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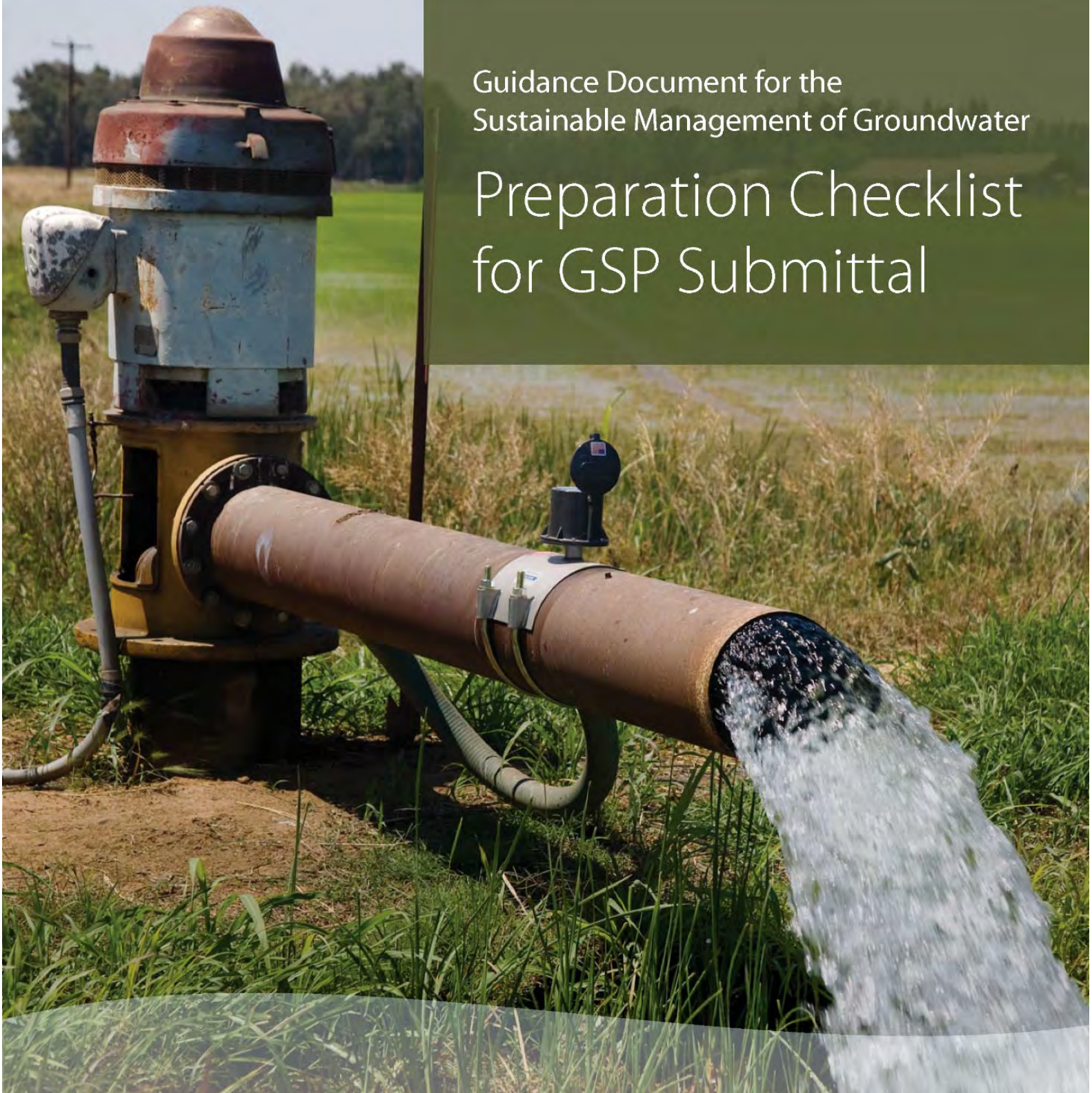
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The objective of this Guidance Document is to provide Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and other interested stakeholders a checklist of Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) content requirements for the purpose of verifying a GSP is complete and is ready for submission to DWR. Please note that if multiple GSAs develop multiple GSPs for a basin, the coordinated submission of those GSPs shall not occur until the entire basin is covered by GSPs.

The Preparation Checklist for GSP Submittal is only intended to provide a guide to GSAs and other stakeholders. This guidance is optional, since the content of this Guidance Document does not create any new requirements or obligations for the GSA or other stakeholders.

Guidance documents are not a substitute for the GSP Emergency Regulations (GSP Regulations) or the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Those GSAs submitting a GSP are strongly encouraged to read the GSP Regulations and SGMA. In addition, using this Guidance Document to develop a GSP using does not equate to an approval determination by DWR.

Context with GSP Regulations

The Preparation Checklist for GSP Submittal can be used by GSAs in conjunction with the GSP Annotated Outline Guidance Document as a method to develop a GSP consistent with the requirements of the GSP Regulations and SGMA. The detailed requirements of a GSP may be found in the GSP Regulations, primarily in Article 5 – Plan Contents, and in SGMA, primarily in Chapter 6 beginning with California Water Code (CWC) Section 10727. The checklist includes references to applicable GSP Regulations sections and CWC sections, as well as a brief description of the required GSP information. The checklist also contains a column for GSAs to record the page number, or section of the GSP, where the information for that particular requirement is found. The preparation checklist may also be included in the GSP.

Table 1 contains the **Preparation Checklist for GSP Submittal**.



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Table 1. Preparation Checklist for GSP Submittal

GSP Regulations Section	Water Code Section	Requirement	Description	Section(s) or Page Number(s) in the GSP
Article 3. Technical and Reporting Standards				
352.2		Monitoring Protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring protocols adopted by the GSA for data collection and management • Monitoring protocols that are designed to detect changes in groundwater levels, groundwater quality, inelastic surface subsidence for basins for which subsidence has been identified as a potential problem, and flow and quality of surface water that directly affect groundwater levels or quality or are caused by groundwater extraction in the basin 	Section 3.6.4
Article 5. Plan Contents, Subarticle 1. Administrative Information				
354.4		General Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Summary • List of references and technical studies 	Section ES
354.6		Agency Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSA mailing address • Organization and management structure • Contact information of Plan Manager • Legal authority of GSA • Estimate of implementation costs 	Section 1.2
354.8(a)	10727.2(a)(4)	Map(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area covered by GSP • Adjudicated areas, other agencies within the basin, and areas covered by an Alternative • Jurisdictional boundaries of federal or State land • Existing land use designations • Density of wells per square mile 	Section 1.3

GSP Regulations Section	Water Code Section	Requirement	Description	Section(s) or Page Number(s) in the GSP
Article 5. Plan Contents, Subarticle 1. Administrative Information (Continued)				
354.8(b)		Description of the Plan Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of jurisdictional areas and other features 	Section 1.3
354.8(c) 354.8(d) 354.8(e)	10727.2(g)	Water Resource Monitoring and Management Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of water resources monitoring and management programs • Description of how the monitoring networks of those plans will be incorporated into the GSP • Description of how those plans may limit operational flexibility in the basin • Description of conjunctive use programs 	Section 1.5
354.8(f)	10727.2(g)	Land Use Elements or Topic Categories of Applicable General Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of general plans and other land use plans • Description of how implementation of the GSP may change water demands or affect achievement of sustainability and how the GSP addresses those effects • Description of how implementation of the GSP may affect the water supply assumptions of relevant land use plans • Summary of the process for permitting new or replacement wells in the basin • Information regarding the implementation of land use plans outside the basin that could affect the ability of the Agency to achieve sustainable groundwater management 	Section 1.6

GSP Regulations Section	Water Code Section	Requirement	Description	Section(s) or Page Number(s) in the GSP
Article 5. Plan Contents, Subarticle 1. Administrative Information (Continued)				
354.8(g)	10727.4	Additional GSP Contents	Description of Actions related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control of saline water intrusion • Wellhead protection • Migration of contaminated groundwater • Well abandonment and well destruction program • Replenishment of groundwater extractions • Conjunctive use and underground storage • Well construction policies • Addressing groundwater contamination cleanup, recharge, diversions to storage, conservation, water recycling, conveyance, and extraction projects • Efficient water management practices • Relationships with State and federal regulatory agencies • Review of land use plans and efforts to coordinate with land use planning agencies to assess activities that potentially create risks to groundwater quality or quantity • Impacts on groundwater dependent ecosystems 	Sections 1.5, 1.6, 2.7, 2.7.8.1, and 4.2.2.
354.10		Notice and Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of beneficial uses and users • List of public meetings • GSP comments and responses • Decision-making process • Public engagement • Encouraging active involvement • Informing the public on GSP implementation progress 	Sections 1.7, 1.8 and 1.9

GSP Regulations Section	Water Code Section	Requirement	Description	Section(s) or Page Number(s) in the GSP
Article 5. Plan Contents, Subarticle 2. Basin Setting				
354.14		Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of the Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model • Two scaled cross-sections • Map(s) of physical characteristics: topographic information, surficial geology, soil characteristics, surface water bodies, source and point of delivery for imported water supplies 	Section 2.6
354.14(c)(4)	10727.2(a)(5)	Map of Recharge Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map delineating existing recharge areas that substantially contribute to the replenishment of the basin, potential recharge areas, and discharge areas 	Section 2.3
	10727.2(d)(4)	Recharge Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of how recharge areas identified in the plan substantially contribute to the replenishment of the basin 	Section 2.5.4
354.16	10727.2(a)(1) 10727.2(a)(2)	Current and Historical Groundwater Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater elevation data • Estimate of groundwater storage • Seawater intrusion conditions • Groundwater quality issues • Land subsidence conditions • Identification of interconnected surface water systems • Identification of groundwater-dependent ecosystems 	Section 2.7
354.18	10727.2(a)(3)	Water Budget Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of inflows, outflows, and change in storage • Quantification of overdraft • Estimate of sustainable yield • Quantification of current, historical, and projected water budgets 	Section 2.8
	10727.2(d)(5)	Surface Water Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of surface water supply used or available for use for groundwater recharge or in-lieu use 	Section 2.8.2.5

