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GROUNDWATER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020 - 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 856 5154 6434

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM

Bear Valley Mutual Water Company (0), City of Colton (3), City of Loma Linda (9), City of Rialto (12), East Valley Water District (9), Fontana Union Water Company (3), Loma Linda University (1), San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (54), San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (1), San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (0), West Valley Water District (8), Yucaipa Valley Water District (0)

INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Revised Delivery Plan – presented by the Operations Subcommittee (Page 6)*



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OLD BUSINESS

1. *Schedule Executive Team meeting to discuss request to classify Bear Valley Mutual Water Company State Water Project water deliveries to the City of Redlands as Groundwater Council deliveries.*

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Groundwater Council Meeting will be on October 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

**MINUTES
OF
THE
GROUNDWATER COUNCIL**

June 8, 2020

Registered Guests:

Daniel Cozad, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Katelyn Scholte, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Russ Handy, City of Loma Linda
Josh Swift, Fontana Union Water Company
Jeff Noelte, East Valley Water District
Tom Crowley, City of Rialto
Miguel Guerrero, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
Steve Miller, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
Warren Huang, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
Linda Jadeski, West Valley Water District
Nadia Loukeh, West Valley Water District
Leo Ferrando, Riverside Public Utilities
Michael Plinski, Riverside Public Utilities
Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands
Bob Martin, Bear Valley Mutual Water Company
Bob Tincher, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Wen Huang, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Matthew Howard, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Lillian Hernandez, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Cindy Saks, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District
Jennifer Ares, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Mike Kostelecky, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Kevin Watson, City of Redlands
Sam Fuller
Shane Sibbett, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Susan Allen

The Groundwater Council meeting was called to order by Tom Crowley at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference.

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum for voting purposes. The meeting proceeded with the following agenda items.

Agenda Item 1. Approval of Minutes.

1. April 13, 2020, Meeting.

Bob Tincher moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2020, Groundwater Council meeting. Jeff Noelte seconded. The motion was adopted by a roll-call vote.

Agenda Item 2. New Business.

1. Consider Updated Groundwater Council Costs Including West Valley Water District.

Mr. Crowley congratulated West Valley Water District on joining the Groundwater Council. Katelyn Scholte stated that the major changes to the allocation model are in regards to the O & M. After the first version of the Equitable Allocation Model (EAM) when agencies did not join, they did not calculate O & M costs of non-member agencies because O & M costs are based on actual costs. They went back to fiscal year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 versions of the calculation and re-distributed the total amount for O & M between all agencies including West Valley Water District. Those were the two changes so everyone but West Valley Water District gets a credit. Ms. Scholte will revise the voting weights based on the pre-correction numbers.

Daniel Cozad moved approval of the change in budget due to the addition of West Valley Water District and the repayment of their costs back to the beginning of the Groundwater Council and that voting weights be revised based on the pre-correction numbers. Miguel Guerrero seconded. The motion was adopted by a roll-call vote.

2. Bear Valley Mutual Water Company Request. Jeff Noelte stated that on April 13th at the Groundwater Council meeting, the Operations Committee was asked to meet and discuss a request from Bear Valley Mutual Water Company to classify 455 acre-feet of State Water Project Water taken in March as Groundwater Council deliveries. The Operations Committee agreed that this was a policy decision and should be dealt with separately from the classification of the water. There was discussion of whether re-classifying the water would impact how data was recorded or how delivery plans might be adjusted. The Operations Committee believed that they could make adjustments and changes to how things are classified. Bob Tincher indicated that changes were easily made until the end of the year. There was discussion of the timing of the City of Redlands joining the Groundwater Council. This item will move to the Governance or Policy

Committee for further discussion and will be brought back to the next Groundwater Council meeting.

Agenda Item 3. Other Business.

The next regularly scheduled Groundwater Council Meeting will be on August 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 4. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Chairman Crowley adjourned the meeting 10:39 a.m.

<p>APPROVAL CERTIFICATION I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing Minutes of the Groundwater Council.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Date _____</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Hernandez
Board Secretary

DATE: August 10, 2020
TO: San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council
FROM: Jeff Noelte, Chair of the Operations Subcommittee
SUBJECT: Consider Revised Delivery Plan for Groundwater Council Water

This year was dry, resulting in a 20% allocation of State Water Project (SWP) water. In response to the dry conditions and corresponding low allocation of SWP water, the Valley District Board is withdrawing 5,000 AF (maximum amount allowed, cost: additional extraction and delivery costs) from its storage in the Central Valley and is purchasing about 4,700 AF through the Yuba Accord (maximum available to Valley District, cost: about \$1.6 million). When these two sources of supply are added to the carryover from 2019, the region has a total of about 42,000 acre-feet of SWP water. This amount of SWP water could supply all of the 2020 SWP orders received by Valley District but would leave virtually no carryover to 2021. As a region, we have been trying to carryover between 10,000 and 15,000 AF each year to hedge against a low allocation the following year.

