

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

**REVISED**  
7/21/2023

## Board Meeting

**Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.**

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**City of Yucaipa, 34272 Yucaipa Boulevard  
Yucaipa, California 92399**

### Meeting Broadcast Information

Zoom Online Access - <https://dudek.zoom.us/j/7101150223>

Meeting ID: 710-115-0223

Telephone Access: (929) 205-6099

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- 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. **Meeting Minutes**
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  - V. **Discussion Items**
    - A. Update on Conditions in the Yucaipa Subbasin
    - B. Update on USGS Projects in the Yucaipa Subbasin
    - C. Update on the County Line Road Recharge Facility
    - D. Update on Well Permit Application from San Bernardino County
    - E. Discussion of Transferability of Pumping Credits
    - F. Discussion of Private Well Owner Outreach [[Page 18 of 21](#)]
    - G. Discussion of Well Ordinance for Yucaipa Subbasin and Resolution to Adopt Well Ordinance

- H. Discussion regarding correspondence dated May 31, 2023 regarding the SGMA Round 2 Draft Award Comment Letter by the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
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**VI. Topics for Future Meetings**

- A. Consideration of a Groundwater Well Ordinance – October 25, 2023

**VII. Comments by Board of Directors**

**VIII. Announcements - Future Meetings**

- A. Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 10:30 am - Board Meeting
- B. Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 10:30 am - Board Meeting
- C. Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 10:30 am - Board Meeting
- D. Wednesday, July 24, 2023 at 10:30 am - Board Meeting

**IX. Adjournment**

## Roll Call - Board of Directors

	Present	Present	
		Present	
			Alternative Representative
<b>Purveyors</b>			
South Mesa Water Company			Brittany Lim
South Mountain Water Company			Rolland Moore
Western Heights Water Company			Tim Green
Yucaipa Valley Water District			Jennifer Ares
<b>Municipals</b>			
City of Redlands			Kevin Watson
City of Yucaipa			Fermin Preciado
<b>Regionals</b>			
San Bernardino Valley MWD			Adekunle Ojo
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency			Emmett Campbell
* Quorum of the Board of Directors requires a total of five Purveyor, Municipal, Regional Members			
<b>Stakeholders</b>			
County of Riverside			Jeff Johnson
County of San Bernardino			--
City of Calimesa			--

# MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## Board Meeting – October 26, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

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- 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
<u>Municipals</u>				
City of Redlands	✓	John Harris	_____	Kevin Watson
City of Yucaipa	_____	Ray Casey	✓	Fermin Preciado
<u>Regionals</u>				
San Bernardino Valley MWD	_____	Bob Tincher	_____	Adekunle Ojo
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	✓	Lance Eckhart	✓	Emmett Campbell
<u>Stakeholders</u>				
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
- Duane Burk, Western Heights Mutual Water Company
- Matt Howard, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
- Steve Horn, County of Riverside
- Bonnie Johnson, City of Calimesa
- Jeff Johnson, County of Riverside
- Mike Kostelecky, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Marina Magana, Kennedy Jenks
- Shane Massoud, City of Yucaipa
- Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District

- Yasmeen Nubani, Ortega Strategies Group
- Steve Stuart, Dudek
- Mickey Valdivia, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2022

George Hanson moved to approve the board meeting minutes.

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	Yes

V. Discussion Items

A. Update on Groundwater Conditions in Yucaipa Subbasin for the 2021-2022 Water Year

Steve Stuart provided an overview of the current groundwater conditions for Water Year 2022 which is considered dry with only 8.48 inches of precipitation of an annual mean rainfall of 15.64 inches.

The North Bench Management Area has a Sustainable Yield Pumping Allocation of 3,940 acre feet per year compared to a 2022 Water Year production of 5,683 acre feet.

The Calimesa Management Area has a Sustainable Yield Pumping Allocation of 4,955 acre feet per year compared to a 2022 Water Year production of 4,390 acre feet.

The Western Heights Management Area has a Sustainable Yield Pumping Allocation of 1,760 acre feet per year compared to a 2022 Water Year production of 1,382 acre feet.

