



**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – Board Room
Rio Vista Treatment Plant Facility
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350**

Monday, January 6, 2020 at 2:30 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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1. REGULAR PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Public Comments – Members of the public may comment as to items not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this agenda may do so now or prior to each item as they arise. Please complete and return a comment request form to the Board Secretary. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Board’s presiding officer, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.) Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in Closed Session before they are considered by the Board must request to make comment at the commencement of the meeting at 2:30 P.M.
- 1.4 Approval of Agenda

2. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by the Board by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes unless any Board member, staff or the public, requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

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- 3.1 * Approve Minutes of November 25, 2019 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency 1

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5. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. ADJOURNMENT

- * Indicates attachment
- ◆ To be distributed

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Posted on: December 19, 2019



Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – November 25, 2019

A special board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) was held at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, California 91350 in the Board Room at 2:30 PM on Monday, November 25, 2019. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Adam Ariki, B.J. Atkins, William C. Cooper, Bob Kellar, Maria Gutzeit, Gary Martin, Gina Natoli

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

Also present: Tom Bunn, SCV-GSA General Counsel; Eunie Kang, SCV-GSA Board Secretary; Eric Campbell, SCV-GSA Treasurer; Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager, SCV Water; Matt Stone, General Manager, SCV Water; Dirk Marks, Director of Water Resources, SCV Water; Rick Viergutz, Principal Water Resource Planner, SCV Water; Kathie Martin, Public Information Officer, SCV Water; Amy Aguer, Controller, SCV Water; Tara Bravo, CV Strategies, and various members of the public.

President Cooper called the meeting to order at 2:31 PM. A quorum was present.

There was no public comment.

Item 1.4: Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Director Kellar and carried, the Agenda was approved by the following voice votes:

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Kellar	Yes
Vice President Atkins	Yes	Director Martin	Yes
President Cooper	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes		

Item 2: Upon motion of Director Natoli seconded by Director Kellar and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following voice votes:

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Kellar	Yes
Vice President Atkins	Yes	Director Martin	Yes
President Cooper	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes		

Item 3.1: Steve Cole informed the Board regarding the SCV-GSA staff process and challenges in the Stakeholder Advisory Committee selection and the final recommendation made to the Board. He introduced consultant, Tara Bravo to outline the committee selection process and its conclusion.

Tara Bravo reiterated the Stakeholder Advisory Committee role which is to provide insight, support and strictly advisory and, as such, does not vote on Board items and is subject to the Brown Act. In total the SCV-GSA received 35 applications.

President Cooper asked for any public comments regarding the Stakeholder Advisory Committee selection.

There were public comments.

President Cooper opened to the Board for questions and comments.

Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Director Martin and carried, the Board approved and adopted Resolution No. GSA 2019- 06 Establishing a Stakeholder Advisory Committee by the following voice votes:

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Kellar	Yes
Vice President Atkins	Yes	Director Martin	Yes
President Cooper	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes		

RESOLUTION NO. GSA 2019-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ESTABLISHING A STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors seeking significant outreach and public process, seeks to establish the Stakeholder Advisory Committee that will adhere to the Principles for Effective Operation of the SAC established in Resolution No. GSA 2019-05 and SAC Guidelines and Eligibility Criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors seeks to establish the following Norms and Expectations to ensure a cohesive, effective and professional unit;

- o Demonstrate good manners, courtesy and consideration.
- o Respect your fellow advisory committee members and elected officials.
- o Conduct yourself in a professional way in meetings and in the public.
- o Members should never use the position to solicit for personal gain.
- o During meetings, stay on task in accordance with the presented agenda.

WHEREAS, meetings were held, where constituent group representatives self-selected the Committee member representative for each representative type; and

WHEREAS, the Stakeholder Advisory Committee can be established by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Board may dismiss and appoint replacement Committee members consistent with the guidelines; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. To allow for a broad base of representation, two Advisory Committee member roles are established for each representative type, including large pumper, medium pumper, small pumper, business, environmental and at-large stakeholder groups, each having equal standing and status in the SAC.
2. The Board appoints the candidates who received the highest and second-highest number of votes in each category to the Advisory Committee, for a term ending January 30, 2022.
3. SAC members will adhere to the Principles for Effective Operation for the SAC established in Resolution No. GSA 2019-05 and SAC Guidelines and Eligibility Criteria.
4. SAC members will adhere to the Norms and Expectations as listed above.

