

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Workshop Meeting – September 22, 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:

- Nick Calero, Senator Ochoa Bogh's Staff Member
- Sam Fuller, South Mountain Water Company
- Derek Hoffman, Gresham Savage representing South Mesa Water Company
- Paul Kielhold - San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

- Joyce McIntire - Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Mike Podegracz, Charles Abbott Associates representing the City of Yucaipa
- Steve Stuart, Dudek

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Correspondence

None

V. Discussion Items

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

1. Discussion Regarding the Inclusion of Well Completion Reports

Chapter 3 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan discusses sustainability criteria and the potential for land subsidence. Steve Stuart presented information about the potential for land subsidence, but it is unlikely compared to the risk of tectonic activity. Steve Stuart asked for direction whether to provide well ownership information in the appendix to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

There was a consensus that well ownership should be redacted in a manner similar to how well log information is provided by the Department of Water Resources.

2. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Management Actions

Steve Stuart discussed shifting the Measurable Objective to the historic low in the Calimesa and Western Heights Management Areas.

The Measurable Objective for the Calimesa Management Area was originally established at 800,000 acre feet and the historical low was 798,600 acre feet. Steve Stuart proposes to close the gap of 1,400 acre feet by shifting the Measurable Objective to 798,600 acre feet.

The Measurable Objective for the Western Heights Management Area was originally established at 409,300 acre feet and the historical low was 408,800 acre feet. Steve Stuart proposes to close the gap of 500 acre feet by shifting the Measurable Objective to 408,800 acre feet.

There was a general consensus to shift the Measurable Objective for both Management Areas as proposed by Steve Stuart.

Steve Stuart recommended to set Management Action #1 based on falling water levels below respective thresholds at 50% or more of the

Representative Monitoring Points for two consecutive years. There was a general consensus to review the text of Chapter 4 to see if there are other options to set the trigger for Management Action #1.

3. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Accounting for Supplemental Water

Steve Stuart provided information about the annual loss rate for the recharge of supplemental water. By studying the recharge of supplemental water at the Wilson Creek Spreading Basins, the model showed that there was little to no losses over time.

There was a general consensus that there is no loss applied to the percolation of supplemental water. This item may be studied more in the future.

4. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Fee Structure

Steve Stuart provided estimated costs for the implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The estimated annual upfront cost is \$100,000 plus an estimated annual operational time and material cost of \$70,000.

B. Discussion Regarding the Release of the Public Draft of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Steve Stuart is asking for comments back by October 8, 2022 for the administrative draft documents. The public draft is scheduled for release on October 22, 2021 which will be discussed at the next Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency meeting on October 27, 2021.

Each member agency is requested to adopt a resolution approving the Groundwater Sustainability Plan during the month of December 2021.

C. Discussion Regarding the Second Community Engagement Meeting

A public engagement meeting will be scheduled on November 17, 2021 together with a meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency to provide direction to Dudek if needed.

D. Discussion Regarding the Schedule for the Final Preparation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Steve Stuart provided an overview of the proposed schedule for finalizing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The Groundwater Sustainability Plan is on schedule to be completed and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2022.

- 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 Geronio 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 board meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 10:30 am.
- A public engagement and workshop meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.
- IX. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.