

# MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## Board Meeting – December 8, 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
<b>Municipals</b>				
City of Redlands	✓	Cecilia Griego	✓	Kevin Watson
City of Yucaipa	✓	Ray Casey	✓	Fermin Preciado
<b>Regionals</b>				
San Bernardino Valley MWD	✓	Bob Tincher	✓	Matt Howard
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	✓	Lance Eckhart	✓	Thomas Todd
<b>Stakeholders</b>				
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
- David Duron
- Lonni Granlund, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Derek Hoffman, South Mesa Water Company
- Logan Largent, Ortega Strategies Group
- Brittany Lim, South Mesa Water Company
- Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Mike Podegraz - Charles Abbot Associates / City of Yucaipa
- Brooke Shorey, Western Heights Water Company
- Larry Smith, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
- Steve Stuart, Dudek

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Correspondence

None

V. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. Meeting minutes from October 27, 2021

David Armstrong moved to approve the board meeting minutes and Tim Green 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	Abstain
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes

VI. Discussion Items

A. Review and Consider Comments Received on Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan

- City of Yucaipa [See meeting material on page 8 of 57]
- South Mesa Water Company [See meeting material on page 12 of 57]
- Nature Conservancy [See meeting material on page 24 of 57]

In addition to the comments included in the meeting packet, Steve Stuart also received comments from the City of Redlands.

Steve Stuart provided a forum with the meeting participants to discuss and resolve the following comments:

- Section 4.2.2, Management Action #2: "Pumping credits cannot be transferred or sold to another entity within a given management area or within the Subbasin." Replace with, "The Yucaipa GSA will continue to discuss transferability of pumping credits."
- How is imported groundwater accounted for in the water budget for the Yucaipa Subbasin?
- Accounting of Surplus Supplemental Water Spreading
- Nature Conservancy et al. suggested that some topics are inadequately addressed in the GSP.

There was a general consensus by the board members that Steve Stuart should acknowledge the comments received and compile a response to the comments based on the discussion at this meeting.

B. Consider Letter of Support from the Yucaipa-SGMA on Yucaipa Valley Water District

Steve Stuart and Jennifer Ares discussed the application for the following projects by Yucaipa Valley Water District for possible grant funding from the Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant Program: North Bench Recycled Water Facilities; Reconstruction of Well 25/5th Street Recycled Water Fill Station; Construction of the 12.5 Recycled Water Reservoirs; and Salinity Concentrate Reduction and Minimization (SCRAM) Project.

Lance Eckhart moved to send the letter of support for the proposed projects. Fermin Preciado 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	Absent
City of Yucaipa	Yes
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Yes
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes

C. Status Update on the Yucaipa Basin USGS Model and Report

Steve Stuart discussed the two draft reports presented to the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District on November 18, 2021 by the USGS staff members:

- “Geology and Hydrogeology of the Yucaipa Groundwater Subbasin, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California”
- “Hydrology of the Yucaipa Groundwater Subbasin: Characterization and Integrated Numerical Model, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California”

The final approval of the reports and dissemination to the public will occur when layout is complete and reports are published online.

D. Status on the Ground Water Sustainability Plan Adoption Schedule

Steve Stuart discussed the anticipated schedule for Groundwater Sustainability Plan adoption by each of the participating agencies. The anticipated adoption dates are:

South Mesa Water Company	January 19, 2022
South Mountain Water Company	January 26, 2022
Western Heights Water Company	December 17, 2021
Yucaipa Valley Water District	December 21, 2021
City of Redlands	- -
City of Yucaipa	January 10, 2022
San Bernardino Valley MWD	January 18, 2022
San Geronio Pass Water Agency	January 10, 2022

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

No additional topics were suggested for future meetings.

- VIII. Comments by the Board of Directors

None

- IX. Announcements

A special board meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be held on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at 10:30 am.

The next scheduled meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2021, at 10:30 am.

- X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.