Item 3.2: Upon motion of Director Kellar, seconded by Director Maritn and carried, the Board authorize payment to Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency for FY 2018/19 expenses and establishment of a reserve account by the following voice votes:

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Kellar	Yes
Vice President Atkins	Yes	Director Martin	Yes
President Cooper	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes		

Item 4: The were no requests for future agenda items.

President Cooper held a moment of silence in honor of those killed, injured or impacted by the Saugus High School shooting.

Item 5: Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Director Natoli and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM in honor of those impacted by the Saugus High School shooting by the following voice votes:

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Kellar	Yes
Vice President Atkins	Yes	Director Martin	Yes
President Cooper	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes		

Eunie Kang, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President of the Board



Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Memorandum

DATE: December 19, 2019
TO: SCV-GSA Board of Directors
FROM: SCV-GSA Staff *gM*
SUBJECT: Status of Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan (SGMA) Implementation Activities

OVERVIEW

Development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan is underway, including technical analysis and a robust stakeholder process, culminating in the Board's consideration of the Final GSP in November 2021. This board memo provides additional detail and context for key work undertaken by the SCV-GSA's Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Consultant (CV Strategies), and the SCV-GSA's Technical Consultant (GSI Water Solutions, Inc.).

Consultant activity with GSP development has been increasing, and the description of SGMA implementation activities is broadening. To facilitate quarterly updates to the Board and stakeholders, we have prepared this memo to provide details on recent key accomplishments, consistent descriptions of essential consultant work, and a six month look ahead.

Recent Key Accomplishments

Technical:

- Assembly of data, and input of data into the new database is complete. A draft technical memorandum on this activity has been prepared.
- A draft report on mapping potential Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) has been completed, and staff has provided comments. This work included application of methods developed by The Nature Conservancy, field checking mapped GDEs, and developing an approach to identifying GDEs that are consistent with DWR guidelines.
- A work plan for field work relating to installation of instruments to aid in understanding groundwater and surface water interaction has been completed. Access agreements with landowners are being pursued.
- Geologic cross section areas have been identified for incorporation into the Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model, taking advantage of previously drafted geologic cross sections where applicable.

Outreach:

- Adoption of Stakeholder Advisory Committee operating principles and code of conduct
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee recruitment and selection
- Completion of Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Plan

Essential Consultant Work

Technical Development and Outreach

Consultant contract Tasks 1 and 10 relate to project management activities and the grant and are not described here because they are routine work of a general nature. The information below includes representative work from each task for both GSI and CV Strategies. A graphic showing the timing relationship of these tasks is attached, note that Task 6 follows Task 2 in time sequence.

Task 2, Data Review and Assessment: May 2019-April 2020

Technical: Compiling existing data, reviewing well log data, development of a data management system to meet the State's GSP reporting regulations, assessment of existing data and a data gap analysis, and evaluation of existing monitoring programs and recommendations.

Task 6, Development of the Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model (HCM): January 2020- April 2020

Technical: Development of geologic cross sections, preparation of graphics describing basin water inflows and outflows, water quality, water levels, and land use details including habitat.

Task 3, Groundwater Model Update and Readiness: January 2020-August 2020

Technical: Incorporating more recent hydrology data into the SCV-GSA's ModFLOW Unstructured Grid Model, model calibration and refinement, and updated model documentation.

Task 4, Groundwater/Surface Water (GW/SW) Interconnection: June 2019-October 2020

Technical: Identification and cataloging of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs), evaluating GW/SW interaction and connectivity to GDEs, and holding workshop on GW/SW interactions.

Outreach: In coordination with GSI, prepare materials for first public workshop, including Stakeholder Advisory Committee review; publicize and facilitate workshop; conduct post-workshop debrief with Stakeholder Advisory Committee; prepare report of all stakeholder input on this topic.

Task 5, Water Budget Development: May 2020-December 2020

Technical: Development of the Historical Water Budget, Current Water Budget, Future Water Budgets with and without Climate Change, a workshop, analysis of basin yield, and preparing water budget documentation.

Outreach: In coordination with GSI, prepare materials for second public workshop, including Stakeholder Advisory Committee review; publicize and facilitate workshop; conduct post-workshop debrief with Stakeholder Advisory Committee; prepare report of all stakeholder input on this topic.

Task 7, Development of Sustainable Management Criteria: June 2020-March 2021

Technical: Developing sustainable management criteria for the basin, which includes minimum thresholds and measurable objectives; it also includes a workshop.

