

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY Workshop – November 9, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

This workshop was conducted online via Zoom.

- 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	✓	Brittany Lim
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	✓	Adekunle Ojo
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	✓	Lance Eckhart	✓	Emmett Campbell
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
- Derek Hoffman, Fennemore Law
- Matt Howard, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
- Aaron Jones, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
- Marina Magana, Kennedy Jenks
- Yasmeen Nubani, Ortega Strategies Group
- Debbie Shortlidge, City of Yucaipa
- Larry Smith, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
- Steve Stuart, Dudek
- Mike Weil, California Department of Water Resources

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Discussion Items

- A. Consideration of Resolution 2022-01 Authorizing the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, a member of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency, to act on behalf of the Agency to prepare an application for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program SGMA Round 2 Implementation Grant and to enter into a funding agreement with DWR to receive a grant for the Yucaipa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Phase 1 Implementation

Steve Stuart presented information about the Round 2 Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grants available for projects that would benefit the Yucaipa Basin. The deadline for submitting a grant application was changed from November 30, 2022 to December 16, 2022. In order to submit the grant application, the Board will need to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01 to authorize the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District to act on behalf of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency.

Lance Eckhart moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01. 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	Absent
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes

Steve Stuart and Marina Magana discussed the need to prioritize the following two projects that will be submitted for grant consideration:

County Line Road Turnout and Recharge Basin	~\$6 million
Salinity and Groundwater Enhancement (SAGE) Project	~\$43 million

Joseph Zoba moved to prioritize the County Line Road Turnout and Recharge Basin as Priority 1 and the Salinity and Groundwater Enhancement (SAGE) Project as Priority 2. 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	Yes
City of Yucaipa	Yes
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Absent
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes

Marina Magana mentioned that the maximum grant application is for \$20 million so there is a possibility that both projects might receive funding if the grant is successful.

There was a general consensus by the board members to include about \$50,000 in administrative costs as part of the grant funding request.

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

- Discussion regarding the implementation of a future pump tax
- Discussion regarding water losses for surface water spreading to include issues of: (1) frequency of spreading; (2) evaporative losses; (3) depth to groundwater; and (4) sub-surface injection

VI. Comments by the Board of Directors

David Armstrong shared with the meeting participants information about the recent passing of Mr. George Jorritsma.

VII. Announcements

The next scheduled meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 10:30 am.

Future board meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 10:30 am - Board Meeting
- Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 10:30 am - Board Meeting
- Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 10:30 am - Board Meeting
- Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 10:30 am - Board Meeting

VIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.