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Article 5. Plan Contents, Subarticle 2. Basin Setting (Continued)				
354.20		Management Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reason for creation of each management area • Minimum thresholds and measurable objectives for each management area • Level of monitoring and analysis • Explanation of how management of management areas will not cause undesirable results outside the management area • Description of management areas 	Sections 2.9, 3.4, and 3.5.
Article 5. Plan Contents, Subarticle 3. Sustainable Management Criteria				
354.24		Sustainability Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of the sustainability goal 	Section 3.2
354.26		Undesirable Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of undesirable results • Cause of groundwater conditions that would lead to undesirable results • Criteria used to define undesirable results for each sustainability indicator • Potential effects of undesirable results on beneficial uses and users of groundwater 	Section 3.3
354.28	10727.2(d)(1) 10727.2(d)(2)	Minimum Thresholds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of each minimum threshold and how they were established for each sustainability indicator • Relationship for each sustainability indicator • Description of how selection of the minimum threshold may affect beneficial uses and users of groundwater • Standards related to sustainability indicators • How each minimum threshold will be quantitatively measured 	Section 3.4

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Article 5. Plan Contents, Subarticle 3. Sustainable Management Criteria (Continued)				
354.30	10727.2(b)(1) 10727.2(b)(2) 10727.2(d)(1) 10727.2(d)(2)	Measurable Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of establishment of the measureable objectives for each sustainability indicator • Description of how a reasonable margin of safety was established for each measureable objective • Description of a reasonable path to achieve and maintain the sustainability goal, including a description of interim milestones 	Sections 3.5 and 4.2
Article 5. Plan Contents, Subarticle 4. Monitoring Networks				
354.34	10727.2(d)(1) 10727.2(d)(2) 10727.2(e) 10727.2(f)	Monitoring Networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of monitoring network • Description of monitoring network objectives • Description of how the monitoring network is designed to: demonstrate groundwater occurrence, flow directions, and hydraulic gradients between principal aquifers and surface water features; estimate the change in annual groundwater in storage; monitor seawater intrusion; determine groundwater quality trends; identify the rate and extent of land subsidence; and calculate depletions of surface water caused by groundwater extractions • Description of how the monitoring network provides adequate coverage of Sustainability Indicators • Density of monitoring sites and frequency of measurements required to demonstrate short-term, seasonal, and long-term trends • Scientific rationale (or reason) for site selection • Consistency with data and reporting standards • Corresponding sustainability indicator, minimum threshold, measureable objective, and interim milestone 	Section 3.6

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			<p>(Monitoring Networks Continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location and type of each monitoring site within the basin displayed on a map, and reported in tabular format, including information regarding the monitoring site type, frequency of measurement, and the purposes for which the monitoring site is being used • Description of technical standards, data collection methods, and other procedures or protocols to ensure comparable data and methodologies 	
354.36		Representative Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of representative sites • Demonstration of adequacy of using groundwater elevations as proxy for other sustainability indicators • Adequate evidence demonstrating site reflects general conditions in the area 	Section 3.6.5.
354.38		Assessment and Improvement of Monitoring Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and evaluation of the monitoring network • Identification and description of data gaps • Description of steps to fill data gaps • Description of monitoring frequency and density of sites 	Section 3.6.6.

GSP Regulations Section	Water Code Section	Requirement	Description	Section(s) or Page Number(s) in the GSP
Article 5. Plan Contents, Subarticle 5. Projects and Management Actions				
354.44		Projects and Management Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of projects and management actions that will help achieve the basin’s sustainability goal • Measureable objective that is expected to benefit from each project and management action • Circumstances for implementation • Public noticing • Permitting and regulatory process • Time-table for initiation and completion, and the accrual of expected benefits • Expected benefits and how they will be evaluated • How the project or management action will be accomplished. If the projects or management actions rely on water from outside the jurisdiction of the Agency, an explanation of the source and reliability of that water shall be included. • Legal authority required • Estimated costs and plans to meet those costs • Management of groundwater extractions and recharge 	Sections 4.2 and 4.3.
354.44(b)(2)	10727.2(d)(3)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overdraft mitigation projects and management actions 	Section 4.2.2.

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Article 8. Interagency Agreements				
357.4	10727.6	Coordination Agreements - Shall be submitted to the Department together with the GSPs for the basin and, if approved, shall become part of the GSP for each participating Agency.	<p>Coordination Agreements shall describe the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A point of contact • Responsibilities of each Agency • Procedures for the timely exchange of information between Agencies • Procedures for resolving conflicts between Agencies • How the Agencies have used the same data and methodologies to coordinate GSPs • How the GSPs implemented together satisfy the requirements of SGMA • Process for submitting all Plans, Plan amendments, supporting information, all monitoring data and other pertinent information, along with annual reports and periodic evaluations • A coordinated data management system for the basin • Coordination agreements shall identify adjudicated areas within the basin, and any local agencies that have adopted an Alternative that has been accepted by the Department 	NA

Appendix 1-B

Yucaipa GSA Governance Documents

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO FORM A
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FOR THE YUCAIPA SUB-BASIN
(Sub-basin No. 8-02.07)**

This 2017 Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") is entered into by and among: South Mesa Water Company ("SOUTH MESA"), South Mountain Water Company ("SOUTH MOUNTAIN"), Western Heights Water Company ("WESTERN HEIGHTS") and Yucaipa Valley Water District ("YVWD"), herein collectively referred to as the "WATER PURVEYORS"; and, the City of Calimesa ("CALIMESA"), the City of Redlands ("REDLANDS") and the City of Yucaipa ("YUCAIPA"), herein collectively referred to as the "MUNICIPALITIES"; and, the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District ("SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL") and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency ("SAN GORGONIO"), herein collectively referred to as the "REGIONALS." The MUNICIPALITIES are sometimes herein collectively referred to as the "LAND USE AGENCIES." Each of the above-described entities is individually referred to as a "Party" and are collectively referred to as the "Parties". For purposes of this MOA, SOUTH MESA, SOUTH MOUNTAIN and WESTERN HEIGHTS are collectively referred to as the "MUTUALS"; and, the Parties other than the MUTUALS are collectively referred to as the "LOCAL AGENCIES."

Pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") and as further set forth herein, the purpose of this MOA is to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") for the entire Yucaipa Sub-basin (Basin or Sub-Basin No. 8-02.07), in order to preserve local management and control of the Basin as set forth under SGMA.

The County of Riverside ("RIVERSIDE") and the County of San Bernardino ("SAN BERNARDINO"), collectively "COUNTIES," shall be considered "Stakeholders" but not Parties to this MOA.

Recitals

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, collectively known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), codified in certain provisions of the California Government Code, including commencing with Section 65350.5, and codified in Part 2.74 of Division 6 of the California *Water Code*, commencing with Section 10720, and amending other provisions of the California *Government Code* and California *Water Code*; and

WHEREAS, SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, various clarifying amendments to SGMA were signed into law in 2015, including Senate Bills 13 and 226, and Assembly Bills 617 and 939, which were codified in part in California *Water Code* Section 10723.6(a), authorizing a combination of local agencies to form a GSA pursuant to a joint powers agreement, a memorandum of agreement, or other legal agreement; and, California *Water Code* Section 10723.6(b), authorizing water corporations regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission and mutual water companies to participate in a GSA through a memorandum of agreement or other legal agreement; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent and effect of SGMA, as set forth in California *Water Code* Section 10720.1, includes the following: (1) to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins; (2) to enhance local management of groundwater consistent with rights to use or store groundwater and Section 2 of Article X of the California Constitution, and to preserve the security of water rights in the state to the greatest extent possible consistent with the sustainable management of groundwater; (3) to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management; (4) to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; (5) to avoid or minimize subsidence; (6) to improve data collection and understanding about groundwater; (7) to increase groundwater storage and remove impediments to recharge; (8) to manage groundwater basins through the actions of local governmental agencies to the greatest extent feasible, while minimizing state intervention to only when necessary to ensure that local agencies manage groundwater in a sustainable manner; and (9) to provide a more efficient and cost-effective groundwater adjudication process that protects water rights, ensures due process, prevents unnecessary delay, and furthers the objectives of SGMA; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA affords GSAs specific powers to manage groundwater in addition to existing legal authorities, which powers may be used to provide the maximum degree of local control and flexibility consistent with the sustainability goals of SGMA; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA includes several un-codified findings by the California Legislature, including the determination that the people of the state have a primary interest in the protection, management, and reasonable beneficial use of the water resources of the state, both surface and underground, and that the integrated management of the state's water resources is essential to meeting its water management goals; and,

WHEREAS, the Basin, as depicted in **Exhibit A** to this MOA, is identified by the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 as **Sub-basin No. 8-02.07 of the Upper Santa Ana Valley Groundwater Basin**, and is designated by DWR as medium-priority; and,

WHEREAS, California *Water Code* Section 10720.7 requires the Basin, as a medium-priority basin that is not designated by DWR as being subject to critical conditions of overdraft, to be managed by a **Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") or coordinated GSPs by January 31, 2022**; and,

WHEREAS, in order to avoid designation as a probationary basin and become subject to direct intervention and management by the State Water Board, California *Water Code* Section 10735.2 requires that, by June 30, 2017 a collection of local agencies must form a GSA or prepare agreements to develop one or more GSPs that will collectively serve as a GSP for the entire Basin, in the event that a local agency has not decided to become a GSA that intends to develop a GSP for the entire Basin; and,

WHEREAS, the LOCAL AGENCIES have water supply, water management, and/or land use responsibilities for their respective jurisdictional areas overlying the Basin and are local agencies as defined by SGMA in California *Water Code* Section 10721(n), and thus each is authorized by SGMA to become or form a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, the LOCAL AGENCIES' individually have jurisdictional and/or service areas within and their collective jurisdictional areas and/or service areas cover the entirety of the Basin, with no gaps in coverage; and,

WHEREAS, the WATER PURVEYORS, including the MUTUALS, produce groundwater and provide water service within the Basin, and it is the Parties' shared intent to provide for management-level participation by the MUTUALS in the GSA to the maximum extent allowed by law without limiting any powers afforded to a GSA under SGMA; and,

WHEREAS, the REGIONALS are State Water Contractors, and have the rights and duties of such, including for the delivery of State Water Project Water within the Basin; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of this MOA, and in furtherance of the shared intent of the Parties to maximize funding opportunities for the Basin and avoid potential intervention in the Basin by the State Water Board, the Parties agree that the YUCAIPA-GSA formed by this MOA will cover the entire Basin; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties mutually desire and intend to work with local stakeholders and interested parties in the Basin that are not Parties to this MOA, to carry out the policy, purposes, and requirements of SGMA in the Basin.

