Groundwater Council Meeting will be on May 14, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, 380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408.

Agenda Item 4. Adjournment.

There being no further business, President Crowley adjourned the meeting 10:48 a.m.

APPROVAL CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing Minutes of the Groundwater Council.

Douglas A. Headrick
Secretary

Date 5/14/18

Respectfully submitted,



Lillian Hernandez
Board Secretary