

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Workshop Meeting – August 11, 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	✓	George Hanson	_____	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

- Steve Stuart, Dudek

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Correspondence

None

V. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. July 28, 2021 - Workshop Meeting

Tim Green moved to approve the board meeting minutes for July 28, 2021.

Bob Tincher 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	Yes
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Absent

VI. Discussion Items

A. Status Update Regarding Draft Chapters 1-5 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Steve Stuart provided an overview of the following draft chapters of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

- Chapter 1 - Introduction of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Plan Area
- Chapter 2 - Basin Understanding
- Chapter 3 - Sustainability Criteria
- Chapter 4 - Management Actions and Projects
- Chapter 5 - Plan Implementation

The Administrative draft documents will be available on August 31, 2021 through the SharePoint system for internal review.

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

1. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation and Fee Structure

Steve Stuart discussed the distribution of MOA Shared costs, Rolling Pumping Credits, and Supplemental Water Accounting as part of the Yucaipa SGMA conceptual fee structure.

The MOA Shared Cost Structure will distribute routine expenses proportionally based on the original Memorandum of Agreement between the Parties. Steve Stuart will provide a separate memorandum and agenda item related to the first-year annual expenses for approval by the Yucaipa SGMA members.

Steve Stuart discussed current funding opportunities from Proposition 68 through the Department of Water Resources for proposed projects.

Steve Stuart discussed the Rolling Pumping Credits based on a five-year rolling credit method. Information was provided for each of the purveyors.

Steve Stuart discussed the Supplemental Water Accounting methodology for the accumulation of groundwater stored in the Yucaipa Basin.

2. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Pumping Credits for the North Bench, Western-Heights, Calimesa, and San Timoteo Management Areas

Steve Stuart discussed the anticipated future f-year pumping credit and replenishment fees for future years using recent groundwater extraction data. Information was provided for each water purveyor in each Management Area.

3. Discussion Regarding the Supplemental SWP Recharge Accounting

Steve Stuart discussed the concept and methodology for the accounting of supplemental water recharge in the Yucaipa Basin.

C. Status Update on the USGS Numerical Model Report

The United States Geological Survey provided a copy of the numerical model in May 2021. This information provided a revised estimate for the sustainable yield and confirmation that the future projections meet the expected calculations.

D. Status Update on the Data Management System Development

Matt Palavido will be setting up individual meetings with each agency during the week of August 16, 2021, to discuss water levels, water production, and precipitation in the Yucaipa Basin.

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 Geronio 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 25, 2021, at 10:30 am.

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