

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Workshop Meeting – June 30, 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
- Derek Hoffman, Gresham Savage representing South Mesa Water Company
- Adekunle Ojo, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
- Mike Podegraz - Charles Abbot Associates / City of Yucaipa

- Steve Stuart, Dudek

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Correspondence

None

V. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. June 23, 2021 - Workshop Meeting

David Armstrong moved to approve the board meeting minutes for June 23, 2021.

Tim Green 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	Yes
City of Yucaipa	Abstain
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 continued the discussion from the workshop on June 23, 2021, to address the proposed management of the Management Areas in the Yucaipa Basin.

The Sustainability Criteria for the Calimesa Management Area was reviewed which included various model predictions of future simulated pumping and comparable reductions to safe yield in 5% increments. The proposed Drought Buffer Range was developed using a 10-year drought buffer below the historical low of 798,700 AF of volume in storage to 772,500 acre feet volume in storage. The minimum threshold for the basin would be 772,500 acre feet volume in storage.

The Average Annual Production in the Calimesa Management Area was provided based on the period from 1966 to 2018. Over this period, the average groundwater production was as follows:

	Average Annual Production (Acre Feet per Year)	Percentage of Total
Yucaipa Valley Water District	2,451	47.3%
South Mesa Mutual Water Company	2,057	39.7%
South Mountain Mutual Water Company	542	10.5%
Private Producers	130	2.5%
Total	5,180	100.0%

Applying these production rates to the current Sustainable Yield of 4,954 acre feet per year results in the following allocation of groundwater extraction:

	Pumping Allocation (%)	Pumping Allocation Referenced to Sustainable Yield (AFY)
Yucaipa Valley Water District	47.3%	2,344
South Mesa Mutual Water Company	39.7%	1,967
South Mountain Mutual Water Company	10.5%	519
Private Producers	2.5%	124
Total	100.0%	4,954

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 two examples of managing groundwater included (1) Groundwater Usage Fees; and (2) Credit and Replenishment Fees. Based on the preliminary view of this information, there was a general consensus that the two methods should be combined to create an equitable credit and replenishment fee structure.

Additional information about the hybrid methodology will be presented at the next workshop meeting.

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be a workshop on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 10:00 am.

X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.