

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Workshop Meeting – August 25, 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. Discussion Items

A. Presentation – Update on the Yucaipa-SGMA Data Management System

Matthew Palavido provided an overview of the Yucaipa-SGMA Data Management System. Meetings are currently being scheduled with all of the member agencies. New features have been added to the Data Management System that includes additional attributes for groundwater wells, precipitation, and stream flow data.

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 provided an overview of the anticipated annual cost that should be expected following the adoption of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The estimated costs will involve annual upfront costs (administration, public engagement, GSP reports, and DMS management) and annual operational costs (monitoring programs, groundwater level, production, water quality, well maintenance, streamflow monitoring). These costs can be reviewed and adjusted each year to determine the level of effort desired for each element.

2. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Accounting for Supplemental Water

Steve Stuart discussed the accounting for the recharge of supplemental water added to each Management Zone. The Board discussed the concept of an annual loss rate but there was no consensus reached by the member agencies.

3. Discussion Regarding the Data Monitoring Protocols

Steve Stuart discussed the protocols for collecting groundwater level, groundwater production, and groundwater quality data. The data will need to be collected pursuant to Department of Water Resources protocols, California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) procedures, and Maximum Benefit Monitoring methodologies.

Steve Stuart shared sample data collection forms that intend to be used for the collection of data.

C. Discussion Regarding the Second Community Engagement Meeting

Based on the current schedule, Steve Stuart discussed the need to schedule a public engagement meeting in November 2021 following the release of the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan. This will provide sufficient time to review and incorporate the pertinent comments into the final Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

VI. 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.

VII. Comments by the Board of Directors

None

VIII. Announcements

The next scheduled meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be a workshop meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 10:30 am.

IX. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.