Steve Stuart provided a summary table illustrating the Accounting of Pumping Credits and Supplemental Water Recharge as shown below:

## Accounting of Pumping Credits and Supplemental Water Recharge

Management Area	Groundwater User	Sustainable Yield Pumping Allocation, SYPA (AF)	Groundwater Production in 2022 WY (AF)	SYPA - WY Production (AF)	Pumping Credits at Beginning of WY (AF)	Supplemental Water Recharge to Management Area in WY (AF)	Cumulative Supplemental Water Recharge Including WY Contribution (AF)	Application of Pumping Credits to Offset Pumping Overage (AF)	Application of Supplemental Water Recharge to Offset Pumping Overage (AF)	End of WY Pumping Credits (AF)	End of WY Cumulative Supplemental Water Recharge (AF)
North Bench	YVWD	3,045	5,558	-2,513	0	0	22,278	0	2,513	0	19,765
	Private Users	895	125	770	0	0	0	0	0	770	0
	Total	3,940	5,683	-1,743	0	0	22,278	0	2,513	770	19,765
Calimesa	South Mesa	1,959	1,571	388	0	0	0	0	0	388	0
	South Mountain	518	889	-371	0	0	0	0	0	-371	0
	Total	2,341	1,738	603	0	0	0	0	0	603	0
Western Heights	Private Users	137	192	-55	0	0	0	0	0	-55	0
	Total	4,955	4,390	565	0	0	0	0	0	565	0
	WHWC	1,760	1,382	378	0	0	0	0	0	378	0
San Timoteo	Private Users	325	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	?	?

B. Update on New USGS Climate Stations

Steve Stuart stated that the West County Line Road weather station is now accessible online from <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/340014117040901/>

C. Discussion on FY 22-23 USGS Cooperative Study Items for Yucaipa Subbasin [Page 9 of 14]

Adekunle Ojo presented information on the proposed USGS projects for Fiscal Year 2022-23. Three of the five workplan line items were suggested to be funded by the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency:

USGS Workplan for FY 2022-23		Suggested Y-SGMA Financial Contribution
b.	Analyze groundwater age, stable isotopes, and nitrate concentrations in the Yucaipa and San Bernardino Basins	\$27,360
d.	Sample for water-quality at USGS monitoring well sites	\$96,348
e.	Provide technical outreach	
<b>Total suggested contribution</b>		<b>\$123,708</b>

Lance Eckhart moved that the wholesale agencies proceed with the USGS workplan at no cost to the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency.

Joseph Zoba 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

D. Update on Preparation of Well Ordinance for Yucaipa GSP Plan Area

Steve Stuart provided an update on the draft Well Ordinance for the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Plan area. The draft document will be distributed for review in November 2022.

E. Discussion of Implementation Grant Funding Application

Marina Magana from Kennedy Jenks discussed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program's SGMA Implementation Round 2 funding availability for high and medium priority basins.

The two projects that will be included in the grant funding application are:

- South Mesa Water Company Turnout and Recharge Basin
- YVWD Salinity and Groundwater Enhancement Project (SAGE)

F. Discussion of Dudek Proposal to Prepare 2022 Water Year Annual Report

Steve Stuart presented the proposal from Dudek to prepare the Water Year 2022 Annual Report for the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency.

Lance Eckhart moved that the Y-SGMA Board of Directors approve the proposal provided by Dudek for a sum not to exceed \$28,700.

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	Yes

G. Discussion of potentially applying a pumping fee for private well users that produce more than 2 AFY

Steve Stuart provided an overview of a concept for implementing a pump fee for owners of private wells.

The next step in this process will be to confirm location of groundwater wells and production data from private users.

VI. 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

VII. Comments by the Board of Directors

David Armstrong introduced Brittany Lim as the new alternate for the South Mesa Water Company.



VIII. Announcements

The next scheduled meeting of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:30 am.

Future board meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

- Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 10:30 am - Board Meeting
- 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

IX. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

# MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## Board Meeting – January 25, 2023 - 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	✓	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
<u>Municipals</u>				
City of Redlands	_____	John Harris	_____	Kevin Watson
City of Yucaipa	_____	Ray Casey	✓	Fermin Preciado
<u>Regionals</u>				
San Bernardino Valley MWD	✓	Bob Tincher	_____	Adekunle Ojo
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	✓	Lance Eckhart	✓	Emmett Campbell
<u>Stakeholders</u>				
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
- Matt Howard, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
- Steve Stuart, Dudek

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Workshop Minutes – November 9, 2022

George Hanson moved to approve the board meeting minutes.

