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NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD

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

Monday, June 5, 2023 at 2:30 PM

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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 within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are 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 at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Board's presiding officer, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)

1.4 Approval of Agenda

2. 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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Posted on May 25, 2023

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ITEM NO. 2.1

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – March 6, 2023

A regular board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) was held in person at 2:30 PM on Monday, March 6, 2023. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the SCV-GSA preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Russ Bryden, William C. Cooper, Maria Gutzeit, Gary Martin, Gina Natoli, Piotr Orzechowski, Laurene Weste (Alternate for Jason Gibbs)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jason Gibbs

Also present in person: SCV-GSA General Counsel Tom Bunn, SCV-GSA Board Secretary Eunie Kang; SCV Water Agency Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Principal Water Resource Planner Rick Viergutz, Communications Manager Kathie Martin; Tom Barnes with ESA and John Porcello with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. and various members of the public.

President Bryden called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Item 1.3: There was no public comment.

Item 1.4: There were no changes to the March 6, 2023 Board Agenda and it was accepted as presented.

Item 2: Upon motion of Director Gutzeit, seconded by Director Martin and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following roll call votes:

President Bryden	Yes	Vice President Martin	Yes
Director Cooper	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gibbs	Absent	Director Orzechowski	Abstain
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Weste (alternate)	Abstain

Item 3.1: Rick Viergutz, Tom Barnes and John Porcello presented a comprehensive synopsis of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan Dependent Ecosystem Monitoring Protocol. Staff's presentation is available at: https://scvgsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/SCVGSA_GSP_GDE_Monitoring_Protocol_030623.pdf

There was public comment on item 3.1.

Item 3.2: Upon motion of Director Cooper, seconded by Director Gutzeit and carried, the Board adopted the Santa Clara River Valley East Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan 2022 Annual Report by the following roll call votes:

President Bryden	Yes	Vice President Martin	Yes

Director Cooper	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gibbs	Absent	Director Orzechowski	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Weste (alternate)	Yes

Item 3.3: Steve Cole reported on the status of Bouquet Creek restoration. The Stakeholders committee group continue to meet monthly. The Wildlife Conservation Board grant fund application which was due first of March has been submitted to assist with the restoration efforts. Also, SCV Water Agency worked with Congressman Garcia and secured a community funding request of $300,000 to move the restoration project forward. Lastly, SCV Water Agency is scheduled to construct the pipeline project to LARC Ranch.

Item 4: Director Weste requested that the Agencies evaluate recycled water strategies for future outdoor use.

Item 5: The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 PM.

Eunie Kang, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President of the Board

ITEM NO. 3.1

Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Memorandum

DATE: May 25, 2023

TO: SCV-GSA Board of Directors

FROM: SCV Water

SUBJECT: Consideration to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget

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SUMMARY:

The SCV-GSA Joint Powers Agreement provides for the SCV-GSA adopting a fiscal year (FY) budget, or alternatively automatically renewing the previous year's budget. Staff recommends adoption of the FY 2023/24 budget described in this memorandum, summarized in Tables 1 through 3.

The $909,000 budget reflects the January 2022 adoption of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), deferral of some previously approved budget expenditures from FY 2022/23 and some refinements to the work plan to implement the GSP in FY 2023/24. Past budgets provided to the Board included fiscal years back to 2018/19, but with GSP development complete (FY 2018/19 through FY 2021/22), and the first full year of implementation (FY 2022/23) completed, we are only including the budget from implementation forward. Staff have included in the attached budget tables any updates to previous fiscal year estimates and an estimate for the next fiscal year.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Expenditure Categories

The proposed FY 2023/24 Budget along with estimates for FY 2024/25 budgets are shown on the following Tables:

- Table 1. Estimated Administrative Costs
- Table 2. Estimated Consultant Costs (multiple tables)
- Table 3. Budget Summary

Table 1. Estimated Administrative Costs

This expenditure category includes SCV Water administrative, consultant management and technical services, public outreach support, and materials. Administrative expenditures include preparation of Board packets and minutes, financial statements, annual audits, and grant administration. The consultant management services category includes all phases of consultant contract administration, management, and technical review of GSP work products. The public outreach category includes coordination with the GSP consultant as necessary for stakeholder engagement and advertisement purchases.

Because this is the second full year of GSP implementation and staff hours are expected to be similar, the 2023/24 budget year estimate is $65,000, which is the same as 2022/23 estimate.

Table 2. Estimated Consultant Costs

Consultant Cost Estimate for Administration
SCV Water recently received a draft 5.3M reward for the Upper Santa Clara River Basin GSA Expanded Monitoring in the Upper Santa Clara River Basin GSA project. This budget category includes $30,000 in new funds for a consultant to support grant administration in the event the award is made final. Draft awards are open for public review and will not be final until later in June 2023.The budget category also includes last year's same level of costs for insurance, legal, and annual audit costs. No new grant application opportunities are anticipated in FY 2023/24.

Like last year's budget, no funds are proposed for Rate Study for Post GSP Adoption Fee Collection. The purpose of such a work effort would include consideration of extraction fees to help fund operation of the GSA. At this stage it does not appear such a step is needed as member agency contributions and voluntary contributions from SCV Water are expected to be sufficient; however, if in the future the Board determined an additional source of revenue is required to meet implementation or other objectives, a rate study could be performed.