Agreement

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, terms, conditions, and covenants contained herein, it is mutually understood and agreed as follows:

- I. **Incorporation of Recitals.** The Recitals stated above are incorporated herein by reference.
- II. **Purposes.** The purposes of this MOA is to form the YUCAIPA-GSA for the Basin as specified herein pursuant to applicable provisions and requirements of SGMA, including but not limited to California *Water Code* Sections 10723 and 10723.6.
- III. **Approval of MOA and Formation of the YUCAIPA-GSA.** Approval of this MOA and formation of the YUCAIPA-GSA shall be accomplished by the LOCAL AGENCIES each holding its own noticed public hearing pursuant to California *Water Code* Section 10723(b) and California *Government Code* Section 6066 and at such hearing will consider approval of a Resolution by its governing board to enter this MOA and jointly form the YUCAIPA-GSA as specified in this MOA. Approval of this MOA by the MUTUALS shall be accomplished through their respective governing boards' duly authorized procedures.
- IV. **Definitions.** The following terms, whether used in the singular or plural, and when used with initial capitalization, shall have the meanings specified herein. The Parties agree that any definitions set forth herein are intended to be consistent with SGMA, and in the event of any discrepancy between a defined term in this MOA and a defined term in SGMA, the terms of SGMA shall control.
 - A. "Basin" refers to the Yucaipa Sub-basin, designated by the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 as Sub-basin No. 8-02.07, as depicted in **Exhibit A** to this MOA.
 - B. "DWR" means the California Department of Water Resources.

- C. "GSA" means a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as defined by SGMA.
- D. "GSP" means a Groundwater Sustainability Plan, as defined by SGMA.
- E. "Memorandum of Agreement" or "MOA" refers to this Memorandum of Agreement.
- F. "SGMA" refers to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, of 2014, as amended.
- G. "State Water Board" means the California State Water Resources Control Board.
- H. "YUCAIPA-GSA" refers to the Yucaipa Sub-basin GSA formed under this MOA.

V. Coordination and Cooperation

- A. Continued Cooperation. The Parties to this MOA will continue to meet, confer, coordinate, and collaborate to discuss and develop technical, managerial, financial, and other criteria and procedures for the preparation, **governance**, and implementation of a GSP or coordinated GSPs in the Basin and to carry out the policy, purposes, and requirements of SGMA in the Basin.
- B. Points of Contact. Each Party shall designate a **principal contact person** for that Party, who may be changed from time to time at the sole discretion of the designating Party. The principal contact person for each Party shall be responsible for coordinating with the principal contact persons for the other Parties in scheduling meetings and other activities under this MOA.
- C. Voting Methodology. The voting structure for matters pertaining to the establishment and implementation of the administrative components of the YUCAIPA-GSA shall be by **simple majority (51%)** of the voting Parties, wherein each WATER PURVEYOR, MUNICIPALITY and REGIONAL holds a single vote.

VI. Roles and Responsibilities

- A. The YUCAIPA-GSA shall be controlled by a **Governing Board** comprised of **one representative of each of the Parties to this MOA**.
- B. The Parties agree to jointly establish their specific roles and responsibilities for implementing this MOA, including through the adoption of **organizational documents, management policies, rules and procedures**.
- C. The Parties **agree to jointly develop and implement a GSP or coordinated GSPs** for the Basin in accordance with SGMA.
- D. The Parties agree to work in good faith and coordinate all activities to carry out the purposes of this MOA in implementing the policy, purposes, and requirements of SGMA in the Basin, including continuing to meet, confer, coordinate, and collaborate to discuss and develop governance, management, technical, financial, and other matters, including respective roles and responsibilities for activities such as, but not limited to, the following: modeling;

metering; monitoring; hiring consultants; developing and maintaining list of interested persons under California *Water Code* Section 10723.4; budgeting; and other initial tasks as determined by the Parties.

- E. The LOCAL AGENCIES shall coordinate with each other to cause all applicable noticing and submission of required information to DWR regarding formation of the YUCAIPA-GSA.

VII. Funding and Budgeting. The Parties shall work together to identify the costs, funding needs and funding sources for the administration of the YUCAIPA-GSA and the development and implementation of the GSP. To the extent not otherwise funded in accordance with or inconsistent with SGMA's provisions regarding GSA funding, the **PURVEYORS shall collectively bear seventy-five percent (75%)** and the **MUNICIPALITIES and REGIONALS shall collectively bear twenty-five percent (25%)** of the cost of the creation and administration of the YUCAIPA-GSA; and **within each group, the Parties shall equally share** in the costs of the creation and administration of the YUCAIPA-GSA. Nothing in this provision shall obligate any party to bear any portion of the attorneys' fees and legal costs of another Party.

VIII. Stakeholders. The initially designated stakeholders are the COUNTIES. The Parties agree to work together in ensuring public outreach and involvement of the public and other interested stakeholders throughout the SGMA process, including but not limited to all beneficial uses and users of groundwater as provided in SGMA Section 10723.2. Stakeholders have no voting rights under Section V.C. and no cost sharing obligations under Section VII of this MOA.

IX. Term, Termination, and Withdrawal.

- A. Term. This MOA shall continue and remain in effect unless and until terminated by the unanimous written consent of the Parties, or as otherwise provided in this MOA or as authorized by law.
- B. Withdrawal. After the YUCAIPA-GSA is officially established as the GSA for the Basin, any Party may decide, in its sole discretion, to withdraw from this MOA by providing ninety (90) days written notice to the other Parties. A Party that withdraws from this MOA shall remain obligated to pay its share of costs and expenses incurred or accrued under this MOA and any related cost-sharing agreement or arrangement up to the date the Party provides its notice of withdrawal as provided herein. Withdrawal by a Party shall not cause or require the termination of this MOA or the existence of the YUCAIPA-GSA with respect to the non-withdrawing Parties. In the event of withdrawal by one of the LOCAL AGENCIES, the Parties shall meet and confer during the 90-day notice period regarding: (i) whether the withdrawing Party wishes to seek GSA status for a portion of the Basin underlying the jurisdictional area or service area of the withdrawing Party; (ii) whether, as a result of the withdrawal, a co-GSA management or other arrangement with the withdrawing Party is necessary to satisfy the requirements of SGMA; and (iii) any other issues and steps that are necessary to avoid triggering probationary status of the Basin and State Water Board intervention. Any resolution of issues pertaining to withdrawal and any

other GSA issues shall be undertaken in a manner that satisfies all requirements of SGMA and DWR, including any requirement to file new GSA notices.

X. Notice Provisions

All notices required by this MOA shall be made in writing and delivered to the respective representatives of the Parties at their respective addresses as follows:

PARTIES:

PURVEYORS:

South Mesa Water Company

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Calimesa, California 92320
Attn: Dave Armstrong, General Manager
Email: smwc@verizon.net

South Mountain Water Company

35 Cajon Street
Redlands, California 92373
Attn: Cecilia Griego, Water Resources Specialist
Email: cgriego@cityofredlands.org

Western Heights Water Company

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Attn: William Brown, General Manager
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Yucaipa Valley Water District

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Yucaipa, California 92399
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City of Redlands

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Redlands, California 92373
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City of Yucaipa
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Yucaipa, California 92399
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REGIONALS:

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San Bernardino, CA 92408
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San Geronio Pass Water Agency
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Beaumont, CA 92223
Attn: Jeff Davis, General Manager and Chief Engineer
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Riverside, CA 92501
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County of San Bernardino
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0120
Attn: Bob Page, Principal Management Analyst, Special Projects
Email: bpage@sbccounty.gov

Any Party or Stakeholder may change the address to which notices are to be given under this MOA by providing all other Parties with written notice of such change at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the effective date of the change. All notices shall be effective upon receipt and shall be deemed received upon confirmed personal service, confirmed facsimile delivery, confirmed courier service, or on the fifth (5th) calendar day following deposit of the notice in registered first class mail.

XI. General Terms

- A. Amendments. Amendments to this MOA require the unanimous written consent of all Parties and approval by the Parties' respective governing boards.
- B. Successors and Assigns. The terms of this MOA shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors-in-interest and assigns of each Party; provided, however, that no transfer or assignment shall be effective until approved by the

Parties in accordance with the provisions of Section V.C. of this MOA. Once succession and/or assignment has been approved, a former Party shall have no further rights or obligations under this MOA.

- C. Waiver. No waiver of any provision of this MOA by any Party shall be construed as a further or continuing waiver of such provision or any other provision of this MOA by the waiving Party or any other Party.
- D. Authorized Representatives. Each person executing this MOA on behalf of a Party hereto affirmatively represents that such person has the requisite authority to sign this MOA on behalf of the respective Party.
- E. Exemption from CEQA. The Parties recognize and agree that, pursuant to SGMA Section 10728.6, neither this MOA nor the preparation or adoption of a GSP constitute a "project" or approval of a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or the State CEQA Guidelines, and therefore this MOA is expressly exempt from CEQA review.
- F. Governing Law and Venue. This MOA shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any suit, action, or proceeding brought under the scope of this MOA shall be brought and maintained to the extent allowed by law in the County of San Bernardino, California.
- G. Attorney's Fees, Costs, and Expenses. In the event of a dispute among any or all of the Parties arising under this MOA, each Party shall assume and be responsible for its own attorney's fees, costs, and expenses.
- H. Entire Agreement/Integration. This MOA constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties regarding the specific provisions of this MOA, and the Parties hereto have made no agreements, representations or warranties relating to the specific provisions of this MOA that are not set forth herein.
- I. Construction and Interpretation. The Parties agree and acknowledge that this MOA has been developed through a negotiated process among the Parties, and that each Party has had a full and fair opportunity to review the terms of this MOA with the advice of its own legal counsel and to revise the terms of this MOA, such that each Party constitutes a drafting Party to this MOA. Consequently, the Parties understand and agree that no rule of construction shall be applied to resolve any ambiguities against any particular Party as the drafting Party in construing or interpreting this MOA.
- J. Force Majeure. No Party shall be liable for the consequences of any unforeseeable force majeure event that (1) is beyond its reasonable control, (2) is not caused by the fault or negligence of such Party, (3) causes such Party to be unable to perform its obligations under this MOA, and (4) cannot be overcome by the exercise of due diligence. In the event of the occurrence of a force majeure event, the Party unable to perform shall promptly notify the other Parties in writing to the extent practicable. It shall further pursue its best efforts to resume its obligations under this MOA as quickly as possible and shall suspend performance only for such period of time as is necessary as a result of the force majeure event.

