

Notice and Agenda of a Meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency

Special Workshop
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
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Due to the spread of COVID-19 and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference only. There will be no location available to attend this meeting in person.

**This meeting is available by calling
(888) 788-0099 using Meeting ID 895-6292-0203#**

**View the meeting online at
<https://sbvmwd.zoom.us/j/89562920203>**

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Public Comments** At this time, members of the public may address the representatives of the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency on matters within its jurisdiction.
- IV. **Correspondence**
 - A. None
- V. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - A. May 26, 2021 - Workshop
- VI. **Discussion Items**
 - A. Status Update on the Activities Related to the Preparation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan
 - 1. Update on Estimated Sustainable Yield
 - 2. Discussion of the revised Sustainability Criteria and Projected Conditions for the Western Heights, North Bench, Calimesa, and San Timoteo Management Areas
 - 3. Discussion Regarding Measurable Objectives for the Western Heights, North Bench, Calimesa, and San Timoteo Management Areas
 - 4. Discussion of the Proposed Plan Implementation and Management Actions

VII. Topics for Future Meetings

- Discussion regarding potential projects to be included in the groundwater model and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- Review of comments from Draft Chapter 1, Draft Chapter 2, and Draft Chapter 3
- Discussion Regarding Measurable Objectives for Each Management Area
- Discussion Regarding Management Actions and a Fee Structure for Each Management Area

VIII. Comments by Board of Directors

IX. Announcements - Future Meetings

- A. Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 10:00 am - Workshop
- B. Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 10:00 am - **Board Meeting**
- C. Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 10:00 am - Workshop
- D. Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 10:00 am - Workshop
- E. Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 10:00 am - **Board Meeting**
- F. Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 10:00 am - **Board Meeting**

X. Adjournment

Roll Call - Board of Directors

	Present	Primary Representative	Present	Alternative Representative
Purveyors				
South Mesa Water Company		David Armstrong		George Jorritsma
South Mountain Water Company		Bob Martin		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
* Quorum of the Board of Directors requires a total of five Purveyor, Municipal, Regional Members				
Stakeholders				
County of Riverside		Steve Horn		Jeff Johnson
County of San Bernardino		Bob Page		--
City of Calimesa		Bonnie Johnson		

Future Dates and Milestones

The dates provided below are subject to change.

Public Presentation of the Goals and Objectives of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan - Meeting Number 2	April 28, 2021 at 6:00pm
Distribution of the Administrative Draft of the Yucaipa SGMA Groundwater Sustainability Plan	
Final Groundwater Sustainability Plan Submitted to the Department of Water Resources for Review and Approval	June 30, 2021
Groundwater Sustainability Plan Legislative Deadline	January 31, 2022

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Workshop Meeting – May 26, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. - - Online Meeting - -

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency resulting from the threat of COVID-19 and issued Executive Order N-25-20 (3-12-20) and Executive Order N-29-20 (3-17-20) which temporarily suspend portions of the Brown Act relative to conducting public meetings. Subsequent thereto, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 (3-19- 20) ordering individuals to stay at home or at their place of residence. Accordingly, it has been determined that meetings of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be held via teleconference. There will be no public access to the meeting venue.

- I. Call to Order - Chairman Mark Iverson called the meeting to order at 10:00 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		Bob Martin		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
- Lonni Granlund, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Derek Hoffman, Gresham Savage representing South Mesa Water Company
- Scott Hudson, Oak Glen Domestic Water Company

- Landon Kern, City of Yucaipa
- Logan Largent, Ortega Strategies Group
- Adekunle Ojo, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
- Matthew Palavido, Dudek
- Mike Podegracz, Charles Abbott Associates representing the City of Yucaipa
- Steve Stuart, Dudek
- Colleen Wallace, City of Banning
- Mike Weil, California Department of Water Resources

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Correspondence

A. Discussion of Email Message from the Nature Conservancy dated May 19, 2021

Mark Iverson stated that he would respond to the Nature Conservancy and let them know that the public draft will be available in September 2021. The Nature Conservancy will be added to the email distribution list for future meeting notices.

V. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. April 28, 2021 - Board Meeting

Bob Tincher moved to approve the board meeting minutes for April 28, 2021.

Tim Green seconded the motion.

South Mesa Water Company	Yes
South Mountain Water Company	Absent
Western Heights Water Company	Yes
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Yes
City of Redlands	Absent
City of Yucaipa	Absent
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Yes
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes

VI. Discussion Items

A. COVID-19 Update

Matt Howard provided information about the current status of COVID-19. Landon Kern confirmed that the City of Yucaipa has the capability to host the meeting in person and online. Therefore, the workshop scheduled for June 23, 2021, will be conducted in person at the City of Yucaipa.

B. Presentation - Update on the Yucaipa-SGMA Data Management System

Matthew Palavido provided an overview of the Yucaipa-SGMA Data Management System (DMS) and showed how the dashboard will provide the user with access to production information, depth to groundwater, and precipitation data. The DMS was prepared to provide a user friendly approach to storing, retrieving, and reporting water resource data.

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

1. Discussion of the revised Sustainability Criteria, Measurable Objectives, and Minimum Thresholds for the Western Heights, North Bench, Calimesa, and San Timoteo Management Areas

Steve Stuart discussed the proposed sustainability criteria for each of the Management Areas to prevent significant and unreasonable effects associated with the operation of the groundwater basins. The goal of the sustainability criteria is to avoid a 15% to 20% reduction of groundwater in storage from current conditions.

The board members discussed setting the Measurable Objective No. 1 as the historic low groundwater level, Measurable Objective No. 2 and Measurable Objective No. 3 will range from 5% to 15% reduction in storage from the current condition.

The public and board members discussed various options and alternative approaches related to the specific measurable objectives for each Management Area. Steve Stuart will revise the sustainability criteria per the discussions and present at the next workshop.

2. Discussion of the Proposed Plan Implementation/Proposed Management Actions

Steve Stuart discussed the conceptual Management Actions that may include administrative fees, replenishment obligations, water losses, sustainable yield, and excess extraction replenishment fees. Additional information about these concepts will be provided at the next workshop.

D. Discussion of Draft Chapters 1, 2, and 3 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Steve Stuart reported that the draft chapters 1, 2 and 3 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan are available on the SharePoint site for access by the board members. Chapter 3 will be revised based on the new sustainability criteria.

E. Status Report on the SGMA Grant and Financial Status

Matt Howard reported that the planning activities of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency is at 97% complete and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan preparation is 72% complete.

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

- Discussion regarding potential projects to be included in the groundwater model and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- Review of comments from Draft Chapter 1, Draft Chapter 2, Draft Chapter 3, Draft Chapter 4, and Draft Chapter 5.
- Discussion Regarding Measurable Objectives for each Management Area
- Discussion Regarding Management Actions and a Fee Structure for each Management Area

VIII. Comments by the Board of Directors

None

IX. Announcements

A special workshop meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be held on June 9, 2021, at 10:00 am.

The next scheduled meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be a workshop on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 10:00 am.

X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.