

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Workshop Meeting – June 16, 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 individuals to stay at home or at their place of residence. Accordingly, it has been determined that 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
- Madeline Chen, Ortega Strategies Group
- Derek Hoffman, Gresham Savage representing South Mesa Water Company
- Scott Hudson, Oak Glen Domestic Water Company

- Steve Stuart, Dudek
- Melissa Zoba, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Correspondence

None

V. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. June 9, 2021 - Workshop Meeting

Tim Green moved to approve the board meeting minutes for June 9, 2021.

Joseph Zoba seconded the motion.

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

VI. Discussion Items

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

1. Discussion Regarding Measurable Objectives for the Western Heights, North Bench, Calimesa, and San Timoteo Management Areas

Steve Stuart discussed the definition of an Undesirable Result which is identified to “occur when significant and unreasonable effects for any of the sustainability indicators are caused by groundwater conditions” (23 CCR §354.26(a)). The sustainability indicators that pertain to the Yucaipa Basin include:

- Chronic lowering of groundwater elevations;
- Reduction of groundwater in storage;
- Degradation of groundwater quality; and
- Interconnected surface water and groundwater.

By setting the appropriate sustainability criteria, the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be able to identify undesirable results and achieve the sustainability goals.

Steve Stuart presented information about the Calimesa Management Area, Western Heights Management Area, North Bench Management Area, and limited information about the San Timoteo Management Area. Information presented included proposed sustainability criteria, measurable objectives, drought buffer range and a minimum threshold for the Board of Directors to review, consider and discuss. Based on the discussion, additional refinements to each Management Area will be presented at the next workshop on June 23, 2021.

Steve Stuart presented a conceptual summary of Proposed Management Actions for each water purveyor in the Calimesa Management Area. The table presented will be refined based on comments received during the workshop.

Steve Stuart presented that the group should retain the existing funding mechanism to pay for the administrative costs based on the water purveyors paying 75% and the municipalities/regionals pay the remaining 25%.

2. Discussion of the Revised Sustainability Criteria and Projected Conditions for the Western Heights, North Bench, Calimesa, and San Timoteo Management Areas

This agenda topic was briefly discussed during Item VI.A.1 above.

3. Discussion of the Proposed Plan Implementation and Management Actions

This agenda topic was briefly discussed during Item VI.A.1 above.

- 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 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 of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be a workshop on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 10:00 am.

X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.