- K. Execution in Counterparts. This MOA may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- L. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This MOA is not intended, and will not be construed, to confer a benefit or create any right on a third party or the power or right of any third party to bring an action to enforce any of the terms of this MOA.
- M. Timing and Captions. Any provision of this MOA referencing a time, number of days, or period for performance shall be measured in calendar days. The captions of the various articles, sections, and paragraphs of this MOA are for convenience and ease of reference only, and do not define, limit, augment, or describe the scope, content, terms, or intent of this MOA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have approved and executed this MOA as of the respective dates specified in the adopting Resolution of each Party as provided above in Article III of this MOA.

[Signature Pages Follow]

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
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June 22, 2017

Mr. Douglas Headrick
General Manager and Chief Engineer
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water
District 380 E. Vanderbilt Way
San Bernardino, CA 92408

re: Support for Yucaipa Sub-Basin GSA

Mr. Headrick:

The County of Riverside appreciates the commitment of the cities of Calimesa, Redlands and Yucaipa; San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency; Yucaipa Valley Water District; South Mesa Water Company; South Mountain Water Company; and Western Heights Water Company to maintain local control of the Yucaipa Sub-Basin and to work together through a Memorandum of Agreement to sustainably manage the basin's groundwater resources in a way that considers the interests of all beneficial uses and users.

As the County is also eligible to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Yucaipa Sub-Basin, the County wishes to assure you that it does not intend to adopt a competing Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation resolution and notification of the California Department of Water Resources.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at 951-955-1110 or by email at agann@rivco.org.

Sincerely,

Alex Gann
Deputy County Executive Officer

cc: Steve Van Stockum, Director, Riverside County Department of Environmental Health
Jeff Johnson, Deputy Director, Riverside County Department of Environmental Health
Jason Uhley, General Manager-Chief Engineer, Riverside County Flood Control
And Water Conservation District



Board of Supervisors

May 23, 2017

Mr. Douglas Headrick
General Manager and Chief Engineer
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
380 E. Vanderbilt Way
San Bernardino, CA 92408

Re: Support for Yucaipa Sub-Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Mr. Headrick:

On May 23, 2017, the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors voted to communicate the County's support of the cooperative efforts of the Yucaipa Sub-Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to manage groundwater in the Yucaipa Sub-Basin (No. 8-2.07) in compliance with the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

The County appreciates the commitment of the cities of Calimesa, Redlands and Yucaipa; San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; San Geronio Pass Water Agency; Yucaipa Valley Water District; South Mesa Water Company; South Mountain Water Company; and Western Heights Water Company to maintain local control of the Yucaipa Sub-Basin and to work together through a Memorandum of Agreement to sustainably manage the basin's groundwater resources in a way that considers the interests of all beneficial uses and users.

As the County is also eligible to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Yucaipa Sub-Basin, the County wishes to assure you that the County does not intend to adopt a competing Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation resolution and notification of the California Department of Water Resources. To that end, on March 7, 2017, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution that the County would not be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for 11 groundwater basins and sub-basins in the county, including Yucaipa Sub-Basin. A copy of this resolution is attached.

If you should have any questions, please contact Bob Page, Principal Management Analyst, at (909) 387-4384 or by email at bp@cao.sbcounty.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert A. Lovingood".

Robert A. Lovingood
Chairman and First District Supervisor
Board of Supervisors
County of San Bernardino

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Interim Chief Executive Officer

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

May 23, 2017

**FROM: DENA M. SMITH, Interim Chief Executive Officer
County Administrative Office**

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR BEAR VALLEY BASIN AND YUCAIPA BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES**

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve and authorize submission of letters of support for the cooperative efforts of cities, water districts and water companies to manage groundwater in compliance with the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the following groundwater basins:
 - a. Bear Valley Basin (No. 8-9)
 - b. Yucaipa Sub-Basin (No. 8-2.07)
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors or the Chief Executive Officer to execute similar letters of support, subject to review by County Counsel, for local agency efforts to manage other groundwater basins in San Bernardino County that must comply with the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for which the County has previously notified the California Department of Water Resources that the County will not serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

(Presenter: Bob Page, Principal Management Analyst, 387-5425)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

**Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.
Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.**

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Providing letters of support to local agencies forming Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Effective January 1, 2015, the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires local water and land use agencies to sustainably manage 127 groundwater basins and sub-basins (basins) that have been designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as medium or high priority. SGMA mandates that one eligible local agency or multiple eligible local agencies form a GSA for each of these basins by June 30, 2017 with the responsibility of developing and implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

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cc: CAO-Smith
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ITEM 55

Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
Board of Supervisors

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LAURA H. WELCH, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY _____

DATED: May 23, 2017

**SUPPORT FOR BEAR VALLEY BASIN AND YUCAIPA BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES
MAY 23, 2017
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DWR has designated Bear Valley Basin as medium priority. DWR has also defined the boundaries of the Bear Valley Basin in its Bulletin 118 and assigned it No. 8-9. The City of Big Bear Lake, the Big Bear City Community Services District and the Big Bear Municipal Water District have formed the Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Bear Valley Basin GSA), a joint powers authority that became effective on April 26, 2017, with the purpose to become the exclusive GSA for the Bear Valley Basin.

DWR has designated Yucaipa Sub-Basin as medium priority. DWR has also defined the boundaries of the Yucaipa Sub-Basin in its Bulletin 118 and assigned it No. 8-2.07. Negotiations of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the formation of a GSA for the Yucaipa Sub-Basin completed in April. The MOA was circulated for approval by June from the governing bodies of the following parties to the MOA: the cities of Calimesa, Redlands and Yucaipa; San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; San Geronio Pass Water Agency; Yucaipa Valley Water District; South Mesa Water Company; South Mountain Water Company; and Western Heights Water Company.

Before either GSA can be the exclusive GSA for their respective basin, SGMA requires that they hold a noticed public hearing to adopt a resolution to become the exclusive GSA. The Bear Valley Basin GSA hearing is scheduled for May 25, 2017. The parties to Yucaipa Sub-Basin GSA MOA will hold separate public hearings on various dates before June 30, 2017. The GSAs will then have 30 days to notify DWR of their decisions, providing among other things a map of the service areas of the parties within each basin (attached) and a list of all beneficial uses and users of the groundwater and how their interests will be considered in the operation of the GSAs and the development and implementation of their GSPs.

DWR will post the notices on its SGMA Portal on its website (sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/#intro). Other eligible local agencies in each basin, including the County, will then have 90 days to file a competing GSA notice. If no competing notices are filed with DWR, the Bear Valley Basin GSA and Yucaipa Sub-Basin GSA will become the exclusive GSAs for their basins. On March 7, 2017 (Item No. 20), the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a resolution that the County would not be the GSA for 11 groundwater basins and sub-basins in the county, including Bear Valley Basin and Yucaipa Sub-Basin. The Board adopted a similar resolution covering five other basins on January 10, 2017 (Item No. 21).

The parties to these GSAs requested that the County support their efforts. If approved by the Board, the recommended letters will be provided to the Bear Valley Basin GSA and Yucaipa Sub-Basin GSA.

If local agencies in any of the other 14 basins covered by the Board's January 10 and March 7 resolutions request support of their GSA, approval of Recommendation No. 2 will authorize the Chairman of the Board or the Chief Executive Officer to execute similar letters of support, subject to review by County Counsel.

**SUPPORT FOR BEAR VALLEY BASIN AND YUCAIPA BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES
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PROCUREMENT

N/A.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Sophie A. Akins, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5001) on May 5, 2017; Finance (Stephenie Shea, Administrative Analyst, 387-4919) on May 8, 2017; and County Finance and Administration (Katrina Turturro, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 8, 2017.

Exhibit A

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18

COPY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUCAIPA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO FORM A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE YUCAIPA SUB-BASIN WITH THE CITIES OF CALIMESA AND REDLANDS; THE SOUTH MESA WATER COMPANY; THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN WATER COMPANY; THE WESTERN HEIGHTS WATER COMPANY; THE YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT; THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT; AND THE SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, collectively known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), codified in certain provisions of the California Government Code, including commencing with Section 65350.5, and codified in Part 2.74 of Division 6 of the California Water Code, commencing with Section 10720, and amending other provisions of the California Government Code and California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, various clarifying amendments to SGMA were signed into law in 2015, including Senate Bills 13 and 226, and Assembly Bills 617 and 939, which were codified in part in California Water Code Section 10723.6(a), authorizing a combination of local agencies to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to a joint powers agreement, a memorandum of agreement, or other legal agreement; and, California Water Code Section 10723.6(b), authorizing water corporations regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission and mutual water companies to participate in a GSA through a memorandum of agreement or other legal agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Yucaipa Sub-Basin (Basin) is identified by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118 as Sub-Basin No. 8-02.07 of the Upper Santa Ana Valley Groundwater Basin, and is designated by DWR as a medium priority basin; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10720.7 requires the Basin, as a medium priority basin that is not designated by DWR as being subject to critical conditions of overdraft, to be managed by Groundwater Sustainability Plan by January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Yucaipa, Calimesa and Redlands; the Yucaipa Valley Water District; the South Mountain Water Company; the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency have water supply, water management, and/or land use responsibilities for their respective jurisdictional areas overlying the Basin and are local agencies as defined by SGMA, and thus each is authorized by SGMA to become or form a GSA; and

WHEREAS, the South Mesa Water Company and the Western Heights Water Company produce groundwater and provide water service within the Basin, and it is the intent to provide for management-level participation by these Water Companies in the GSA

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on May 22, 2017, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code Section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it is an administrative action that does not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUCAIPA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

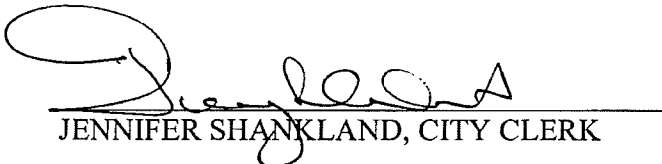
Adopt Resolution No. 2017-18 approving the Memorandum of Agreement to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Yucaipa sub-basin with the Cities of Calimesa and Redlands; the South Mesa Water Company; the South Mountain Water Company; the Western Heights Water Company; the Yucaipa Valley Water District; the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 22nd day of May, 2017.



