

**MINUTES
OF
THE
GROUNDWATER COUNCIL**

October 8, 2018

Registered Guests:

Ed Petti, Loma Linda University

Jarb Thaipejr, City of Loma Linda

Miguel Guerrero, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

Katelyn Scholte, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Karly Gaynor, Western Municipal Water District

Daniel Cozad, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Jesus Gastelum, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

Linda Jadeski, West Valley Water District

Sam Fuller, Consultant for Bear Valley Mutual Water Company

Russ Handy, City of Loma Linda

Parag Kalaria, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

Steve Miller, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

Bob Tincher, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Tim Kellett, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Tom Crowley, City of Rialto

Cindy Saks, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Douglas Headrick, 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 10:02 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District office, 380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino.

Roll Call was taken and there was not a quorum for voting purposes. The meeting proceeded with the following agenda items.

Agenda Item 1. Approval of Minutes.

1. May 14, 2018, Meeting.

Douglas Headrick moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2018, Groundwater Council meeting. Jarb Thaipejr seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Agenda Item 2. New Business.

1. Consider Request from Fontana Water Company to join the Groundwater Council.

Douglas Headrick reported that San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) settled a lawsuit with Fontana Water Company and its subsidiary San Gabriel Valley Water District. The settlement was signed five years to the date of the filing of the lawsuit. The City of Rialto and City of Colton are still in negotiations for a settlement. Fontana Water Company (FWC) agreed to pay all their costs for production out of the Lytle Creek Basin. The first priority of any monies that FWC pays goes to meet their obligations under the Groundwater Council (GC) Agreement. They are prepared and they would like to become a member of the GC since they have agreed to pay all their costs out of the assessment that they will be paying for all water produced out of Lytle Creek. For this year it was estimated that would be approximately 12 percent of the average amount that FWC will be paying each year. The remaining 88 percent of funds will go into a fund that will purchase water that will replenish the Rialto Basin. It is estimated to take 10 years to pay for all of the Rialto Basin over extractions and then after that it will be GC. The San Bernardino Basin Area (SBBA) will still be priority number one but then that money will be available for either Lytle Creek Basin recharge and/or facilities or Rialto Basin recharge or facilities. Since FWC agreed to dedicate part of the assessment to the GC, Mr. Headrick believes that the GC should agree to allow FWC to join the GC.

Mr. Headrick met with the City of Redlands regarding joining the Groundwater Council (GC). He indicated that the City is involved in a rate study and should have a rate structure in place by mid-2019 that would support joining the GC.

Mr. Headrick indicated that the SBVMWD Board of Directors is working with WVWD's Board of Directors on a separate agreement that would authorize WVWD to pay the charges from the equitable allocation model for recharge but not the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) part that come out of the model. WVWD is uncomfortable with the way that calculation is done. They are willing to pay O&M but just on the west side of the basin. Mr. Headrick believes there is a way to incorporate WVWD into the agreement concept without WVWD actually signing the GC agreement. It appears that WVWD will agree to pay their charges for water as if they were a part of the GC but as far as O&M charges there will be a separate calculation that only includes O&M costs for the west part of the basin. This would be in effect for 5 years.

2. Consider Developing Procedures for the Delivery of Groundwater Council Water.

Bob Tincer requested that the GC consider forming an Operations Committee to consider where to recharge water. He indicated that Jeff Noelte from East Valley Water District was interested in being the Chair of the Operations Committee. Standing members would include Russ Handy from the City of Loma Linda; Steve Miller from the

SBMWD; Katelyn Scholte from the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (SBVWCD); and staff from SBVMWD.

Agenda Item 3. Regular Business.

1. Budget Committee.

- A. Status of Invoices and Payments, Timing and Recordkeeping.** Daniel Cozad stated that they billed a little earlier in the year so a summary was available to the group. The O&M fees were paid by everyone who signed the GC agreement which totaled \$481,377. A few members continue to pay the groundwater charge. Keeping track long-term of under and over payments was discussed in the previous item.

Cindy Saks stated invoices would be going out for the water portion that was the acre feet that was on the GC equitable allocation sheet. The District has some customers that pre-pay so on their invoices it shows their equitable allocation, additional water purchases, and then a credit received. They will have to keep separate what water was delivered under that plan versus other water that was purchased. It was billed at \$118.40 per acre-foot which is the District's current rate for groundwater recharge with the discount so that is what will be collected. If there are other charges that will be classified as GC water and it is direct delivery, it may be billed at the \$125.00 per acre-foot rate so an additional bill could be forthcoming. The invoices indicate it is water purchased for 2018. The invoice for 2018-2019 will be sent out in July 2019 when all pertinent information has been received. The District will continue to take pre-payments in January 2019 if anyone desires to do that. The District has a separate agreement for the Baseline Feeder with the City of Rialto and WVWD so they are being charged monthly for water that is being used for obligations through the Baseline Feeder per the agreement with the City of San Bernardino. That water will be recharged and a credit will appear for them on their groundwater account.

2. Governance Committee.

- A. Report from April 24, 2018, Meeting.** Douglas Headrick indicated that the Governance Committee had not met recently. They have not found any additional duties for the Executive Committee. They tasked the Budget Committee with developing audit procedures. The web based information portal is live and the agendas and minutes are being posted to it. They have not completed development of telephone participation rules.

3. Agreement Approvals.

- B. Update on Agreement Approvals.** Mr. Headrick reported on this item earlier in the agenda. Participation by Southern California Edison is pending.

4. Imported Water Availability.

A. Update on Imported Water Availability. Bob Tincher stated that SBVMWD has not received their initial Table A allocation information.

5. Groundwater Council Website. Mr. Headrick drew attention to the website address for the GC.

Agenda Item 4. Other Business.

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

Agenda Item 5. Adjournment.

There being no further business, President Crowley adjourned the meeting 11:04 a.m.

<p>APPROVAL CERTIFICATION I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing Minutes of the Groundwater Council.</p> <p><i>Douglas D. Headrick</i> _____ Secretary</p> <p>Date <u>12-10-18</u></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Hernandez

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Board Secretary