As a result, the FY 2023/24 budget recommendation for Consultant Costs for Administration is $57,500, an increase of $10,000 over last year's budget projection. This small net increase is due to the addition of $30,000 for grant consultant costs and elimination of $20,000 for a grant application.

Consultant Cost Estimate for GSP Implementation

The first budget line is for continuation of last year's GSP Implementation contract. Though significant work was accomplished last year the full $200,000 of 2022/23 funding was not fully spent and additional work was deferred for this next year. We are recommending increasing the not-to-exceed cost from $200,000 to $225,000 to account for some increased scope related to tracking basin metrics and supporting GDE efforts. Therefore $125,000 is proposed for FY 2023/24 to include ongoing work with cataloging and performing QA/QC on incoming data streams to the Data Management System, addressing data gaps (including domestic water quality and land surface elevations for subsidence monitoring), compiling data and regularly reporting on basin conditions relative to the sustainable management criteria. Work also includes coordinating with other consultants on outreach, and GDEs.

The second budget line item also reflects that some 2022/23 work was deferred and is scheduled for 2023/24 with an estimated cost of $40,000. The work includes our outreach consultant supporting the GSA in completing the voluntary program for use of private domestic wells to help fill data gaps, for developing best management practices for non-municipal wells, and for supporting evaluation of non de minimis (more than 2-acre feet extracted per year) groundwater wells and associated extraction reporting. The Board will be involved in any policy setting regarding these items, such as that expected to be related to extraction reporting.

The third budget line item is a new line item reflecting refinement to the earlier subsidence monitoring implementation approach and includes additional work for a licensed land surveyor to place survey benchmarks and commence land elevation monitoring. The existing benchmarks, with long-term detailed records, are not sufficient to support the subsidence monitoring program. Therefore, this additional level of effort ($30,000) is needed.

The fourth budget line item is preparation of the State-required annual report with an estimated cost of $30,000. The Board has already adopted two of these annual reports to date.

The fifth budget line item is a new line item and includes groundwater flowmodel maintenance, updates, and some model runs with an estimated cost of $50,000. The current flowmodel recalibration effort is essentially complete with significant recent updates including incorporation of new land surface elevations, LiDAR data, well location survey data, and adjustments to model calibration to reflect newer empirical data having been made. However, each year groundwater flowmodels require some level of effort to keep their data up to date. Over this next year, additional updates to the model will include adding data to the model to keep its files up to date for groundwater extraction, water levels, and hydrologic data. It is reasonable to anticipate some limited model runs may also be required.

The sixth and seventh budget line items are for environmental monitoring and analysis related to Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems ("GDE"). The change in river morphology following last season's storms is significant with some dramatic changes in some areas. After winter storms, some riverbed-based equipment was lost or destroyed including several temperature probes and at least one piezometer. Equipment loss occurred upstream from I-5 and downstream of I-5 on Five Point property. This funding would support equipment replacement in both areas. One item, estimated at $70,000, for installation of two piezometers, assumes installation of piezometers with a hollow stem drill rig similar to what was done for GDE-A and GDE-B. The other item estimated at $35,000 for installation of temperature probes, assumes an installation method like what was used up stream of I-5 utilizing a tracked "push rig" that drives a pipe into the ground for temperature probe placement. Care would be exercised to avoid obvious risk to newly installed equipment from storms but with the dynamic nature of the river system, few locations are without risk from storm damage.

The eighth through tenth budget line items support the GDE evaluation program, including evaluation of woodland conditions (aka upland GDEs) at an estimated cost of $30,000. Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem assessments (primarily riverbed areas) at an estimated cost of $35,000. We determined as part of implementation of the GDE evaluation program (in 2022/23), a senior biologist is needed to review the GDE assessments, in coordination with our hydrogeology team, and advise on next steps, if any, to avoid undesirable results to GDEs from groundwater pumping. The estimated cost for the senior biologist work is $25,000.

The eleventh budget line item is ongoing maintenance of the State-required data management system at an estimated cost of $35,000. This newly developed system is an improvement over the older Microsoft access system in that it allows for multiple user accounts and access privileges, and it more easily allows for creation of standardized graphs and charts. The contract would include receiving and inputting primarily water level and water quality data into the data management system. Other data would be entered such as imported water data, land surface elevation data, and spatial data (e.g. GDE monitoring areas). Data would be subject to quality assurance (systematic activities to provide confidence in data collection) and quality control (inspection of data). The database consultant would also be called on to prepare routine reports displaying data relative to sustainable management criteria, and to coordinate with the technical consultant in providing data for the GSA's annual report. Data management in general and administration of the Data Management Systems becomes more important each year to facilitate more efficient reporting and decision making.

The twelfth budget line item is a continuation of the $150,000 placeholder funding from last year's budget. It would fund, if necessary, capital planning and studies, or environmental documents, for the SCV-GSA. No specific effort is identified yet under this category, but examples would be in alignment with the GSP, for example it may be used to support a feasibility study to support Bouquet Canyon Restoration, or for a feasibility study for an infiltration basin to help with groundwater recharge. We would communicate with the Board before advancing work under this budget category.