DICK RIDDELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JENNIFER SHANKLAND, CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION 2017 - 09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO JOINTLY FORM THE YUCAIPA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE YUCAIPA SUBBASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) was signed into law on September 16, 2014, went into effect on January 1, 2015, and has been subject to various amendments; and

WHEREAS, SGMA provides for the sustainable management of groundwater basins at the local level through the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and through preparation and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs); and

WHEREAS, the Yucaipa Subbasin (Basin) is identified by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118 as Subbasin No. 8-02.07 of the Upper Santa Ana Valley Groundwater Basin, and is designated by DWR as medium priority, and therefore, except as provided by SGMA, the Basin is subject to the requirements of SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (Agency) is a special act agency of the State of California, organized and operating pursuant to the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Law, California Water Code Appendix, Chapter 101, and accordingly the Agency constitutes a local agency for all purposes under SGMA; and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes a combination of local agencies as defined by SGMA to form a GSA pursuant to a joint powers agreement, a memorandum of agreement, or other legal agreement, and SGMA also authorizes a water corporation regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission or a mutual water company to participate in a GSA through a memorandum of agreement or other legal agreement; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SGMA, the Agency, South Mesa Water Company (South Mesa), South Mountain Water Company (South Mountain), Western Heights Water Company (Western Heights), Yucaipa Valley Water District (YVWD), City of Calimesa (Calimesa), City of Redlands (Redlands), City of Yucaipa (Yucaipa), and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (San Bernardino Valley Municipal) have prepared a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, to jointly form a GSA that is referred to in the MOA as the Yucaipa-GSA to cover the entire Basin, the members of which Yucaipa-GSA are the Agency, South Mesa, South Mountain, Western Heights, YVWD, Calimesa, Redlands, Yucaipa, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is committed to the sustainable management of groundwater resources within the Basin in accordance with SGMA; and

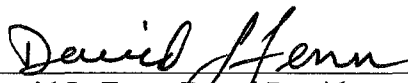
WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of SGMA, the Agency held a public hearing on this date after publications of notice pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SGMA Section 10728.6 and Public Resources Code Section 21065, neither this Resolution, nor the MOA, nor the preparation or adoption of a GSP constitutes a project or approval of a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or the State CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY THAT:

1. The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement to Jointly Form the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Yucaipa Subbasin (MOA), a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
2. Pursuant to the MOA and as authorized by SGMA, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency elects to jointly form and participate as a member of the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Yucaipa-GSA) for the entire Basin as further set forth and depicted in the MOA.
3. The General Manager of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency is hereby authorized and directed to coordinate with other members of the Yucaipa-GSA to submit a copy of this Resolution and other applicable information to the California Department of Water Resources regarding the formation of the Yucaipa-GSA.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of Resolution 2017-09 that was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, at its regular meeting on June 5, 2017.



David L. Fenn, Board President
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

ATTEST:



Jeffrey Davis, Secretary

**BYLAWS OF THE
YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
(Department of Water Resources Sub-Basin No. 8-02.07)**

ARTICLE I - NAME, ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATIVES, PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section 1.1 Name. The name of this organization is the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency (hereinafter referred to as the “Yucaipa-SGMA”).

Section 1.2 Organization. The Yucaipa-SGMA was formed by a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) in 2017 which remains in full force and effect, by and among: South Mesa Water Company, South Mountain Water Company, Western Heights Water Company and Yucaipa Valley Water District, herein collectively referred to as the “Water Purveyors”; and the City of Calimesa, the City of Redlands, and the City of Yucaipa, herein collectively referred to as the “Municipalities”; and the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, herein collectively referred to as the “Regionals.” Each of the above-described entities is individually referred to as a “Party” and collectively referred to as the “Parties”.

Section 1.3 Board of Directors. Each Party shall appoint a principal representative and alternative representative, who may be changed from time to time at the sole discretion of the designating Party. The individuals appointed to the Yucaipa-SGMA shall be a senior executive management level employee of each designating Party. In the event that the appointed representative(s) is/are no longer employed by the appointing Party, the individual will be removed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Yucaipa-SGMA. Written confirmation from the governing board shall be provided to the Yucaipa-SGMA at the Principal Office following any change in representation.

Section 1.4 Principal Office. The principal office of the Corporation is hereby fixed and located at the offices of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, 380 East

Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, California 92408. The Parties hereby granted full power and authority to change said principal office from one location to another. Any such change shall be noted by the Secretary.

ARTICLE II - ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 2.1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The Parties agree to jointly implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”), codified in certain provisions of the California Government Code, including commencing with Section 65350.5, and codified in Part 2.74 of Division 6 of the California *Water Code*, commencing with Section 10720, and amending other provisions of the California *Government Code* and California *Water Code*.

Section 2.2 Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Specifically, the Parties agree to develop, implement, and maintain a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“Plan”) prepared pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Part 2.74 of Division 6 of the Water Code, beginning with Section 10720) for the Yucaipa Basin (Department of Water Resources Sub-Basin No. 8-02.07) (“Basin”),

The following general principles shall guide the Parties in the implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan: (a) Adopt a Plan that defines the basin setting and establishes criteria that will maintain or achieve sustainable groundwater management; (b) Monitor and report groundwater conditions to demonstrate that the Plan is achieving the sustainability goal for the basin; (c) Document the effect of the implementation of the Plan on adjacent basins; (d) Modify the Plan as needed, and report on a substantial compliance to the California Department of Water Resources; (e) Establish and report sustainable management criteria, projects, and management actions; and (f) Justify that the Plan provides a sustainably managed basin for 20 years following Plan implementation without adversely affecting the ability of an adjacent basin to achieve and maintain its sustainability goal.

Section 2.3 Powers and Duties. The Yucaipa-SGMA shall exercise the following powers:

- A. To adopt rules, regulations, policies, bylaws and procedures governing the operation of the Yucaipa-SGMA.
- B. To establish as-needed Ad Hoc and Standing advisory committees for making recommendations to the Board of Directors. Committees shall exist for the term specified in the action creating the committee, and the Board of Directors may dissolve a committee at any time through a majority vote of the Parties.
- C. To monitor all public and private groundwater production and extractions.
- D. To develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan as described in Section 2.2.
- E. To prepare an Annual Groundwater Report that reflects: all public and private groundwater extractions; natural and artificial recharge; return from use; water quality issues; contamination plumes; and other parameters deemed necessary by the Board of Directors to accurately determine the quantity and quality of the groundwater conditions in the Yucaipa Basin (Department of Water Resources Sub-Basin No. 8-02.07).
- F. To determine the amount of additional artificial recharge for the Basin from imported sources as a complement to native sources, and to plan for the development and application of such additional sources of recharge.
- G. By a majority vote, the Board of Directors may elect to exercise the following powers for a duration determined or modified as needed:
 - a. To contract for the services of engineers, attorneys, planners, financial consultants, and separate and apart therefrom, to appoint agents and representatives to employ such other staff persons as necessary.
 - b. To determine, assess, collect, account, and audit annual groundwater extraction charges to recover expenses related to groundwater recharge, administrative expenses, data collection, and report preparation as determined by the Board of Directors.
 - c. To cooperate, act in conjunction, and contract with the United States, the State of California, or any agency thereof, counties, municipalities, public and private corporations of any kind (including without limitation, investor-owned utilities), and individuals, or any of them, for any and all purposes necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Yucaipa-SGMA.

- d. To accumulate operating and reserve funds and invest the same as allowed by law for the purposes of the Yucaipa-SGMA.
- e. As may be permitted by law, to apply for and accept grants, contributions, donations and loans, including under any federal, state or local programs for assistance in developing or implementing any of its projects or programs in connection with any project undertaken by the Yucaipa-SGMA.
- f. To implement a cost-sharing methodology in a manner that qualifies as a pass-through charge under the Constitutional requirements of Proposition 218 and similar revenue-raising requirements.
- g. To exercise any power necessary or incidental to the foregoing powers in the manner and according to the procedures provided for under the law applicable to the Parties to this Agreement.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

Section 3.1 Regular Meetings. The Parties shall hold regular quarterly meetings on the fourth Wednesday in January, April, July, October for the purpose of conducting routine business matters. The Parties by resolution may fix and adjust the time, date, and place of holding such meetings.

Section 3.2 Workshops and Special Meetings. The Parties may schedule, and conduct workshops and special meetings as needed at the direction of a majority of the Board of Directors. The Parties by resolution may fix the time, date, and place of holding such meetings.

Section 3.3 Voting Methodology. The voting structure for matters pertaining to the establishment and implementation of the administrative components of the Yucaipa-SGMA shall be by simple majority (51%) of the voting Parties, wherein each Water Purveyor, Municipality and Regional holds a single vote.

Section 3.4 Fees and Compensation. Representatives from each Party shall receive no compensation or expenses from the Yucaipa-SGMA.

Section 3.5 Ralph M. Brown Act. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of these Bylaws to the contrary, all meetings shall be subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, commencing at Section 54950 of the Government Code of the State of California.