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

V. Discussion Items

A. 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 Tincher, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

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

B. Update on Implementation Grant Funding Application

Steve Stuart provided an overview of the grant funding application submitted by the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency for the following projects:

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Funding Request</b>
SAGE	\$14,720,814
County Line Road Recharge Facility	\$5,219,186
Administration	\$60,000
	\$20,000,000

The funding results are expected to be announced in June 2023.

C. Update on Groundwater Conditions in the Yucaipa Subbasin and Status of GSP Implementation

Steve Stuart provided an overview of the current groundwater conditions for Water Year 2022.

The North Bench Management Area has a Sustainable Yield Pumping Allocation of 3,940 acre feet per year compared to a 2022 Water Year production of 5,683 acre feet.

The Calimesa Management Area has a Sustainable Yield Pumping Allocation of 4,955 acre feet per year compared to a 2022 Water Year production of 4,390 acre feet.

The Western Heights Management Area has a Sustainable Yield Pumping Allocation of 1,760 acre feet per year compared to a 2022 Water Year production of 1,382 acre feet.

D. Discussion of Draft Well Ordinance for Yucaipa GSP Plan Area

Steve Stuart provided an overview of the draft well ordinance based on similar ordinances adopted by Riverside County and San Bernardino County.

The next steps for the ordinance will be to have a legal review and then prepare a resolution for adoption.

E. Discussion of FY 22-23 USGS Cooperative Study Items and Funding

The members of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency discussed the proposed USGS Cooperative Study for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Following a lengthy discussion, Joseph Zoba made a motion to not participate in the USGS study for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

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

VI. Topics for Future Meetings

- Discussion regarding the implementation of a future pump tax
- Discussion regarding correspondence to owners of private groundwater wells
- Discussion regarding the groundwater well ordinance

VII. Comments by the Board of Directors

None

VIII. Announcements

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

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

# MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## Board Meeting - April 26, 2023 - 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		Brittany Lim
South Mountain Water Company	✓	George Hanson	✓	Sam Fuller
Western Heights Water Company	✓	Mark Iverson	✓	Tim Green
Yucaipa Valley Water District	✓	Joseph Zoba	✓	Jennifer Ares
<b>Municipals</b>				
City of Redlands	✓	John Harris		Kevin Watson
City of Yucaipa	✓	Chris Mann	✓	Fermin Preciado
<b>Regionals</b>				
San Bernardino Valley MWD		Bob Tincher	✓	Adekunle Ojo
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	✓	Lance Eckhart	✓	Emmett Campbell
<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
- Geoff Cromwell, U.S. Geological Survey
- Wes Danskin, U.S. Geological Survey
- Joe Fackrell, U.S. Geological Survey
- Matt Howard, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
- Steve Stuart, Dudek

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes will be presented at the next meeting for review and approval.

V. Discussion Items

A. USGS Presentation of FY 22-23 USGS Cooperative Study Items

Geoff Cromwell, Wes Danskin, and Joe Fackrell from the U.S. Geological Survey provided a detailed presentation about the proposed cooperative study for the Yucaipa Basin. The work will be completed over the next two years culminating in a report that will be published in 2025.

The suggestion during the presentation was to have the \$95,080 financial contribution of the total \$380,319 project cost be divided with each water purveyor paying 18.75% and each regional partner paying 6.25% of the cost.

There was no action to fund this study.

B. Update on Conditions in the Yucaipa Subbasin

Steve Stuart provided information that the Yucaipa Basin now has access to the following online weather stations:

- West County Line Road, Calimesa - <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/340014117040901/>
- El Dorado Ranch Park, Yucaipa - <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/340312116592701/>

Steve Stuart provided an overview of the current groundwater conditions for Water Year 2023.