The thirteenth budget line item is a new budget line item and incorporates funding into the SCV-GSAs budget so that if the Department of Water Resources awards SCV Water, on behalf of the SCV-GSA, approximately $5.3M for the Expanded Monitoring in the Upper Santa Clara River Basin GSA project, the staff will have consultant funding in place to commence work. The estimated $60,000 assumes that if a grant award is made, it would not be executed till late in FY 2023/24 and so a small amount of funding would be required in 2023/24. The future year funding demand would be larger. The cost of this work is significant but requires zero match from SCV Water on behalf of the SCV-GSA.

The above budget is moderately detailed but like any complex budget it has some uncertainties. We are recommending a 10% contingency ($71,500) in the event additional funding is needed for GSA activities.

The FY 2023/24 budget recommendation for GSP implementation is $786,500, an increase of $396,500 over last year's budget projection. This large difference from last year's estimate includes costs that were not foreseen 12 months ago, such as the need for equipment replacement, installation of survey benchmarks and surveying, groundwater flowmodel updates and limited model runs, a funding placeholder for the SGMA (Sustainable Groundwater Management Act) Implementation Round 2 grant, and a 10% contingency.

Summary for all Task 2 Items above
As a result, the FY 23/24 budget recommendation is $844,000, which is $406,500 higher than last year's estimate for the reasons described above under Consultant Costs for Administration, and for Implementation budget categories.

Table 3. Proposed 23/24 Budget Summary Including Anticipated Revenue

Expenditures under this category recognize the SGMA provides several opportunities to raise revenue and grants broad authority to GSAs to carry out the objectives of SGMA.

Chapter 8 of SGMA is applicable to GSP development and operation of the GSA after the GSP is completed. Chapter 8 provides that a GSA may impose fees, including but not limited to permit fees and fees on groundwater extraction to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program, including but not limited to preparation, adoption, and amendment of a GSP and investigations, inspections, compliance assistance, enforcement and program administration including a prudent reserve. Imposition of fees is not proposed at this time.

We do not anticipate any new grant revenue for 2023/24 as the existing grants are expected to be closed out by the end of FY 2022/23. SCV Water recently received a draft 5.3M reward for the Upper Santa Clara River Basin GSA project. These draft awards are open for public review and will not be final until later in June 2023. Our current understanding of DWR's timing suggests any revenues from the grant would not begin to flow in until 2024/25, as shown. As such, the main sources of revenue are member agency contributions under the Joint Powers Agreement, and voluntary contributions from SCV Water. Annual member contributions of $20,000 are provided by the County of Los Angeles, City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County Waterworks District 36, Val Verde, and Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency consistent with the Joint Powers Agreement. The County of Los Angeles is seeking reapproval of its annual member contribution. The revenue balance is expected to be provided by SCV Water under the Administrative Services Agreement and is shown on Table 3 as Additional Revenue Required. The source for the additional contributions is the general fund/operating budget and SCV Water Capital Planning and Studies budget. If additional grant funds are identified and awarded, such funds would be included as a revenue source and be used to offset SCV Water costs as has been done with revenue from the two past grants.

The recommended FY 2023/24 budget and estimated FY 2024/25 budget reflect changes in Budget Categories 1 and 2, including several new work efforts described above. Additional revenue required in FY 2023/24 is estimated at $829,000.

CONCLUSION:

Narratives above provide an overview of the work in each budget category, highlighting proposed revisions since your Board adopted a budget in June 2022.

Today's report does not recommend changes to last year's FY 2023/24 budget estimates for Table 1 (Estimated Administrative Costs) but recommends increases in Table 2 (Estimated Consultant Costs) which is attributed to work not completed in FY 2022/23, but deferred to 2023/24, and new work. Due to these factors, Table 3 Additional Revenue Required is also higher than estimated this time last year.

Much of the work for implementation of the GSP is accomplished through the Administrative Services Agreement with SCV Water. Accordingly Exhibit A of that agreement will need to be updated to reflect the FY 2023/24 Budget and the newly added budget estimates for FY 2024/25.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the SCV-GSA Board:

1) Adopt the proposed FY 2023/24 budget detailed in the attached Tables 1, 2, and 3.
2) Replace the Administrative Service's Agreement's Exhibit A with Tables 1, 2, and 3.
3) Authorize SCV Water to increase the currently authorized $200,000 GSP Implementation contract with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. by $25,000 to a not-to-exceed cost of $225,000.

Attachments:

Table 1. Estimated Administrative Costs
Table 2. Estimated Consultant Costs (multiple tables)
Table 3. Proposed 22/23 Budget Summary Including Anticipated Revenue

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TABLE 1 Estimated Administrative Costs			
	FY 22/23	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25 estimate**
SCV Water Administrative Support	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
SCV Water Consultant Management and Technical Services	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000
SCV Water Support with Public Outreach	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ 3,000
Ad Buys for Outreach	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000
Proposed FY 23/24 Total SCV Water Staff Cost	**$ 65,000**	**$ 65,000**	**$ 65,000**
Adopted FY 22/23 Budget	$ 65,000	$ 65,000	
Difference 23/24 minus 22/23	$ -	$ -	