Section 3.6 Conduct of Meetings. The President or, in the absence of the President the Vice President, or, in the absence of the Vice President the Secretary, or, in the absence of the Secretary a Chairperson chosen by a majority of the Parties present, shall preside over the meeting.

Section 3.13 Quorum. A majority of the Parties constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 4.1 Officers. The officers of the Yucaipa-SGMA shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer.

Section 4.2 Election. The officers shall be chosen at the first Regular Meeting held each calendar year and each shall hold office until the officer shall resign, be removed, or be otherwise disqualified to serve, or the officer's successor is elected.

Section 4.3 Removal and Resignation. Any officer may resign, or may be removed, with or without cause, at any time. Vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal of any officer may be filled by a majority vote of the Parties.

Section 4.4 President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Parties.

Section 4.5 Vice President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President.

Section 4.6 Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a book of minutes of all meetings, with the time and place of holding, the names of those present, and actions taken by the Parties.

Section 4.7 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate and correct books of account showing the receipts and disbursements of the Yucaipa-SGMA, and an account of its cash and other assets, if any. Such books of account shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any Director.

The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys of the Yucaipa-SGMA with such depositories as are designated by the Parties and shall disburse the funds of the Yucaipa-SGMA as may be ordered, and shall render to the Parties, regular statements of the financial condition of the Yucaipa-SGMA.

ARTICLE V - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 5.1 Execution of Documents. The Parties may authorize any officer or officers as agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Yucaipa-SGMA and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances; and unless so authorized, no officer, agent or other person shall have any power or authority to bind the Yucaipa-SGMA by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

Section 5.2 Inspection of Bylaws. The Yucaipa-SGMA shall keep in its principal office the original or a copy of these Bylaws, as amended or otherwise altered to date, certified by the Secretary, which shall be open to inspection by members of the public at all reasonable times during office hours.

Section 5.3 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Yucaipa-SGMA shall begin July 1 of each year and end on the last day of June of the succeeding year.

Section 5.4 Construction and Definitions. Unless the context otherwise requires, the general provisions, rules of construction and definitions contained in the Law shall govern the construction of these Bylaws. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of these Bylaws, or the application thereof, is contrary to the Law, the provisions of the Law shall prevail. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter, the singular number includes the plural and the plural number includes the singular, and the term “person” includes a corporation as well as a natural person.

Section 5.5 Amendments. New Bylaws may be adopted, or these Bylaws may be amended or repealed by the vote of the Parties. No amendment to these Bylaws shall be effective until approved by the Parties.

Approved unanimously on May 23, 2018.

Appendix 1-C

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PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS/ABBREVIATIONS

Acronym/Abbreviation	Definition
Yucaipa SGMA	Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency
GSA	Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
TAG	Technical Advisory Group
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
South Mesa	South Mesa Water Company
South Mountain	South Mountain Water Company
WHWC	Western Heights Water Company
YVWD	Yucaipa Valley Water District
SBVMWD	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
SGPWA	San Geronio Pass Water Agency
Term	Definition
Aquifer	An underground layer of water-bearing permeable rock, rock fractures or unconsolidated material (gravel, sand, or silt) that yields significant amounts of groundwater to wells or springs (DWR Bulletin 118).
Yucaipa Subbasin	Upper Santa Ana Valley Groundwater Basin, Yucaipa Subbasin, identified as Groundwater Basin Number 8-2.07 in DWR Bulletin 118 – California’s Groundwater
Stakeholder	An individual with interest in the Yucaipa Subbasin GSP
Engagement	Efforts made to understand and involve stakeholders and their concerns in the activities and decision-making of the Yucaipa GSA
Member Agencies	The water purveyors, municipalities and regional water agencies who are members of the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency

1 BACKGROUND OF THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on September 16, 2014, created a new framework for groundwater management in California. The framework includes a structure and schedule to achieve sustainable groundwater management within 20 years. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has historically managed the state's central repository for groundwater data. Under The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, DWR provides guidance, financial assistance, and technical support for compliance with state requirements. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) provides the regulatory backstop under The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, taking over basin management and assessing fees if local groundwater management is not successful in complying with the requirements of The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act established a new structure for local groundwater management through Groundwater Sustainable Agencies (GSAs). The formation of GSAs for all basins that the DWR designated as high and medium priority groundwater basins was required by July 1, 2017. Each GSA for these high and medium priority basins must then develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) that details how sustainable groundwater management will be achieved within 20 years of implementing the GSP. Sustainable groundwater management is defined by The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act as *the management and use of groundwater in a manner that can be maintained during the planning and implementation horizon without causing undesirable results*. This avoidance of undesirable results is measured through six sustainability indicators:

1. Chronic lowering of groundwater levels indicating a significant and unreasonable depletion of supply if continued over the planning and implementation horizon,
2. Significant and unreasonable reduction of groundwater storage,
3. Significant and unreasonable seawater intrusion,
4. Significant and unreasonable degradation of water quality,
5. Significant and unreasonable land subsidence, and
6. Depletion of interconnected surface water and groundwater that has significant and unreasonable adverse impacts on beneficial uses of the surface water.

The GSP is a tool used to help the GSA sustainably manage the basin. The criteria for sustainable management, including determining what is significant and unreasonable within the parameters of The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for the

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groundwater basin managed by that GSA, must be assessed, with input from stakeholders, before the GSP can be adopted.

1.1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Requirements for Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder engagement is an important component of any successful long term planning effort. Engaging members of the public in groundwater sustainability planning will improve public understanding of the technical and political considerations the GSA factors into their decision-making process. Participation by the public will also improve the GSA's understanding of the potential impacts of their decisions.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act recognized the importance of stakeholder engagement and laid out specific requirements for stakeholder engagement within each of the four phases of The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act:

Phase 1: GSA Formation and Coordination

The following Phase 1 requirements were completed by Yucaipa SGMA in 2017 and 2018:

- Establish and maintain a list of interested parties
- Provide public notice of the GSA formation
- Conduct a GSA formation public hearing
- Notify DWR of the GSA formation
- Provide a written statement to DWR as well as cities and counties within the GSA boundary describing how interested parties may participate in the GSP development.
- Develop GSA website for interested parties

Phase 2: GSP Preparation and Submission

The following Phase 2 requirements will be completed by Yucaipa SGMA by January 31, 2022:

- Submit initial notification.
- Prepare a GSP that considers beneficial uses and users of groundwater when describing undesirable results, minimum thresholds, projects and actions.
- The GSP must include a communication section that includes the following:
 - An explanation of the Agency's decision-making process.
 - Identification of opportunities for public engagement and a discussion of how public input and response will be used.

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- A description of how the Agency encourages the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the basin.
- The method the Agency will follow to inform the public about progress implementing the Plan, including the status of projects and actions.
- The GSA must provide public noticing and hold a public meeting before adopting or amending a GSP.

Phase 3: GSP Review and Evaluation

The following Phase 3 requirements will be completed by DWR:

- After the GSA adopts the GSP and it is submitted to DWR, the GSP will be available on the DWR website for a 60-day comment period for any person to provide comments to DWR before the DWR completes evaluation and assessment of the GSP.

Phase 4: Implementation and Reporting

The following Phase 4 requirements will be completed by Yucaipa SGMA through 2042:

- The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires assessments and re-evaluation of the GSP at least every 5 years. The GSA must provide public notice and hold public meetings prior to amending the GSP.
- Public notice is also required before the GSA imposes or increases fees.

There are also general requirements that apply to all four phases of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation.

2 YUCAIPA SUBBASIN AND GSA FORMATION

The Upper Santa Ana Valley Groundwater Basin, Yucaipa Subbasin lies under portions of the cities of Calimesa, Redlands, and Yucaipa, as well as unincorporated San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. The Subbasin, cataloged by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as groundwater basin number 8-2.07, is approximately 25,300 acres (Figure 1).

The Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency (Yucaipa SGMA) was formed as the GSA for the Yucaipa Subbasin in 2017 through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into by local water purveyors, municipalities, and regional water management entities.

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Yucaipa-GSA Member Agencies
Purveyors
South Mesa Water Company
South Mountain Water Company
Western Heights Water Company
Yucaipa Valley Water District
Municipalities
City of Redlands
City of Yucaipa
Regionals
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

The Yucaipa SGMA completed the initial phase of stakeholder engagement (Phase 1) in June 2017 and provided the required documentation for GSA formation, which is available to the public through the DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Portal (<https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsa/print/349>).

The City of Calimesa submitted a written Notice of Withdrawal dated November 19, 2018 and the Yucaipa SGMA subsequently acknowledged the withdrawal of the City of Calimesa from the Yucaipa SGMA at the January 23, 2019 meeting.

2.1 Yucaipa SGMA and GSA Decision Making Process

The roles and responsibilities of the Yucaipa SGMA were further clarified in the By-Laws adopted in May 2018. Each of the Member Agencies appoints one principal representative and one alternate representative to the Yucaipa SGMA Board. All Board meetings are public meetings subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Each Board member has one vote and a simple majority of 51% of the voting parties is required to pass an item. A majority of the Board is considered a quorum for purposes of meeting and decision-making.

3 YUCAIPA SUBBASIN GSP

The DWR has designated the Yucaipa Subbasin as a high-priority basin based on population size and growth, reliance on groundwater for public water supply, and long-term declines in groundwater levels. The Yucaipa Subbasin is not designated as critically overdrafted, therefore a GSP must be developed by January 31, 2022. This GSP will detail a pathway to sustainable groundwater management by 2042 in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Yucaipa SGMA has initiated the process of developing a GSP (Yucaipa GSP) for the Yucaipa Subbasin that will define a course of action to achieve sustainable groundwater management within 20 years of plan adoption. The Yucaipa GSP will identify local undesirable results and identify management actions to minimize undesirable results as well as milestones to ensure progress. A groundwater monitoring program will be developed and implemented to track improvement within the basins leading to sustainable management. The Yucaipa GSP will be re-evaluated and refined, as needed, and submitted to DWR every five years in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

4 PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

This Public Outreach and Engagement Plan (Plan) has been developed as a communication tool to help stakeholders understand the importance of participation in groundwater sustainability planning and lay the framework of how stakeholders can actively engage in the Yucaipa-GSA planning effort. In 2018, DWR released [a guidance document for GSP Stakeholder Communication and Engagement](#) that details best practices including the development of Communication and Engagement Plans to increase transparency in the GSP development process.

