

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Workshop Meeting – June 23, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. - - In Person and 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. This hybrid meeting of the Yucaipa-SGMA was held both in person at the City of Yucaipa Town Hall and via Zoom teleconference.

- 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
- Scott Hudson, Oak Glen Domestic Water Company
- Landon Kern, City of Yucaipa
- Logan Largent, Ortega Strategies Group
- Adekunle Ojo, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

- Nyles O’Harra
- Mike Podegracz, Charles Abbott Associates representing the City of Yucaipa
- Steve Stuart, Dudek

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Correspondence

None

V. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. June 16, 2021 - Workshop Meeting

Tim Green moved to approve the board meeting minutes for June 16, 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	Yes
City of Yucaipa	Absent
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Yes
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 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.

The proposed minimum thresholds and measurable objectives for the Western Heights, North Bench and San Timoteo management areas were generally accepted, however, the management actions need further refinement for these management areas.

The Board decided to conduct another workshop meeting on June 30, 2021, to review the additional refinements.

2. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation, Management Actions, and Fee Structure

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.

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
- Overview of Draft Chapter 1, Draft Chapter 2, and Draft Chapter 3

VIII. Comments by the Board of Directors

None

IX. Announcements

A workshop will be conducted by teleconference on June 30, 2021, and the next scheduled meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be a board meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 10:00 am.

X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.