Table 2 Consultant Cost Estimate for Administration			
	FY 22/23	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25 estimate**
Grant Application Cost	$ 40,000	$ -	$ -
Consultant Support for SGM Grant		$ 30,000	$ 20,000.00
Rate Study for Post GSP Adoption Fee Collection	$ -	$ -	$ -
Agency Insurance through JPIA	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500.00
Legal	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000.00
Annual Audit Costs	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000.00
Proposed FY 23/24 Consultant Cost Estimate for Administration	**$ 67,500**	**$ 57,500**	**$ 47,500.00**
Adopted FY 22/23 Budget	$ 47,500	$ 47,500	
Difference 23/24 minus 22/23	$ 20,000	$ 10,000	

Table 2 Consultant Cost Estimates for GSP Implementation			
	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25 estimate
Technical Consultant Support For GSP Implementation. GSI Water Solutions GSP Implementation Support. Includes efforts to fill data gaps, to collect data, to monitor and track basin metrics (sustainable management criteria), preparation of annual report, coordination with ESA on GDEs, and CV Strategies on outreach, preparation of 22/23 Annual Report.	$ 100,000	$ 125,000	$ 75,000
Outreach Consultant for GSP Implementation CV Strategies Implementation Support. Includes outreach for helping fill data gaps and best management practices for non-municipal wells.	$ 5,000	$ 40,000	$ 25,000
Placing 12-15 Surveyor Bench Marks in 23/24, semiannual monitoring 23/24 and 24/25 licensed land surveyor		$ 30,000	$ 15,000
GSA 2023 Water Year Annual Report		$ 30,000	$ 30,000
Annual Model Maintenance and Update and Limited Model Runs	$ -	$ 50,000	$ 50,000
Installation of 2 Piezometers 50 feet deep and data evaluation. SCV Water would download data logger info and upload to DMS.		$ 70,000	$ 5,000
Installation of 15 Temperature Probes and data evaluation. SCV Water would download data logger info and upload to DMS		$ 35,000	$ 5,000
ESA Woodlands Condition Monitoring	$ 10,000	$ 30,000	$ 20,000
ESA GDE Evaluation Support	$ 40,000	$ 35,000	$ 35,000
On Call Senior Biologist Support Services	$ 5,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000
Data Management System Includes inputting data into the DMS, preparation of reports and charts to display basin metrics, provision of charts and data for Annual Report.	$ 35,000	$ 35,000	$ 35,000
SCV Water Capital Planning and Studies "Feasibility Study and Environmental Docs (GSP)"	$ 150,000	$ 150,000	$ 150,000
Budget Placeholder for SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant	$ -	$ 60,000	$ 180,000
Subtotal FY 23/24 Consultant Cost Estimate for GSP Implementation	**$ 345,000**	**$ 715,000**	**$ 650,000**
(New) 10% Contingency for Consultant Costs	$ -	$ 71,500.00	$ 65,000.00
FY 23/24 Consultant Cost Estimate for GSP Implementation	**$ 345,000**	**$ 786,500**	**$ 715,000**
Adopted FY 22/23 Budget	$ 498,500	$ 390,000	
Difference 23/24 minus 22/23	$ (153,500)	$ 396,500	

Table 2 Proposed FY 23/24 Consultant Costs All Categories			
	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25 estimate
Proposed FY 23/24 Consultant Cost All Categories	**$ 512,500**	**$ 844,000**	**$ 762,500**
Adopted FY 22/23 Budget	$ 610,000	$ 437,500	
Difference 23/24 minus 22/23	$ (97,500)	$ 406,500	

Table 3. Proposed 23/24 Budget Summary Including Anticipated Revenue			
	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25 estimate
Table 1. Total Estimated SCV Water Staff	$ 65,000	$ 65,000	$ 65,000
Table 2. Total Estimated Consultant Services*	$ 512,500	$ 844,000	$ 762,500
Estimated Staff and Consultant Cost	$ 577,500	$ 909,000	$ 827,500
Anticipated Revenue			
Estimated R2 Grant Reimbursement	$ -		
Estimated R3 Grant Reimbursement	$ -		
Place holder Estimated SGMA R2 Implementation			$ 100,000
Member Agency Contributions	$ 80,000	$ 80,000	$ 80,000
Subtotal Anticipated Revenue	$ 80,000	$ 80,000	$ 180,000
Additional Revenue Required*	$ 497,500	$ 829,000	$ 647,500
Total Revenue for GSP Development and Implementation	$ 577,500	$ 909,000	$ 827,500
Balance	$ -	$ -	$ -

*SCV Water may, in its discretion, advance these funds, or provide a voluntary non reimbursable Member contribution.

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ITEM NO. 3.2

Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Memorandum

DATE: May 25, 2023

TO: SCV-GSA Board of Directors

FROM: SCV-GSA Staff

SUBJECT: Consideration of New or Replacement Well Review Process Required by Governor's Executive Order N-3-23

SUMMARY:

With the Governor's revised Executive Order regarding GSAs and review of potential wells, staff has developed proposed procedures for GSA review of potential extraction wells. The process described in this Board memo is adapted from the Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's newly adopted process.

BACKGROUND:

On February 13, 2023 the Governor's office released a new Executive Order N-3-23. This latest Order replaced the previous Order's paragraph regarding GSA review of proposed wells. This new paragraph now includes recognition of replacement wells.