The Yucaipa SGMA will prepare a GSP in accordance with The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act that will guide future management decisions including the amount of ground water that can be pumped from the subbasin without causing undesirable results, and the development of new projects to enhance water resource management.

The Yucaipa SGMA discussed overarching goals for outreach and engagement at the April 24, 2019 Board Meeting. The primary goals during the GSP development process included:

1. Maintaining transparency throughout the GSP development process,
2. Developing a common understanding among stakeholders of the Yucaipa subbasin needs, and

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3. Exceeding the state requirements for outreach and engagement.

This Plan is intended to be a guiding framework that will be updated as needed to maintain transparency throughout the GSP development and implementation process.

5 OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

The Yucaipa SGMA encourages members of the public to participate in the GSP development and implementation process through attending public meetings, providing comments on the draft GSP, and communicating directly with member agency staff and Board members.

5.1 Meeting Opportunities

The Yucaipa SGMA Board holds quarterly regular meetings the fourth Wednesday in January, April, July, and October to conduct routine business matters. During the development of the GSP, the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will meet approximately monthly as needed. All Board and TAG meetings are open to the public and each meeting agenda includes an item where members of the public can speak to the Board. All meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the Yucaipa SGMA website (<https://yucaipasgma.org>).

5.1.1 Public Notices

Board meetings and workshops are noticed in accordance with the Brown Act. In addition to publicly noticing meetings on the Yucaipa SGMA website, the Yucaipa SMGA maintains a list of interested parties and distributes electronic agenda information and newsletters via email. Newsletters include notices of Yucaipa SGMA Board meetings and other updates including updates on the progress of the GSP development and implementation. Interested parties can subscribe to the list that receives email notifications through the “subscribe” link at the bottom of the website home page (<https://yucaipasgma.org>).

5.2 Collaborative Opportunities

The Yucaipa-SMGA has taken an inclusive approach to groundwater management, making space on the Board for each of the local entities with water supply, water management, and or land use responsibility in the Yucaipa Subbasin that wanted to participate in the GSA. The Board understands that each interested party has an established relationship with their local water supplier that should continue through the development and implementation of the GSP. Each Board member is appointed by the

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member agency and represents the constituents in their jurisdiction. In addition to the Yucaipa SGMA Board member agencies, representatives from the City of Calimesa, the County of Riverside and the County of San Bernardino participated in the formation of the Yucaipa SGMA and are committed to continued involvement as representatives of their stakeholder interests. Due to this uniquely inclusive Board structure, Yucaipa SGMA views each Board member and stakeholder representative as an ambassador of their own jurisdiction, representing their interests in the Yucaipa SGMA meetings.

Purveyors

5.2.1 South Mesa Water Company

The South Mesa Water Company (South Mesa) is a mutual water company, formed in 1912, with approximately 4 square miles within the service area including portions of both the City of Calimesa and the City of Yucaipa. Water supplied by South Mesa is currently 100% groundwater. The South Mesa service area is approximately 90% residential with some industrial uses, several schools, and some small parks. South Mesa engages directly with shareholders through the annual shareholder meeting and updates as needed. South Mesa engages with shareholders through their website, regular Consumer Confidence Reports, social media platforms and information available at the South Mesa office. Many shareholders also pay their bills in person and converse regularly with South Mesa staff.

5.2.2 South Mountain Water Company

The South Mountain Water Company (South Mountain) is a mutual water company with groundwater production in the Yucaipa subbasin. The City of Redlands owns majority shares and operates the two wells owned by South Mountain. The business activities of the company are conducted by Bear Valley Mutual Water Company.

5.2.3 Western Heights Water Company

The Western Heights Water Company (WHWC) serves approximately 4.53 square miles including parts of the City of Yucaipa and the City of Redlands. Approximately 90% of WHWC customer demand is domestic with approximately 10% industrial and commercial use. WHWC currently has sufficient groundwater supply for 100% of the potable water demand, but purchases 25% imported water to offset groundwater demand. WHWC shareholders engage in decision making through participation in WHWC Board meetings.

5.2.4 Yucaipa Valley Water District

The Yucaipa Valley Water District (YVWD) is a special district that was formed in 1971 and supplies local groundwater, treated imported water, and recycled water. The Yucaipa Valley Water District service area is approximately 40 square miles and includes portions of the City of Calimesa and the City of Yucaipa. Approximately 78% of the water use in the YVWD is residential with approximately 22% commercial, industrial and institutional. The YVWD engages with customers through their local office, website and consumer confidence reports. YVWD also published some notices in the local newspaper as appropriate.

Municipalities

5.2.5 City of Redlands

The City of Redlands was incorporated in 1888 and currently serves water to local businesses and more than 75,000 residents in Redlands, Mentone, parts of Crafton Hills, San Timoteo Canyon, and a small portion of San Bernardino. The City of Redlands supplies originate as surface water, groundwater and imported water. The City of Redlands provides ongoing communication with stakeholders through their website and social media. Important water-related information is distributed with consumer confidence reports and bills as appropriate.

5.2.6 City of Yucaipa

The City of Yucaipa was incorporated in 1989 and currently has over 58,000 residents. Water service in the City is provided by YVWD, South Mesa, and WHWC. South Mountain has water facilities, including water wells, within the City of Yucaipa, but does not currently provide water services in the City. The entire City of Yucaipa is within the service area of the SBVMWD. The City of Yucaipa has several commissions and committees, including the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Trails and Open Space Committee, that enable citizens to participate in the governance process. The City of Yucaipa regularly holds public meetings where members of the general public can voice concerns or issues. The City also engages with stakeholders through social media, the city website and newspaper publications as appropriate.

Regionals

5.2.7 San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District was formed in 1954 as a regional water agency. The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District is a wholesale water supplier that imports water through the State Water Project, manages groundwater stored within the District boundaries, and coordinates delivery of imported water to local water retail agencies.

5.2.8 San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) was established in 1961 and supplies State Water Project water to retail water agencies. The SGPWA engages with stakeholders through semi-monthly public Board meetings and workshops. SGPWA provides regular updates on the website and through social media.

Stakeholders

5.2.9 City of Calimesa

The City of Calimesa was incorporated in 1990 and currently has over 8,000 residents. Water service in the City is provided by South Mesa and YVWD. The entire City of Calimesa is within the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency service area. The City has several active commissions and provides opportunities for public comment at all City Council and Commission meetings. The City also engages with stakeholders through their website and social media.

5.2.10 County of Riverside

The County of Riverside was formed in 1893 and covers nearly 7,300 square miles including 28 cities. The County provides information and updates on a centralized website as well as social media.

5.2.11 County of San Bernardino

The County of San Bernardino was formed in 1854 and covers 20,000 square miles including 24 cities. The County provides information and updates on a centralized website as well as social media.

5.3 Opportunities for Tribal Communities

According to the DWR Water Management Planning Tool, as of January 2019, there are no tribal trust lands within the Yucaipa Subbasin as shown in Figure 2. Although there are no federally recognized tribes, Indian land currently or historically held in Trust by the United States Government or smaller Reservation areas within the Yucaipa Subbasin, the Yucaipa SGMA encourages participation from all stakeholders including tribal communities within the watershed.

5.4 Disadvantaged Communities

There are several communities within the Subbasin that DWR has mapped as Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) and Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDAC) based on median household income within community census tracts, blocks, and places as shown in Figure 3. The majority of the areas designated as DAC and SDAC are within either the City of Yucaipa or the City of Calimesa. Members of these communities are represented on the Yucaipa SGMA by both their City representative and their water supplier.

5.5 Stakeholder Email List

The Yucaipa SGMA maintains a list of stakeholders interested in the GSP process, known as the *List of Interested Parties (List)*. Electronic newsletter, meeting notices, and notices of GSP documents are sent electronically to the List. There are currently over 100 individuals subscribed to the List. The List is continuously updated with individuals that request in writing to be placed on the list of interested parties or subscribe through the Yucaipa SGMA website.

5.6 Online Resources

The Yucaipa SGMA has created a website (www.YucaipaSGMA.org) that includes general information, relevant documents, a calendar of meetings and important events, as well as the agendas and minutes for all Yucaipa SGMA meetings.

6 CONTACT US

This document serves as a tool for facilitating public engagement in the GSP development process. It is designed to be a living document that is updated as needed to reflect current mechanism of engagement. Yucaipa SGMA will continue to use the communication tools outlined in this document as necessary through the implementation phase of the GSP.