Outreach: In coordination with GSI, prepare materials for third public workshop, including Stakeholder Advisory Committee review; publicize and facilitate workshop; conduct post-workshop debrief with Stakeholder Advisory Committee; prepare report of all stakeholder input on this topic.

Task 8, Projects and Management Actions and Implementation Plan: March 2021 – June 2021

Technical: Developing a limited suite of projects that will help the GSA achieve sustainability over the 20-year implementation horizon. A technical memorandum will be prepared, and a workshop held.

Outreach: In coordination with GSI, prepare materials for fourth public workshop, including Stakeholder Advisory Committee review; publicize and facilitate workshop; conduct post-workshop debrief with Stakeholder Advisory Committee; prepare report of all stakeholder input on this topic.

Task 9, Preparation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan: March 2021-November 2021

Technical: This work includes developing the outline for the GSP, an administrative draft GSP, a draft GSP for public review and a workshop describing it, release of the Final GSP and Board adoption, and submittal of the adopted GSP to the Department of Water Resources.

Outreach: In coordination with GSI, prepare materials for outreach on draft plan review through adoption, including public workshop, Stakeholder Advisory Committee review and post-workshop debrief; public hearing for plan adoption and final assessment report.

Six Month Look Ahead (Jan-June 2020)

Technical Development:

Task 2, Data Review and Assessment is scheduled for completion in May 2020. Technical memos will be prepared to describe the data assessment, data gaps, recommendations for groundwater monitoring, and a sampling and analysis plan.

Task 6, Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model. Certain work in Task 2 informs preparation of Task 6, which will also be completed in the next six months, including preparation of HCM graphics and an accompanying technical memo. Staff is considering adding an HCM-specific workshop.

Task 3, Groundwater Model Update and Readiness will begin in February 2020 and significant technical work will take place through June 2020, with preparation of a technical memo for the grant occurring in July 2020.

Task 4, GW/SW Interconnections and Sustainability Criteria work will include completion of technical memoranda on GDEs, and installation of six piezometers and up to 40 temperature probes. The field work component may broaden to include installation of data loggers for the piezometers and temperature probes, if the SCV-GSA is awarded grant funding from the Proposition 68 Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Management Program grant.

Task 5, Water Budget Development. Early work will take place limited to developing the historical water budget.

Furthermore, we anticipate that by February 2020 we will be notified if we are successful in our Round 3 grant application. If successful, we will work with DWR to complete the final grant

agreement (~April 2020) and modify the Technical consultant scope and budget to account for additional grant funded work.

Outreach:

Initial community survey to gauge awareness and knowledge of issues surrounding groundwater.

Stakeholder Advisory Committee will receive orientation via a SGMA 101 presentation by DDW.

First public workshop cycle will occur on the topic of Groundwater/Surface water interaction. Each cycle is planned to include the following, which will be reviewed and adapted as need to meet outreach goals.

Public Workshop Cycle:

- Advertising (e-news; press release; social media; video)
- Workshop preparation (handouts; survey/comment cards; displays; presentations)
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee – pre-workshop meeting to review above)
- Public Workshop
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee – post-workshop debrief
- Public input assessment report

Challenges

Some delays have occurred in development of the technical memo on Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems, and the field work effort intended to evaluate groundwater and surface water interconnection. A draft technical memo has been submitted for review and we anticipate completing the technical memo by mid-January 2020. The GDE technical memo informed the field work plan, now completed, showing general locations of proposed instrumentation (piezometers and temperature probes). At this stage the consultant is working with land owners to arrange for site access agreements for equipment installation. There have been some delays in obtaining site access agreements. Continuing delays would mean less time for collection of field data and incorporation of that data into technical analyses, but otherwise does not affect the rest of the GSP schedule. At this time we are mitigating this concern by utilizing water level data from shallow alluvial monitoring wells coupled with use of the groundwater flow model to examine predicted changes in groundwater conditions under a range of climactic and pumping conditions.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

We anticipate using contingency funds for up to two additional workshops in FY 20/21. At the time of the 20/21 budget adoption we will propose moving funds already in contingency to cover this effort. If SCV Water is awarded a Round 3 Grant on behalf of the SCV-GSA, some scope and budget changes will be made to reflect additional funds for installation of data loggers and other work.

SUMMARY

Significant technical and outreach work took place last quarter and the breadth of work is increasing as expected to complete key tasks. There is a schedule concern regarding field work, but an approach to mitigate has been developed. The seating of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee means that significant additional work will be taking place, which is in addition to the general outreach already planned. The attached schedule graphic shows the interrelationship of technical development and workshops.

Attachment

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