

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Board Meeting – January 26, 2022 - 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	_____	John Harris	_____	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:

- Hannibal Blandon, ALDA
- Madeline Blua, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Sam Fuller, Consultant
- Derek Hoffman, Fennemore Law
- Paul Kielhold, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
- Logan Largent, Ortega Strategies Group
- Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Adekunle Ojo, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
- Paul Rodriguez, Rodriguez Consulting Group
- Steve Stuart, Dudek
- Mikey Valdivia, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
- Mike Weil, Department of Water Resources

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing on the adoption of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan by the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency

Mark Iverson introduced the public hearing item and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Yucaipa Basin.

Joseph Zoba confirmed that the notice of this public hearing was published in the San Bernardino Sun, Yucaipa News Mirror, Redlands Daily Facts, Highland Community News, on January 14, 2022, and January 21, 2022. The meeting notice and agenda were posted and distributed consistent with the Brown Act and past practices.

Steve Stuart discussed the preparation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and described how the plan will be implemented over the next several decades consistent with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

George Hanson stated that the Groundwater Sustainability Plan will be considered this evening at the South Mountain Water Company board meeting. It is anticipated that the South Mountain Water Company board members will have questions about the cost sharing arrangement in the Bylaws and original Memorandum of Understanding.

At 10:37 am, Mark Iverson asked for public comments regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

There were no public comments.

At 10:38 am, Mark Iverson closed the public hearing for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

V. Discussion Items

A. Consider the adoption of the final Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Yucaipa Subbasin

Steve Stuart discussed the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Yucaipa Basin and the work completed by Dudek to prepare the final Plan.

Joseph Zoba moved that the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency approve and adopt the Groundwater Management Plan as presented.

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	Absent
City of Yucaipa	Yes
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Yes
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes

Steve Stuart stated that the USGS approved the final report on the Yucaipa Subbasin which is currently available at the following website links:

- **Scientific Investigations Report 2021-5118:** Hydrology of the Yucaipa Groundwater Subbasin: Characterization and Integrated Numerical Model, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California - <https://doi.org/10.3133/sir20215118>.
- **Scientific Investigations Report 2021-5129:** Geology and Hydrogeology of the Yucaipa Groundwater Subbasin, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California - <https://doi.org/10.3133/sir20215129>.

With the approval of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, the required documents will be uploaded to the Department of Water Resources.

Steve Stuart also discussed the successful preparation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan as a multi-year effort with several different agencies that remained within budget and on schedule for the entire duration of the project. Steve Stuart and Dudek were recognized and thanked by several board members.

Steve Stuart discussed the next steps for the project which involves the preparation of an annual report that will need to be submitted to the Department of Water Resources by April 1, 2022. In order to provide a review of the report, Steve Stuart recommended a Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency workshop meeting on March 23, 2022 at 10:30 am.

B. Selection of Officers for the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency

David Armstrong made a motion to retain the existing officers of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency:

- President - Mark Iverson, Western Heights Water Company
- Vice President - David Armstrong, South Mesa Water Company
- Secretary - Joseph Zoba, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Treasurer - Bob Tinchler, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

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	Absent
City of Yucaipa	Yes
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Yes
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes

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

- Development of San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency replenishment fees.
- South Mountain Water Company requested a review and discussion of the financial obligations by smaller water companies.

VII. Comments by the Board of Directors

- David Armstrong requested information from Steve Stuart about the status of the Database Management System.
- Joseph Zoba requested that the links to the USGS documents mentioned during the meeting be added to the Yucaipa SGMA website.

VIII. Announcements

The next scheduled Workshop of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 10:30 am.

The next scheduled meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 10:30 am.

IX. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.