- The North Bench Management Area has a Sustainable Yield Pumping Allocation of 3,940 acre feet per year compared to the current 2023 Water Year production of 1,120 acre feet.
- The Calimesa Management Area has a Sustainable Yield Pumping Allocation of 4,955 acre feet per year compared to the current 2023 Water Year production of 1,564 acre feet.
- The Western Heights Management Area has a Sustainable Yield Pumping Allocation of 1,760 acre feet per year compared to the current 2023 Water Year production of 355 acre feet.

C. Update on DWR Review of GSP and Discussion on Comment Letter

Steve Stuart stated that the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Plan is still under review by the Department of Water Resources.

One comment letter was received by a consortium of the Clean Water Action/Clean Water Fund, Union of Concerned Scientists, Audubon California, CivicWell, and the Nature Conservancy. The comment letter was included in the meeting material for review.

D. Update on the County Line Road Recharge Facility

Emmett Campbell provided an overview of the County Line Road Recharge Facility. The proposed three acres of recharge will be online by 2027.

E. Discussion of Private Well Owner Outreach

Steve Stuart and Madeline Blua provided an overview of the private well owner outreach efforts. A draft letter will be presented at a future meeting for review and consideration by the Board of Directors.

F. Consideration of Well Ordinance for Yucaipa Subbasin and Resolution to Adopt Well Ordinance

Steve Stuart presented the draft well ordinance for review.

This item will be scheduled for adoption at the October 25, 2023 board meeting.

G. Consideration of Dudek proposal to provide support services 2023-2024

Steve Stuart discussed the proposal by Dudek for support services from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024. This proposal includes the following tasks:

- DMS updating and maintenance;
- Preparation for and Participation in Yucaipa GSA Meetings;
- Compliance with monitoring protocols per GSP;
- Outreach to Private Well Users; and
- Assist in Addressing Data Gaps.

Joseph Zoba made a motion to approve the support services contract with Dudek for a sum not to exceed \$33,490.

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	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.

- Future USGS cost sharing activities
- Consideration of the groundwater well ordinance
- Outreach efforts to private well owners

VII. Comments by the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors welcomed City Manager Chris Mann to the group.

VIII. Announcements

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- Wednesday, July 24, 2023 at 10:30 am - Board Meeting

IX. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

**DRAFT – SUBJECT TO REVISION**

DATE

Private Well Owner Name  
Private Well owner Address  
Private Well Owner City, State

***RE: Introduction to the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency***

Dear Private Well Owner:

The Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency (Yucaipa SGMA) is a consortium of local water purveyors, municipalities, and regional water districts that formed a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in 2017 in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). One of the purposes of the GSA was to prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Yucaipa Subbasin. The GSP details how the Yucaipa SGMA will oversee the sustainable management of the groundwater resource in the Yucaipa Subbasin.

- **What is Groundwater Sustainability?** Sustainable groundwater management is the use of groundwater that can be maintained without causing undesirable results, such as a chronic lowering of groundwater levels, significant loss of groundwater in storage, degradation of water quality, land subsidence, or a depletion of interconnected surface water.
- **Who is the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency?** The Yucaipa SGMA includes South Mesa Water Company, South Mountain Water Company, Western Heights Water Company, Yucaipa Valley Water District, the City of Redlands, the City of Yucaipa, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and San Geronio Pass Water Agency.
- **What is the Yucaipa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan?** The Yucaipa Subbasin GSP was adopted by the Yucaipa SGMA in 2022. The GSP establishes the framework for sustainably managing and preserving the beneficial uses of our local groundwater resource today and into the future.
- **Why Are We Reaching Out To You?** As someone who produces groundwater for beneficial use, you may serve an integral part in managing our groundwater resource sustainably. To do so, we are asking for information about your well or wells, how much water you produce, and what your water quality is like. This information will help the Yucaipa SGMA understand groundwater conditions in the basin, and to ensure that you and other groundwater users like you continue to benefit from this precious resource for years to come.

If you would like to participate in helping manage our groundwater resource, please fill out the questionnaire provided and mail back in the pre-stamped envelope, or fill out the questionnaire on our website: <https://yucaipasgma.org/well-questionnaire>.

