

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Board Meeting – October 27, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

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
- Sam Fuller, Consultant
- Logan Largent, Ortega Strategies Group
- Brittany Lim, South Mesa Water Company
- Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Matt Palavido, Dudek
- Brooke Shorey, Western Heights Water Company
- Debbie Shortlidge, City of Yucaipa
- Steve Stuart, Dudek
- Colleen Wallace, City of Banning

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Correspondence

None

V. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. Workshop meeting minutes from August 11, 2021

Mark Iverson moved to approve the board meeting minutes.

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 Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes

B. Workshop meeting minutes from August 25, 2021

Lance Eckhart moved to approve the board meeting minutes.

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 Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes

C. Workshop meeting minutes from September 22, 2021

Lance Eckhart moved to approve the board meeting minutes.

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

VI. Discussion Items

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

Steve Stuart provided an administrative overview of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan which involved: (1) the preparation of a draft resolution for adoption by the GSA members; (2) the public release of the GSP scheduled for November 1, 2021; and (3) preparation of the public engagement meeting on November 16, 2021.

1. Status Update on the Administrative Draft of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Steve Stuart discussed the comments received by the GSA members and pointed the group to the Dudek SharePoint website for additional information. The final version of the GSP will include an executive summary, list of preparers, list of acknowledgements, and table of abbreviations/acronyms.

The following issues were discussed by the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency members:

#1 Should the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency be referred to as “Yucaipa GSA” in the MOA, “Yucaipa SGMA” in the Bylaws, or “Yucaipa Basin GSA” in the DWR SGMA Portal?

Following a discussion by the board members, Mark Iverson moved to refer to the organization as “Yucaipa GSA” in the GSP and legal documents, but retain the name of “Yucaipa SGMA” for meeting notices and website access by the public. The motion was seconded by Lance Eckhart and was approved unanimously.

#2 When do we implement the Sustainable Yield Pumping Allocations/Pumping Credits management action?

- **At the adoption of the GSP**
- **Pumping tracked from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022**
- **Initial pumping credits assessed at the end of the 2022 water year**

Following a discussion by the board members, Joseph Zoba moved to assess the initial pumping credits at the end of the 2022 water year, so pumping that occurred in October 2021 and afterwards will be accounted for when assessing pumping credits at the end of the

2021-2022 water year. The motion was seconded by Tim Green and was approved unanimously.

#3 There is a historical record of artificial spreading at the Wilson Creek and Oak Glen Creek Basins by Yucaipa Valley Water District. When should the past recharge of supplemental water in the Yucaipa Basin be recorded?

Following a discussion by the board members, Joseph Zoba moved to record all of the supplemental water added to the Yucaipa Basin by Yucaipa Valley Water District when spreading operations commenced in 2009. The motion was seconded by Tim Green and was approved by all board members except for South Mesa Water Company who abstained.

#4 What are the opportunities to support the water resources in the Calimesa Management Area?

- **There are no existing spreading basins**
- **Other sources of supplemental water can be used to offset pumping exceedances**
- **Reduction of pumping**

Following a discussion by the board members, there was recognition of the issues in the Calimesa Management Area and a general concurrence that all of the options above are sufficient to support the water resource conditions in the Calimesa Management Area. There will likely be further efforts to construct recharge facilities in this Management Area to provide additional opportunities for the region.

#5 There is an ongoing issue regarding the jurisdictional boundary between South Mesa Water Company and Yucaipa Valley Water District.

There was a consensus between Yucaipa Valley Water District and South Mesa Water Company to provide a footnote about this issue to allow the GSP to proceed without delay.

#6 USGS Model Update

Steve Stuart reported that he expects the USGS to publish their reports by the end of 2021.

#7 Potential Effects of the South Mesa Barrier on Recharge at Potential Basins in the Calimesa Management Area

Steve Stuart discussed water levels and simulated water recharge tracer diagrams at possible locations near the Equestrian Park and County Line Road locations within the Calimesa Management Area

2. Discussion Regarding the Draft Resolution to Adopt the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Steve Stuart will be providing each agency with a draft resolution that will need to be adopted to be included in the final version of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

3. Discussion Regarding the Release Date of the Public Draft of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Matt Howard discussed the release of the public draft of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

B. Discussion Regarding the Format for the Second Community Engagement Meeting

Matt Howard discussed the public engagement meeting scheduled for November 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

C. Consider Proposal from Dudek to Prepare 2022 Annual Report for the Yucaipa Subbasin

Steve Stuart discussed the preparation of the 2022 Annual Report for the Yucaipa Subbasin based on the proposal by Dudek on October 7, 2021.

Following a discussion by the board members, Mark Iverson moved to accept and approve the proposal previously submitted by Dudek to the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency. Lance Eckhart 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	Yes
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Yes
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes

D. Status Update on the Yucaipa-SGMA Data Management System

Matt Palavido provided an update on the Data Management System (DMS). There was a brief discussion about coordinating the field forms used by each water purveyor to improve the overall efficiency of the DMS.

VII. Topics for Future Meetings - Suggested meeting dates are provided below and will be adjusted based on the progress of each topic.

None

VIII. Comments by the Board of Directors

None

IX. Announcements

A public engagement and workshop meeting will be held on November 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be a board meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 10:30 am.

X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.