The Executive Order requires additional steps be taken by GSAs and county, city, or other public agencies in review and permitting of wells. In the SCV-GSA service area, there are two agencies that issue well permits, the County of Los Angeles, and the County of Ventura. Most of the SCV-GSA area is in Los Angeles County, but approximately 70 acres is within Ventura County. Staff has regular communication with both permitting agencies and has advised them that the SCV-GSA is considering procedures to address the requirements in the Executive Order.

Under Paragraph 4.a. and 4.b. of the Executive Order, a county, city, or other public agency shall not:

- Approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and classified as medium- or high-priority without first obtaining written verification from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is proposed to be located that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in any applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by that Groundwater Sustainability Agency and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by such a plan; or

- Issue a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well without first determining that extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and (2) not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure.

Limited Exemptions

The Executive Order paragraph 4 shall not apply to permits for wells (i) that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, (ii) that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code, or (iii) that are replacing existing, currently permitted wells with new wells that will produce an equivalent quantity of water as the well being replaced when the existing well is being replaced because it has been acquired by eminent domain or acquired while under threat of condemnation.

Executive Order Creates Need for each GSA to Develop a Well Review Process

Staff reviewed procedures from two local GSAs, the Santa Monica Basin GSA, and Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA. Each of these GSAs have different pressures from well permitting and have developed procedures tailored to their basin.

The need for well permits in the SCV-GSA is anticipated to relate to: a) future well permit requests in canyon areas for either de-minimis wells (see item “i” above) or domestic wells that are not de minimis, b) municipal wells consistent with item “ii” above, c) larger capacity private wells for agriculture or potentially industry, and d) undetermined types of replacement wells.

Staff modified the Santa Monica Basin GSAs procedures to provide for a two-step process, first a review of information to determine if the proposed well is exempt from additional review (see exemptions “i, ii, iii” above). Staff suggest that such a review for exemption be handled at the staff level. If staff find the proposed well not exempt, then a hydrogeologic report would be required. The owner of the proposed well would prepare a hydrogeologic report signed by a California Certified Hydrogeologist, and after report submittal to the SCV-GSA would deposit funding with SCV Water so that on behalf of the GSA, SCV Water can utilize consultant services to review the hydrogeologic report, which would include use of the groundwater flowmodel as needed to perform the evaluations generally described in the Executive Order. Following that the GSA staff would make the consistency findings to the Board with a recommendation to find the proposed well consistent or not consistent, and the Board would take final action to find the well consistent or not consistent with the requirements, and a confirmation letter would be provided to the proposed well owner and County.

RECOMMENDATION:

For discussion and consideration of the draft new or replacement well review process required by Governor’s Executive Order N-3-23.

Attachments

1) Draft SCV GSA New or Replacement Groundwater Production Well Form
2) Draft SCV GSA Hydrogeologic Report Requirements and Review Procedures
3) Draft SCV GSA Consistency Determination Form
4) Executive Order N-3-23

Santa Clarita Valley GSA (Draft)

New or Replacement Groundwater Production Well Form

The Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) is required by State law to manage groundwater in the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-4.07) consistent with its Board-Adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The State of California has identified this basin to be a "High Priority" basin. The Basin covers approximately 100 square miles, and is located mostly in Los Angeles County, with a small portion located in Ventura County.

The Governor's Executive Order N-3-23[1] requires that local well permitting agencies not issue certain kinds of well permits until the local GSA verifies that the new or replacement well operation is consistent with the GSP and its sustainability goals, and the proposed groundwater extraction is not likely to interfere with nearby wells and is not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact infrastructure.

The purpose of this form is for the SCV-GSA to collect relevant information about the proposed well so that it can make a determination if the proposed well is subject to, or exempt from, the Governor's Executive Order. If the well is subject to the analyses required by Paragraph 4 of the Governor's Executive Order, the SCV-GSA requires that the Property Owner prepare and submit a hydrogeologic report on the new or replacement well(s) and deposit funds with SCV Water for application review, which may include use of the groundwater flowmodel, and would include completing the required analysis. Report requirements are attached.

Following submittal of the hydrogeologic report by the proposed well owner, the SCV-GSA will review the report and prepare the analysis required by the Executive Order and communicate the results back to the proposed well owner and the County. This would be followed by SCV-GSA Board of Directors consideration of the analysis and a final determination of the proposed well's consistency with the requirements in the Executive Order.

This form must be completed, signed, and submitted by the Property Owner with each well permit application for a new or replacement groundwater production well in the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin. The SCV-GSA must take action as described above before the well can be approved by the County of Los Angeles or County of Ventura.

1 https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Feb-13-2023-Executive-Order.pdf?emrc=b12708

Property Owner Information (Applicant to Fill Out)

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	
Street Address	
Email	
Telephone	

Type of Proposed Well (Applicant to Fill Out – Check

☐ **New Well** ☐ **Replacement Well**

Well Site and Use Information (Applicant to Fill Out)

Well Site Address (if different from above):	
Assessor Parcel Number	
Proposed Wellhead GPS Coordinates:	
Estimated Annual Groundwater Production	
Proposed Well Use	☐Domestic / Individual ☐Agricultural ☐Community ☐Other (specify)
Anticipated Well depth, diameter, casing material, screen interval	
Attach site location map showing proposed well on property	

Well Driller Information (Applicant to Fill Out)