Valley District scheduled a Water Supply Contingency Workgroup (Workgroup) meeting to discuss this year's low SWP allocation. The Workgroup, which includes many of the same water agencies that are part of the San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council (SBB GC), continued to support giving priority to direct deliveries over recharge, per the *Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan*. The Workgroup also preferred having 10,000 AF of carryover to next year. These changes, recommended by the Workgroup, reduced the 2020 SBB GC recharge amount from about 20,000 AF to about 15,000 AF. The SBB GC will overcome recharge deficits during dry years, like this one, during wet years when large allocations of SWP water are available. That is the reason that the SBB GC consistently collects revenue each year so that the funds are available to order and recharge large quantities of SWP water in wet years.

The Operations Subcommittee is asking the SBB GC to consider the revised 2020 delivery plan which is based upon the 15,000 AF SBB GC recharge amount.

Recommendation:

Approve revised delivery plan for 2020

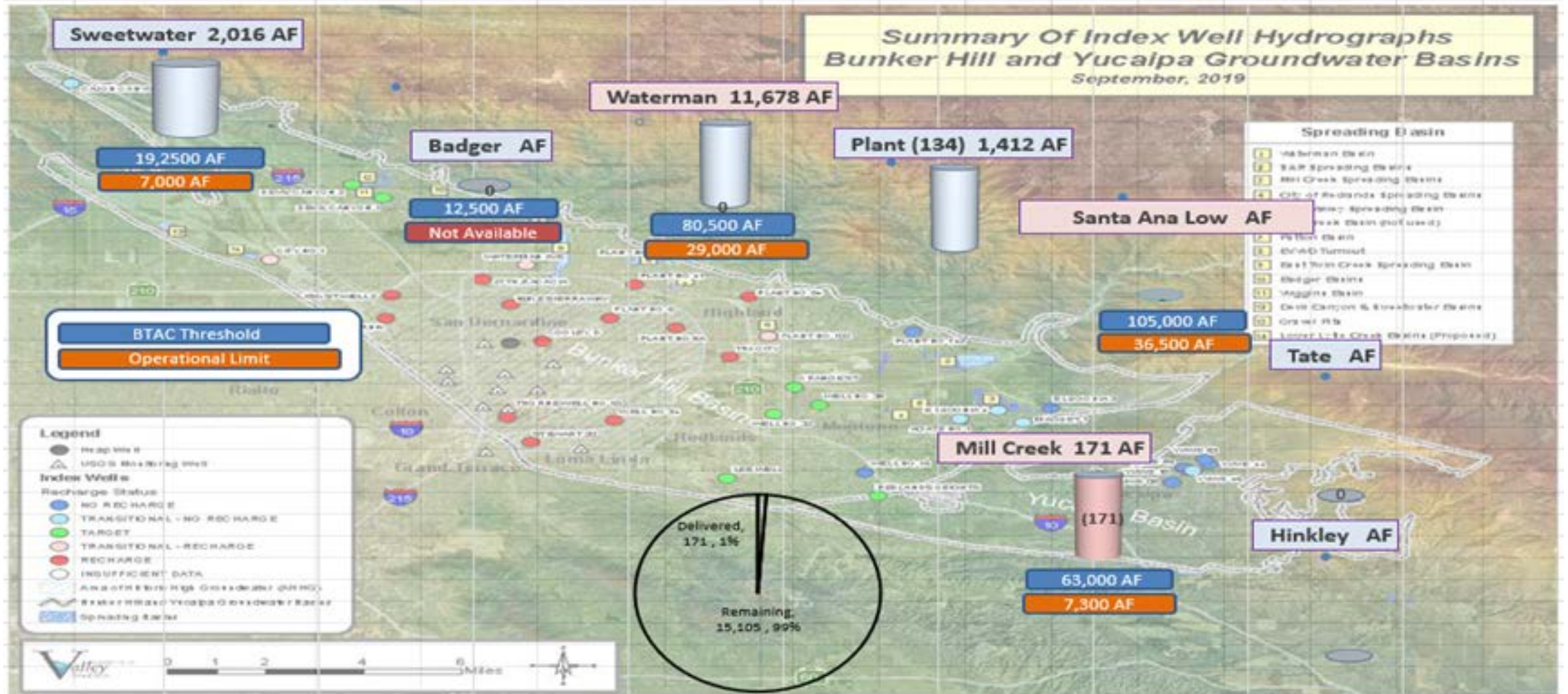
Attachments:

1. Initial SWP delivery amounts for calendar year 2020
2. Revised SWP delivery amounts for calendar year 2020 based upon input from the Water Supply Contingency Workgroup

GC Delivery Guidelines

1. Import all GC water during the calendar year
2. Direct delivery given priority (no evapotranspiration)
3. Recharge
 - a) Stay within BTAC maximum recharge thresholds
 - i. Avoids high GW
 - ii. Avoids contamination Plumes
 - b) Recharge in the areas BTAC has labeled “Recharge” and “Transitional – Recharge”
 - c) Consider special agency needs
 - d) Consider facility constraints
4. Real-time adjustments, as needed
5. Tracking (Valley District Operations Report)

San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council
2020 Delivery Plan



	Revised	Original
2020 SWP Planned Deliveries	15,276 AF	23,622 AF
2020 Local Water Credits	5,277 AF	5,277 AF
SBBA GC Total	20,553 AF	28,899 AF