Sincerely,

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Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Mark Iverson, President

Here are some important links to help answer questions that you may have:

- Yucaipa Subbasin GSP: <https://yucaipasgma.org/final-gsp>
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: <https://water.ca.gov/programs/groundwater-management/>

# DWR SGM Grant - Yucaipa GSA



Aaron Jones <aaronj@sبvmwd.com>

To  Joseph Zoba;  m.iverson@westernheightswater.org;  Dave Armstrong  
Cc  Lance Eckhart;  Leo Ferrando;  mhoward@sgpwa.com;  'Steven Stuart'

Thu 6/1/2023 9:34 AM

Reply Reply All Forward

You replied to this message on 6/1/2023 10:01 AM.

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2 MB

Good morning Joe, Mark and Dave:

We wanted to let you know that we wrote a comment letter to DWR requesting they re-consider our projects for the Yucaipa GSA. Please see attached. We are doing what we can for a slim but plausible clawback.

Regards,

**Aaron Jones, PE, MEng**  
Associate Engineer



**San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District**  
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California Department of Water Resources  
 Sustainable Groundwater Management Program, Financial Assistance  
[SGWP@water.ca.gov](mailto:SGWP@water.ca.gov)  
 May 31, 2023

**Subject: SGMA Round 2 Draft Award Comment Letter**

To Whom It May Concern:

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District), on behalf of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency, applied for a SGMA Round 2 grant for projects to improve the sustainability of the Yucaipa Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 8-002.07).

We understand the tremendous level of effort needed to review grants and appreciate DWR's efforts. From our review of the draft funding recommendations, it appears funding has almost strictly been limited to applications that served Severely Disadvantaged Communities and Underrepresented Communities with the bulk of the funding going to northern California Central Valley basins.

With this letter we would ask that should funding become available that consideration be given to **more funding in Southern California**. We would also like to highlight benefits of the projects included in the Yucaipa GSA application:

Component 2: County Line Recharge Basin and Turnout Project (CLR & TO). This would be a joint project between three member agencies of the GSA. The project will facilitate groundwater recharge and recovery of 1,470 acre feet a year (AFY) of State Water Project water in the Calimesa Management Area of the Yucaipa Subbasin. The water made available will provide water for neighboring cities and disadvantaged communities, including the cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa, but **the primary beneficiary is the severely disadvantaged community** served by a local water purveyor, South Mesa Water Company. Without the ability to access this supplemental supply, agencies of the Yucaipa SGMA, do not have infrastructure available to store water and provide reliable source of water during drought emergencies, leaving these communities vulnerable to drought restrictions and the groundwater basin at risk of future groundwater level declines as climate change progresses. For the afore mentioned reasons, the Yucaipa GSA was deemed the priority project for the Yucaipa GSA. What's more, **the CLR & TO Project is ready to proceed to construction once funding is made available, and would be a 100% completed project with the awarded grant funding**. In addition, the CLR & TO Project comprises only a \$5,219,186 request (26%) compared to our total submittal.

Component 3. Salinity and Groundwater Enhancement Project. This project is an upgrade to a regional water reclamation facility needed to recharge up to 5,040 AFY to the Yucaipa Subbasin. This project will treat and reuse wastewater for multiple beneficial uses to meet existing and future needs within the Yucaipa area through groundwater replenishment. In







addition, increasing the use of recycled water for groundwater replenishment will decrease the reliance on imported water and continue efforts towards resolving regional water supply challenges.

We appreciate your consideration of this comment letter and ask that DWR work with the agencies of the Yucaipa GSA to find project funding. The Yucaipa GSA is seeking funding for both Component 2 and Component 3, however, the team understands that funding is limited, and project scarcity is not an issue. With this understanding and seeing how DWR disbursed the draft funding awards we are asking DWR to consider only funding Component 2 for the Yucaipa GSA. The Component 3 project is important, but the Component 2 project is 100% funded with the grant, in a SDAC service area, leverages using South Mesa Water Company's State Water Resources Control Board grant by reusing their pipeline and was deemed as the priority project for the Yucaipa GSP. Valley District, on behalf of the Yucaipa GSA, would be willing to work with DWR to find funding for the projects needed to further sustainable management of the Yucaipa Basin. Feel free to contact me at (909-387-9256) or Mr. Aaron Jones at (909-387-9254) with any questions or feedback.

Emphasis added

Respectfully,

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