Well Driller Name	
Well Driller Address	
County Registration Number	
C-57 License Number	
Anticipated Construction Start Date	
Anticipated Construction End Date	

Review for Exemption from Governor's Executive Order (Applicant to Fill Out)

Will the well provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users?	Yes ☐ No ☐
Will the well exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in Section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code?	Yes ☐ No ☐
Will the proposed well replace an existing, currently permitted well with a new well that will produce an equivalent quantity of water as the well being replaced because it has been acquired by eminent domain or acquired while under threat of condemnation?	Yes ☐ No ☐

Property Owner Acknowledgement Form (Applicant to Fill Out)

	I acknowledge that the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires groundwater in the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-4.07) be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). The SCV-GSA, as the exclusive GSA for the Basin No. 4-4.07, has groundwater management authority over the Subbasin in which the well site is located.
	I acknowledge that SCV-GSA has authority under SGMA to limit groundwater extractions, including extractions from any well permitted pursuant to this form, within its jurisdiction for the purposes of complying with SGMA.
	I acknowledge that management of the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-4.07) includes sustainable management criteria (e.g. minimum thresholds) defined to avoid undesirable results and agree that I shall not operate the well in a manner that is inconsistent with these criteria. A description of the sustainable management criteria can be found in the GSP, which is publicly available at: www.scvgsa.org
	I acknowledge that the SCV-GSA requires all existing extraction wells on the property be outfitted with a calibrated flowmeter within six (6) months of receiving the approved well permit application, and that the SCV-GSA requires total extraction volumes from each well to be reported to the SCV-GSA at a minimum of two times per year, and at least one time per year groundwater quality results from the well for total dissolved solids (TDS), sulfate, chloride, boron, nitrate, and total coliform bacteria are to be reported.
	I acknowledge that the SCV-GSA may require flowmeter recalibration at reasonable times, such as every five years or when the flowmeter is repaired or replaced, and the cost of this work is the well owner's responsibility.
	I understand that if groundwater conditions in the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-4.07) warrant development of projects to avoid undesirable results, the SCV-GSA has the authority to implement a fee to support development of such projects and I agree to pay, or understand I may be made to pay, any applicable fee levied under the authority of SCV-GSA.
	I acknowledge that the SCV-GSA is not responsible for or otherwise liable for any costs, investments, or payments related to any groundwater well permitted pursuant to this form. This may include, now or in the future, pumping assessments or fees, extraction limits, costs related to well failure, well deepening, increased maintenance, replacement, or operational costs.

By signing below, the Property Owner certifies that the acknowledgements and agreements made in this Form are understood and accepted.

Printed Name:_____

Signature:_____

Date:_____

SCV-GSA Determination if Proposed Well is subject to Governor's Executive Order

Subject to EO N-3-23 (GSA to Fill Out)

Is the proposed well subject to further GSA review under EO N-3-23? YES ☐ NO ☐

The above determination has been made on behalf of the SCV-GSA, the exclusive GSA for the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-4.07), by the undersigned.

This determination is valid for 12 months after the signed date below or until the expiration of Governor's Executive Order N-3-23, whichever comes first.

Printed Name:

Title:	
Signature:	
Date:	

If the SCV-GSA has determined that the proposed well is subject to further GSA review under EO N-3-23, and you wish to continue to seek approval for the well, please prepare and submit to the SCV-GSA Secretary the required hydrogeologic report consistent with SCV-GSA Hydrogeologic Report Requirements and Review Procedures.

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Hydrogeologic Report Requirements and Review Procedures
Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency
May 2023 (Draft)

1) Proposed well owner shall prepare and submit a hydrogeologic report to the GSA, signed by a California Certified Hydrogeologist, that includes, at a minimum, the following:
   a) Site location map, at a scale that is sufficient to locate the property on which the well will be drilled and location of the well on the property
   b) Documentation of whether this is a new well or a replacement well.
   c) The proposed well(s) construction details and expected groundwater production rate.
   d) The proposed use of groundwater produced from the well.
   e) A summary of all existing groundwater production wells on the property of the proposed new or replacement well, including:
      i. Measured or estimated historical production volumes from the existing wells. Historical production is defined as the time period from initial well operation to January 1, 2015.
      ii. Measured or estimated current production volumes from the existing wells. Current production is defined as the time period from January 1, 2015, to time of application
      iii. Flowmeter information – meter type, measurement precision, calibration history
      iv. Measured historical (from the time the well was constructed until January 1, 2015) and current (from January 1, 2015, through the time of the application) groundwater elevations
   f) Confirmation that:
      i. The proposed well will be instrumented with a calibrated flowmeter prior to operation of the well and the metered extractions will be reported to the GSA two times per year.
      ii. All existing groundwater production wells on the property or APN of the proposed new or replacement well will be instrumented with a flowmeter within six months of receiving approval to drill the new or replacement well from Los Angeles County or Ventura County and that measured extractions from these wells will be reported to the GSA two times per year.
   g) Proximity to nearest known groundwater contamination site(s) and documentation of contaminants of concern for each site
   h) Proximity to nearest groundwater dependent ecosystem, or potential groundwater dependent ecosystem in the GSP

i) Proximity of the proposed well to disadvantaged communities in the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-4.07) (https://sgma.water.ca.gov/webgis/?appid=SGMADataViewer#boundaries)

j) Confirmation of CEQA compliance.

k) Well operation and maintenance plan including:

   i. Plan to inform the GSA of transfer of ownership of the well and contact information for the new owner

   ii. Estimated length of service of the proposed well

   iii. Plan for destroying the well at the end of service

l) Additional items may be required, as necessary, to ensure compliance with the SCV-GSA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan and/or the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

2) The owner of the proposed well has the option to make a short presentation at a regular GSA Board Meeting to summarize the hydrogeologic report.