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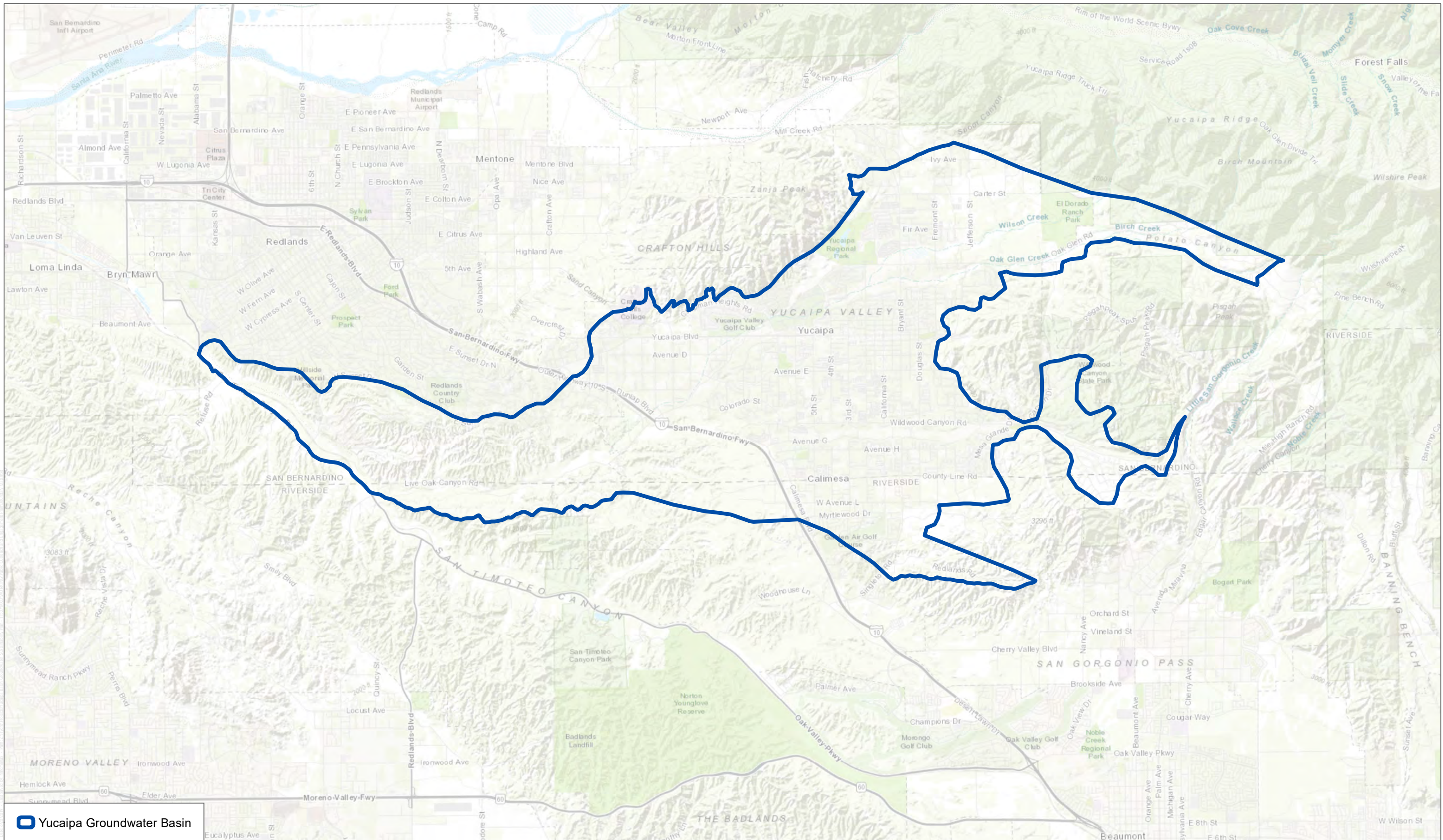
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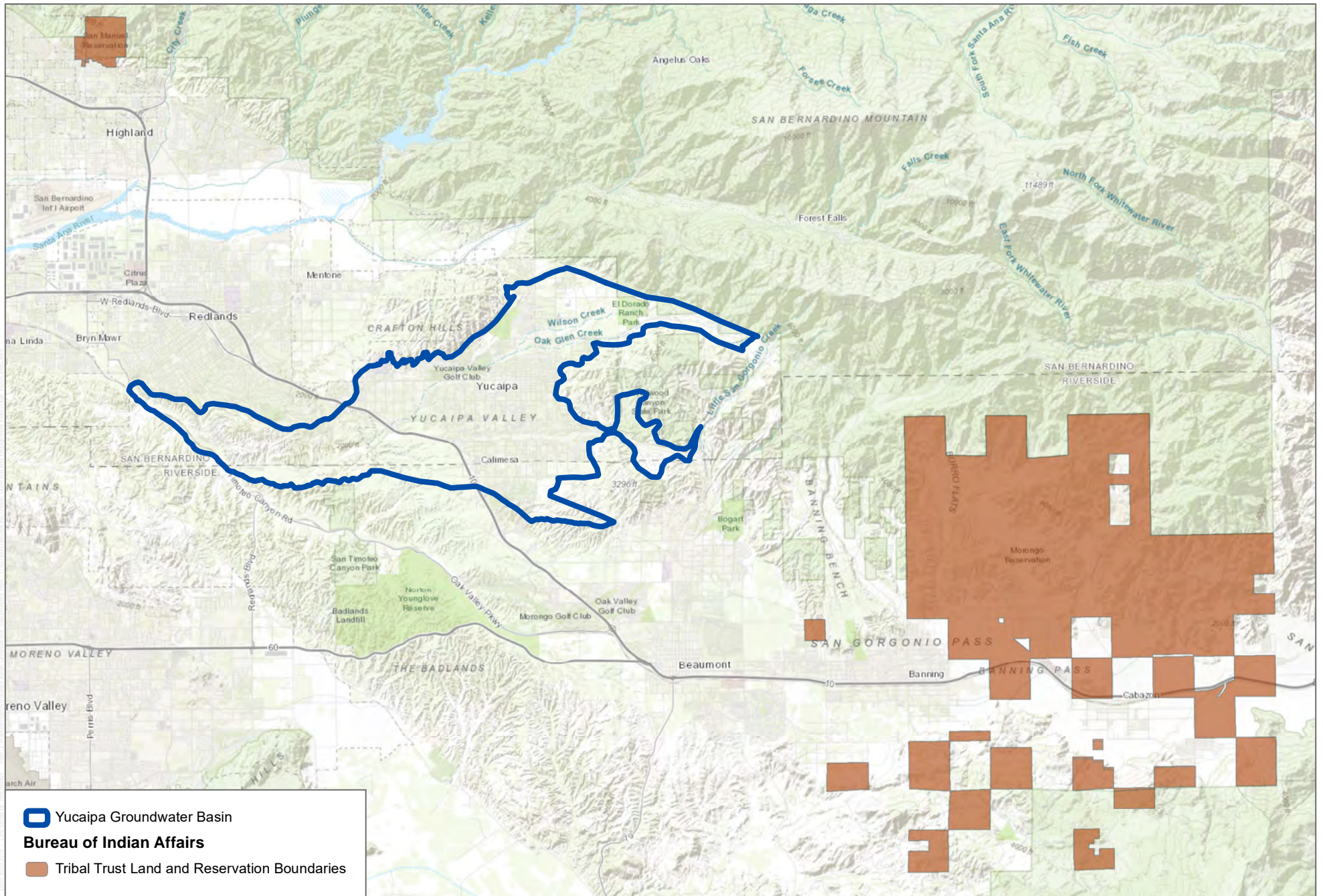
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FIGURE 1
Boundary Map

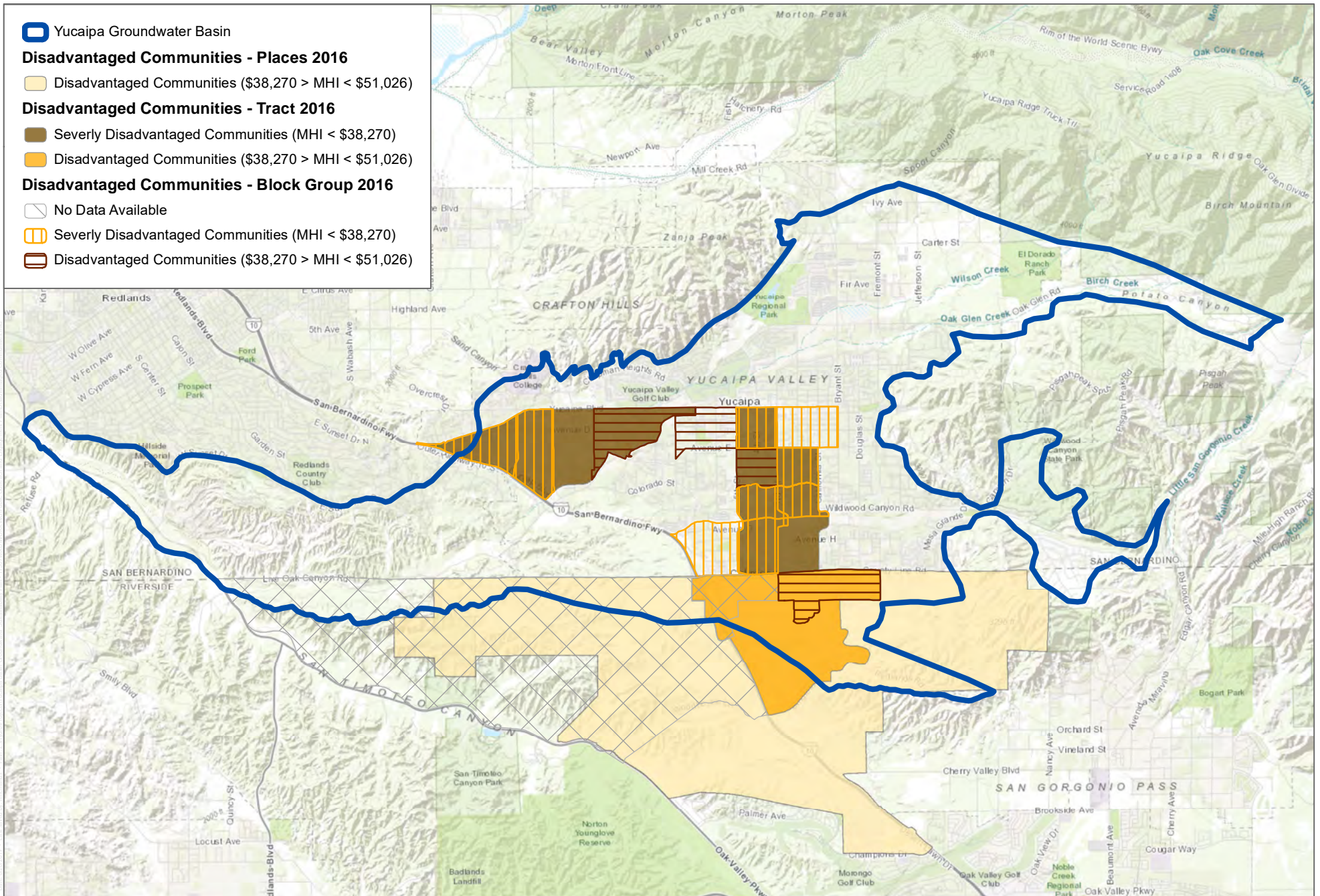


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FIGURE 2

Tribal Trust Lands

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Note: MHI = Mean Household Income



FIGURE 3

Disadvantaged Communities

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