

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Board Meeting - April 28, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. - - Online Meeting - -

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency resulting from the threat of COVID-19 and issued Executive Order N-25-20 (3-12-20) and Executive Order N-29-20 (3-17-20) which temporarily suspend portions of the Brown Act relative to conducting public meetings. Subsequent thereto, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 (3-19- 20) ordering all individuals to stay at home or at their place of residence. Accordingly, it has been determined that all meetings of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be held via teleconference. There will be no public access to the meeting venue.

- I. Call to Order - Chairman Mark Iverson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Roll Call - The following representatives, as assigned by each Party, attended the meeting:

Purveyors	Present	Primary Representative	Present	Alternative Representative
South Mesa Water Company	✓	David Armstrong	✓	George Jorritsma
South Mountain Water Company		Bob Martin		Rolland Moore
Western Heights Water Company	✓	Mark Iverson	✓	Tim Green
Yucaipa Valley Water District	✓	Joseph Zoba	✓	Jennifer Ares
Municipals				
City of Redlands		Cecilia Griego		Kevin Watson
City of Yucaipa		Ray Casey	✓	Fermin Preciado
Regionals				
San Bernardino Valley MWD		Bob Tincher	✓	Matt Howard
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	✓	Lance Eckhart		Thomas Todd
Stakeholders				
County of Riverside		Steve Horn		Jeff Johnson
County of San Bernardino		Bob Page		
City of Calimesa		Bonnie Johnson		

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present to start the meeting.

In addition to the Board of Directors identified above, the following members of the public were registered as attending the meeting:

- Madeline Blua - Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Derek Hoffman - Gresham Savage representing South Mesa Water Company
- Joyce McIntire - Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Adekunle Ojo - San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

- Mike Podegracz - Charles Abbott Associates representing the City of Yucaipa
- Steve Stuart - Dudek

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Correspondence

A. Notice by the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency of their preparation of a 2020 Urban Water Management Plan

B. Community Meeting Notice

V. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. March 24, 2021 - Board Meeting

Mark Iverson moved to approve the board meeting minutes for March 24, 2021.

David Armstrong seconded the motion.

South Mesa Water Company	Yes
South Mountain Water Company	Absent
Western Heights Water Company	Yes
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Yes
City of Redlands	Absent
City of Yucaipa	Yes
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Yes
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes

VI. Discussion Items

A. COVID-19 Update

Matt Howard provided information about the current status of COVID-19 and the need to continue to conduct online meetings until further notice.

The next public meeting will likely be via teleconference.

B. Status Update on the Activities Related to the Preparation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Steve Stuart provided an overview of the topics to be discussed at the board meeting.

C. Consider Proposed Management Areas – Western Heights, North Bench, Calimesa, and San Timoteo Management Areas

Steve Stuart discussed the development of Management Areas based on existing geological structures, distribution of groundwater wells, and groundwater

dependent ecosystems. The proposed Management Areas will each have individual sustainability criteria to monitor and avoid undesirable results.

Mark Iverson moved to adopt the proposed Management Areas identified as the North Bench Management Area, Western Heights Management Area, San Timoteo Management Area, and Calimesa Management Area.

Joseph Zoba seconded the motion.

South Mesa Water Company	No
South Mountain Water Company	Absent
Western Heights Water Company	Yes
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Yes
City of Redlands	Absent
City of Yucaipa	Yes
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Yes
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes

1. Consider Sustainability Criteria and Projected Conditions for the Western Heights, North Bench, Calimesa, and San Timoteo Management Areas

Steve Stuart discussed the need to set sustainability criteria for each of the Management Areas to prevent significant and unreasonable effects associated with the operation of the groundwater basins. The sustainability criteria would include two measurable objectives established at (1) the historical low in groundwater level and (2) a 30% to 60% loss in well field production. The proposed minimum threshold would be established as an undesirable result of more than 70% loss in well field production or a significant loss in groundwater dependent ecosystems.

The meeting participants discussed alternative approaches to setting measurable objectives for each of the Management Areas.

Steve Stuart stated that he would review the information and prepare an alternative approach to the creation of measurable objectives.

2. Discussion of the Proposed Management Actions

Steve Stuart presented conceptual management actions that will be refined and presented at a future meeting.

D. Discussion of Draft Chapters 1, 2, and 3 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Comments have been received from South Mesa Water Company and the City of Yucaipa. Additional comments should be provided through the SharePoint site.

E. Status Update on Draft Chapter 4 Projects and Management Actions

Steve Stuart reported that Chapter 4 is planned to be released in May 2021.

- F. Discussion of the First Annual Report for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency

The first annual report will be due to the Department of Water Resources on April 1, 2022.

- G. Status Report on the SGMA Grant and Financial Status

Matt Howard reported that the planning activities of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency is at 97% complete and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan preparation is 69% complete.

- H. Discussion Regarding the First Community Engagement Meeting

The first community engagement meeting is scheduled for this evening at 6:00pm. The focus will be on Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

- VII. Topics for Future Meetings - Suggested meeting dates are provided below and will be adjusted based on the progress of each topic.

- Discussion regarding potential projects to be included in the groundwater model and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- Review of comments from Draft Chapter 1, Draft Chapter 2, and Draft Chapter 3
- Discussion regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation and alternative solutions to potential issues.
- Discussion Regarding Measurable Objectives for each Management Area
- Discussion Regarding Management Actions and a Fee Structure for each Management Area

- VIII. Comments by the Board of Directors

None

- IX. Announcements

The next scheduled meeting for the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be a workshop on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference.

- X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.