

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Workshop – March 23, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

This workshop was held at the City of Yucaipa, 34272 Yucaipa Boulevard, Yucaipa, California.

- 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:

- Madeline Blua, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Madeline Chen, Ortega Strategies Group
- Sam Fuller, Consultant
- Lonni Granlund, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Derek Hoffman, Fennemore Law
- Scott Hudson, Oak Glen Domestic
- Chris Mann, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Greg Mendez, United States Geological Survey
- Larry Smith, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
- Steve Stuart, Dudek

- Colleen Wallace, City of Banning
- Kevin Walton, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

III. Public Comments

Kevin Walton introduced himself as the newly appointed member of the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes - December 8, 2021

George Hanson moved to approve the board meeting minutes and 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	Abstain
City of Yucaipa	Yes
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Yes
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Absent

B. Meeting Minutes - December 22, 2021

Tim Green moved to approve the board meeting minutes and 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	Absent

C. Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2022

Tim Green moved to approve the board meeting minutes and George Hanson 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	Absent

V. Discussion Items

- A. Discuss and Consider the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency Annual Reports for Water Years 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21

Steve Stuart discussed the draft Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency Annual Report for Water Years 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21. Comments on the draft reports are due to Steve Stuart by Friday, March 25, 2022 in order to submit the annual reports to the Department of Water Resources by April 1, 2022.

Steve Stuart presented information about recent precipitation trends, historical groundwater elevation data, and recent groundwater extractions for each of the Management Areas in the Yucaipa Basin. The Database Management System will be updated with Spring 2022 data by the end of March 2022.

- B. Discussion of Data Gaps Identified in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Steve Stuart discussed the data gaps previously identified in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The most important data gaps include:

- Agency boundary and jurisdictional map;
- Evaluation of water losses at local spreading basins;
- Outreach to private well users to confirm and quantify groundwater use;
- Characterization of surface water/groundwater interactions;
- Confirm potential Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems; and
- Establish additional monitoring wells in eastern portion of the Calimesa Management Area

- C. Discussion of the Proposed USGS Climate Stations in the Yucaipa Basin

Matt Howard provided an overview of the two USGS climate monitoring stations proposed for the Yucaipa Basin area. One climate monitoring station will be located in the Upper Basin west of Oak Glen and the second climate monitoring station will be located in the central part of the basin. The monitoring stations are expected to be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

- D. Discussion of the Current Cost-Sharing Mechanism through the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

John Harris and George Hanson discussed the current cost-sharing mechanism in the Memorandum of Agreement. Since the City of Redlands owns a majority share in the South Mountain Water Company, the City of Redlands pays as both a Water Purveyor and a Municipality. This cost sharing formula was discussed during the

original development of the Memorandum of Agreement and was agreeable to all parties since each entity would receive an equal vote during the development and long-term administration of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

This item will be added to a future meeting agenda for further discussion.

E. Discussion of Additional Support to the Groundwater Sustainability Agency from Dudek

Steve Stuart discussed the estimated time and material administrative costs for support services by Dudek of \$25,000. The administrative costs include: DMS updating and maintenance; preparation and participation in Yucaipa SGMA meetings; compliance with monitoring protocols pursuant to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan; and outreach to private well users.

This item will be added to a future meeting agenda for consideration by the Board of Directors.

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 Geronio Pass Water Agency replenishment fees.
- Potential Change to the Memorandum of Agreement Related to the Established Cost Sharing Methodology.

VII. Comments by the Board of Directors

None

VIII. Announcements

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

Future board meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

- Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 10:30 am
- Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 10:30 am
- Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 10:30 am

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