

MINUTES OF THE YUCAIPA SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Board Meeting – April 24, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

This Board meeting 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	✓	Allison Edmisten	✓	Brett Granlund
Western Heights Water Company	✓	Mark Iverson	✓	Brooke Shorey
Yucaipa Valley Water District	✓	Joseph Zoba	✓	Jennifer Ares
Municipals				
City of Redlands		John Harris		Paul Mariscal
City of Yucaipa		Chris Mann	✓	Fermin Preciado
Regionals				
San Bernardino Valley MWD	✓	Michael Plinski	✓	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		Wil Kolbow		

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
- Ron Duncan, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
- Allison Edmisten, South Mountain Water Company
- Brett Granlund, South Mountain Water Company
- Paul Kielhold, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
- Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Barbara Riordan, South Mountain Water Company
- Steve Stuart, Dudek
- Thaxton Van Belle, City of Beaumont

- Mike Weil, California Department of Water Resources

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from January 24, 2024, were presented for review and approval.

Michael Plinski moved to approve the board meeting minutes for January 24, 2024.

Mark Iverson 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 Geronio Pass Water Agency	Yes

V. Discussion Items

A. Review of 2024 WY Conditions in the Yucaipa Subbasin

Steve Stuart discussed the email message dated February 7, 2024, from Mike Weil of the Department on Water Resources and the draft response to the questions raised. Steve Stuart requested the members of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency to provide responses to the draft comments by May 8, 2024.

Steve Stuart provided an overview of the USGS weather stations, the conditions in the North Bench Management Area, the Calimesa Management Area, and the Western Heights Management Area.

B. Discussion on DWR Recommended Corrective Actions for the GSP

Steve Stuart provided an overview of the nine corrective actions recommended by the Department of Water Resources as part of the Approval Notice provided to the Groundwater Sustainability Agency on January 18, 2024. The recommendations will be considered and addressed in the first periodic reevaluation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan due in January 2027.

C. Update on YVWD becoming Major Shareholder of South Mountain Water Company

Allison Edmisten introduced herself and Brett Granlund as the representatives for the South Mountain Water Company on the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors.

D. Discussion on Developing Policy to Transfer Pumping Credits in the Yucaipa Subbasin

Steve Stuart led a discussion about the transfer of pumping credits in the Yucaipa Subbasin. Pursuant to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, Chapter 4, Section 4.2.2., Management Action No. 2 – Sustainable Yield Pumping Allocations and Groundwater Replenishment, “The Yucaipa GSA is continuing discussions on implementing a policy that will allow the transferability of pumping credits between groundwater users within a given management area or within the Subbasin.”

The board members requested that Steve Stuart provide a framework outlining the opportunities and constraints associated with the transfer of pumping credits at a future meeting.

E. Update on Private Well Owner Outreach

Steve Stuart provided information about the private well owner outreach efforts. The board members reached a consensus that it would be best to mail the letter and questionnaire to private well owners using certified mail as the best method to track the mailing date and receipt of the documents.

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

Steve Stuart provided an overview of the well ordinance and associated resolution. The board members reached a consensus that the well ordinance and resolution were ready to be considered at a future meeting for adoption.

G. Consideration of Dudek Proposal to Provide Support Services to the GSA in 2024/2025

Steve Stuart presented a proposal from Dudek to provide support services through April 2025.

Mark Iverson moved to approve the contract with Dudek for a sum not to exceed \$35,360.

Joseph Zoba seconded the motion.

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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 - The following topics were listed for discussion at a future meeting.

- Policy for transferring pumping credits between groundwater users.
- Consideration of the groundwater well ordinance and resolution

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, July 24, 2024, at 10:30 am.

Future board meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

- Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 10:30 am - Board Meeting
- Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 10:30 am - Board Meeting
- Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 10:30 am - Board Meeting

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