3) The hydrogeologic report received by the GSA will be reviewed by GSA staff and/or a consultant contracted by the GSA within 30 business days of receiving a complete report and payment for the evaluation. The review will include:

   a) An evaluation of the estimated drawdown resulting from well operation including to:

      i. Existing wells (e.g. domestic, municipal, agricultural)

      ii. Disadvantaged communities

      iii. Potential or known groundwater dependent ecosystems

   b) An assessment of

      i. Whether the well operation is likely to cause exceedances of groundwater dependent ecosystem triggers, minimum thresholds for groundwater elevations, and measurable objectives as specified in the GSP

      ii. The potential impact on migration or remediation of a known area of groundwater contamination

      iii. Whether the proposed production is likely to cause or contribute to an exceedance of the sustainable yield of the Subbasin

   c) A recommendation on consistency of the proposed well with the requirements of the Governor's Executive Order Paragraph 4 and the SCV-GSA adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

4) GSA staff and/or consultant contracted by the GSA will prepare a technical report that summarizes the findings and recommendations of the review to the GSA, verifying whether

the proposed new and/or replacement wells are in compliance with the adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plan

a) Wells that are found to be consistent with the GSP will be required, at a minimum, to:
    i) Report groundwater extractions to the GSA at a minimum of two times per year on a water year basis (October 1 through September 30).
    ii) Report total dissolved solids (TDS), sulfate, chloride, boron, nitrate, and total coliform bacteria at least annually on a water year basis.

b) Additional monitoring requirements may be imposed, including but not limited to installation of dedicated monitoring wells, to ensure groundwater production is not interfering with existing groundwater remediation programs in the Subbasin, groundwater production is not inducing the migration of contaminant plumes, and that groundwater elevations are maintained above the minimum thresholds set in the GSP.

5) GSA staff and/or consultants contracted by the GSA will present its findings and recommendations to the GSA for review during a public hearing where the applicant is provided with an opportunity to make a short presentation or comment on their position.

6) Following the public hearing, the GSA will confirm or reject the requested verification via majority vote.

7) Estimated costs for the well consistency evaluation were determined based on proposed groundwater production volumes. These costs are based on the estimated time required to evaluate an individual permit application. The estimated costs will be updated annually.
    a) Wells expected to produce between 2 AFY and < 50 AFY - $10,000
    b) Wells expected to produce between 50 AFY and < 100 AFY - $15,000
    c) Wells expected to produce between 100 and < 500 AFY - $30,000
    d) Wells expected to produce > 500 and < 500 AFY - $50,000

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SCV-GSA Well Consistency Determination Form (Draft)

Consistency with the GSP (GSA to Fill Out)

Based on the information on the information attached to this Form, the well permit application made available by the County, the review of the hydrogeologic report provided by the applicant, and the acknowledgments and agreements accepted by the Property Owner above, and any other relevant information known at the time, the SCV-GSA makes the following determination

☐ The well permit application ***is not inconsistent*** with the sustainable groundwater management program established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency and would not decrease the likelihood of maintaining sustainability in the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin.

☐ The construction and/or operation of the well identified on this Form and the associated well permit application ***is inconsistent*** with the sustainable groundwater management program established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The SCV-GSA has made this determination for the following reasons:

[Additional text or information may be included as Attachment A to this Form]

The above determination has been made on behalf of the SCV-GSA, the exclusive GSA for the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-4.07), by the undersigned. This determination is valid for 12 months after the signed date below or until the expiration of Governor's Executive Order N-3-23, whichever comes first.

Printed Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-3-23

WHEREAS on April 21, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021, I proclaimed States of Emergency due to drought conditions that continue today and exist across California; and

WHEREAS climate change continues to intensify the impacts of droughts on our communities, environment, and economy, and these impacts continue to affect groundwater basins, local water supplies, and ecosystems, resulting in continuing drought in the State; and

WHEREAS the ongoing drought continues to have significant, immediate impacts on communities with vulnerable water supplies, farms that rely on irrigation to grow food and fiber, and fish and wildlife that rely on stream flows and cool water; and

WHEREAS early, substantial rains in October and December 2021 gave way to the driest January-February-March period in over 100 years in California, leading the October 2021 to September 2022 water year to end with statewide precipitation at 76 percent of average, with statewide reservoir storage at 69 percent of average, and with Lake Oroville—the State Water Project's largest reservoir—at 64 percent of average; and

WHEREAS in January 2023, the State experienced one of the wettest three-week periods on record, yielding a snowpack that was at 205 percent of average on February 1, 2023, yet to date February has been drier than average; and

WHEREAS the current snowpack has not reduced stresses upon the State's water resources, including low storage levels, depleted aquifers, and diminished local water supplies; and

