

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Workshop Meeting – July 28, 2021 - 10:30 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 10:30 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
- Rosanna Hanson
- Derek Hoffman, Gresham Savage representing South Mesa Water Company
- Logan Largent, Ortega Strategies Group

- Ty Mull
- 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

None

V. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. July 21, 2021 - Workshop Meeting

Bob Tincher moved to approve the board meeting minutes for July 21, 2021.

David Armstrong 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	Yes
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Yes
San Geronio Pass Water Agency	Absent

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 provided an overview of the issues discussed during the past several workshops related to the Sustainability Criteria for each Management Area. The overview included a discussion about the Sustainability Range, Measurable Objective, Drought Buffer Range, and Minimum Threshold for the Management Areas. The San Timoteo Management Area uses different criteria based on shallow groundwater conditions.

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

Steve Stuart presented concepts related to the administrative fees and implementation costs to be included in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The costs include administrative expenses; public engagement; preparation of Groundwater Sustainability Plan annual and 5-year reports; DMS management; ongoing groundwater level monitoring; ongoing groundwater production monitoring; ongoing groundwater quality monitoring; routine service of monitoring wells; and routine service of stream gaging stations.

The concept of a Rolling Pumping Credit was discussed for each Management Area. There was general consensus that the groundwater pumping for each Management Area would be based on an annual allotment with a five-year rolling credit for groundwater production under the allotment. Additionally, supplemental water that is artificially recharged in a Management Area would be subject to an annual loss but be able to be retained without a forfeiture date allowing the recharged supplemental water to be used in the future by the water purveyors.

Matt Howard provided an overview of the Groundwater Sustainability Grant status showing that the Groundwater Sustainability Plan completed to date are 77% complete and within budget.

- 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, Draft Chapter 3, Draft Chapter 4, and Draft Chapter 5.
 - Development of San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency replenishment fees.
- 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 meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 10:30 am.
- X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.