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Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – Board Room
Rio Vista Treatment Plant Facility
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
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WEB AND TELECONFERENCE ONLY
NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR MEETING

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1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

2. **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. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)

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5. ADJOURNMENT

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Posted on April 29, 2021

Santa Clarita Valley
Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)

ITEM NO. 3.1

SCV GSA

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.
SCV-GSA SAC – Web and Teleconference Zoom Virtual Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Eric Adair, Vice Chair (Business Group)	Dan Masnada (At Large Group)
Matt Carpenter (Large Pumper Group)	Dennis Ostrom (Small Pumper Group)
Sandra Cattell (Environmental Group)	Holly Schroeder, Chair (Business Group)
Stacy Fortner (Environmental Group)	Steve Sligh (Large Pumper Group)

Committee Members Absent:

Roy Marson (Medium Pumper Group)	Danny Mascari (Medium Pumper Group)

Other Attendees:

Steve Cole, SCV Water Agency	Tom Bunn, Lagerlof, LLP
Rick Viergutz, SCV Water Agency	Tara Bravo, CV Strategies
Kathie Martin, SCV Water Agency	Jeff Barry, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.
Eunie Kang, SCV Water Agency	Tom Barnes, ESA

A copy of the Agenda is attached.

1. Welcome and Introductions
Chair Holly Schroeder welcomed the committee members and members of the public and called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comment
There was no public comment.

3. General Agenda Items

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the February 24, 2021 SAC Special Meeting
Upon motion of Eric Adair, seconded by Stacy Fortner and carried, the minutes of the February 24, 2021 SAC Special Meeting was approved by the following voice votes:

Eric Adair, Vice Chair	Yes	Danny Mascari	Absent
Matt Carpenter	Yes	Dan Masnada	Yes
Sandra Cattell	Yes	Dennis Ostrom	Yes
Stacy Fortner	Yes	Holly Schroeder, Chair	Yes
Roy Marson	Absent	Steve Sligh	Yes

3.2 Presentation Overview of the March 10, 2021 SCV-GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Public Workshop – Sustainable Management Criteria
Tara Bravo with CV Strategies presented the summary of the March 10, 2021 Public Workshop. The public workshop had a total of 51 participates. A total of 6 questions and feedbacks and 0 feedback forms were submitted from the public.

DRAFT

Rick Viergutz reviewed and touched upon the questions/feedback received from the public workshop with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Upon the request from Chair Holly Schroeder, Jeff Barry with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. gave a preview of the upcoming activities leading to an accepted Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

There were no public comments on item 3.2.

4. Request for Future Agenda Item
There were no requests for future agenda items.

5. Meeting Adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

ITEM NO. 3.2

Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Stakeholder Advisory Committee Memorandum

DATE: May 6, 2021

TO: SCV-GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee

FROM: SCV-GSA Technical Team

SUBJECT Discussion on Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Monitoring Plan Technical Memorandum

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SUMMARY:

During the March 24, 2021, Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting, a request for a presentation on the pending monitoring plan was made. A draft of the plan will be available to the public and the SAC members before the SAC special meeting which is scheduled on May 6, 2021. The SAC member input will be solicited at this meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The State's GSP regulations require GSPs to include a monitoring plan to evaluate basin conditions over time, demonstrating the GSA's progress in meeting its Sustainable Management Criteria. Monitoring requirements include annual reporting to the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The SCV-GSA's first annual monitoring report is due to DWR in April 2022. Further, DWR will review and assess the plan at least every five years in part to determine if the GSA is on track in meeting its Sustainable Management Criteria. The GSA can propose an amendment to its GSP at any time and submit the proposed amendment to DWR for evaluation.

Recent SAC meetings focused on Sustainable Management Criteria and the role of monitoring for Minimum Thresholds and GDE Triggers. There was some discussion about how monitoring information may lead to decisions about projects and management actions. Today's agenda item on the topic will provide an overview of the monitoring program, some examples of how the monitoring program would work, and how monitoring results may lead to implementation of Projects and Management Actions.

RECOMMENDATION:

The SCV-GSA technical team seek Stakeholder Advisory Committee's input on the draft monitoring program approach. This is an informational item, and no specific committee action is required.

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ITEM NO. 3.3

Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Stakeholder Advisory Committee Memorandum

DATE: May 6, 2021

TO: SCV-GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee

FROM: SCV-GSA Technical Team

SUBJECT Stakeholder Advisory Committee Position on Minimum Thresholds and Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) Triggers

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SUMMARY:

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) has provided valuable input in the formulation of draft minimum thresholds and Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) evaluation triggers; however, the Technical Team would benefit from greater clarity regarding specific SAC recommendations particularly dealing with minimum thresholds and objectives relating to groundwater dependent ecosystems. While various members of the SAC have expressed opinions, the SAC has yet to reach a consensus. It is appropriate at this time for the committee to fully deliberate and reach a committee position so that the Technical Team may consider this as it develops recommendations for the SCV-GSA Board to consider.

BACKGROUND:

The draft Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) have been presented and discussed with your committee (February and March) and with stakeholders at a valley-wide workshop (March). During these meetings, the approach for establishing proposed minimum thresholds and measurable objectives for five applicable sustainable management criteria was described (seawater intrusion is not applicable due to this basin's inland location). We also discussed the approach to avoiding undesirable effects to Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) caused by groundwater pumping, via the use of evaluation triggers to initiate an evaluation of causes, potential impacts, and management actions.

Minimum Thresholds

The SAC discussed the approaches for setting Minimum Thresholds related to groundwater levels. The Technical Team described undesirable results that could be caused by groundwater extraction. There have been no undesirable results in the basin to date, and groundwater model simulations of future conditions (with climate change) do not show a chronic decline in groundwater elevations. For these reasons, Minimum Thresholds are proposed at the future low groundwater elevations predicted by the model. Over time, with analysis of monitoring data, minimum thresholds may be revised.

GDE Evaluation Triggers

The Technical Team described the approach to consider GDEs through use of a GDE evaluation program that begins when groundwater elevations reach defined triggers.

This approach is based on observations that GDEs have been resilient, even during extended drought, at historic low groundwater elevations. Evaluation of the potential for significant and unreasonable impacts to GDEs when triggers are met is considered a reasonable approach to evaluate the potential for groundwater pumping-induced undesirable results to GDEs.

For these reasons, the GDE evaluation triggers are proposed to be two feet higher than historical low groundwater elevations in key areas with highly sensitive habitat, and at historic groundwater elevations in other areas. Over time, with analysis of monitoring data, GDE triggers may also be revised.

Need for SAC recommendation

In our past conversations with the SAC on minimum thresholds and GDE triggers, we considered and responded to input from the individual SAC members. More recently a SAC member expressed an “agree to disagree” approach with the Technical Team on minimum thresholds and GDE triggers. To ensure direction from the SAC is clear, the SCV-GSA board would benefit from a formal SAC recommendation on these topics.

RECOMMENDATION:

The SCV-GSA technical team seeks the Stakeholder Advisory Committee’s position on the proposed minimum thresholds and GDE triggers. Review and discuss the issue as the committee, and then reach a committee position. If consensus cannot be reached, Stakeholder Advisory committee’s position may include the majority committee opinion, with recognition of any minority opinions.