WHEREAS the State can expect continued swings between extreme wet and extreme dry periods that can present risks of severe flooding and extreme drought in the same year; and

WHEREAS California must adapt to a hotter, drier future in which a greater share of rain and snowfall during the wetter months will be absorbed by dry soils, consumed by plants, and evaporated into the air, leaving less water for communities, species, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS the frequency of hydrologic extremes experienced in the State is indicative of an overarching need to continually reexamine policies to promote resiliency in a changing climate; and

WHEREAS Californians continue to make progress conserving water, with urban water users conserving 17.1 percent statewide in December 2022 compared to December 2020 and agricultural producers continuing to invest in more efficient irrigation; and

WHEREAS despite this progress, the uncertainty of precipitation during the remainder of the winter and spring, and the potential of dry conditions next

winter and of drought conditions extending to a fifth year, make it necessary for the State to continue water-conservation measures and drought-resilience actions to extend available supplies, protect water reserves, and maintain critical flows for fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS as directed in "California's Water Supply Strategy: Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future," the State plans to stretch water supplies by storing, recycling, de-salting, and conserving the water it will need to keep up with the increasing pace of climate change; and

WHEREAS multiple regions of the State, such as the Klamath Basin and the Colorado River system, face severe water shortage conditions, and groundwater basins in the Central Valley continue to be depleted from years of drought and overdraft; and

WHEREAS groundwater use accounts for 41 percent of the State's total water supply on an average annual basis but as much as 58 percent in a critically dry year, and approximately 85 percent of public water systems rely on groundwater as their primary supply; and

WHEREAS capturing and storing storm and snowpack runoff underground to recharge aquifers is an important strategy to help regions stabilize water supplies in the face of hydrologic extremes; and

WHEREAS state agencies have created streamlined permitting pathways to enable groundwater recharge that augments natural aquifer recharge, while protecting the environment and other water users, but more opportunities exist to facilitate groundwater recharge; and

WHEREAS coordination between local entities that approve permits for new groundwater wells and local groundwater sustainability agencies is important to achieving sustainable levels of groundwater in critically overdrafted basins; and

WHEREAS to protect public health and safety, it is critical the State take certain immediate actions without undue delay to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the drought conditions, and under Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Order would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the drought conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The orders and provisions contained in my State of Emergency Proclamations dated April 21, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021, and Executive Orders N-10-21 (July 8, 2021) and N-7-22 (March 28, 2022), remain in full force and effect, except as modified by those proclamations and orders and herein. State agencies shall

continue to implement all directions from those proclamations and orders and accelerate implementation where feasible.

2. To maximize the extent to which winter precipitation recharges underground aquifers, the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board), and the Department of Fish and Wildlife shall continue to collaborate on expediting permitting of recharge projects and shall work with local water districts to facilitate recharge projects.

3. Paragraph 4 of my State of Emergency Proclamation dated May 10, 2021 and Paragraph 4 of my State of Emergency Proclamation dated July 8, 2021 are withdrawn, and each is replaced with the following text:

   To ensure adequate water supplies for purposes of health, safety, the environment, or drought resilient water supplies, the Water Board shall consider modifying requirements for reservoir releases or diversion limitations in Central Valley Project or State Water Project facilities to: (i) conserve water upstream later in the year in order to protect cold water pools for salmon and steelhead, (ii) enhance instream conditions for fish and wildlife, (iii) improve water quality, (iv) protect carry-over storage, (v) ensure minimum health and safety water supplies, or (vi) provide opportunities to maintain or to expand water supplies north and south of the Delta. The Water Board shall require monitoring and evaluation of any such changes to inform future actions. For any actions taken pursuant to this paragraph and any approvals granted in furtherance of this paragraph, Water Code Section 13247 and Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are suspended. Nothing in this Paragraph affects or limits the validity of actions already taken or ongoing under Paragraph 4 of my May 10, 2021 Proclamation or Paragraph 4 of my July 8, 2021 Proclamation.

4. Paragraph 9 of Executive Order N-7-22 is withdrawn and replaced with the following text:

   To protect health, safety, and the environment during this drought emergency, a county, city, or other public agency shall not:

   a. Approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and classified as medium- or high-priority without first obtaining written verification from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is proposed to be located that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in any applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by that Groundwater Sustainability Agency and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by such a plan; or

b. Issue a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well without first determining that extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and (2) not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure.

This Paragraph shall not apply to permits for wells (i) that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, (ii) that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code, or (iii) that are replacing existing, currently permitted wells with new wells that will produce an equivalent quantity of water as the well being replaced when the existing well is being replaced because it has been acquired by eminent domain or acquired while under threat of condemnation.

5. No later than April 28, 2023, state agencies shall send me their recommendations for what further actions, if any, are necessary for on-going emergency drought response, and their views on whether any existing provisions in my proclamations and executive orders related to the drought emergency are no longer needed to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the drought conditions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of February 2023.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

ITEM NO. 3.3

Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Memorandum

DATE: June 5, 2023

TO: SCV-GSA Board of Directors

FROM: SCV-GSA Staff

SUBJECT: Designation of SCV-GSA Board Voting Delegate for Association of California Water Agency (ACWA) Election for the 2024-2025 Term

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

ACWA has launched two separate but concurrent election processes for the 2024-25 term: the Board officers' election for President and Vice President and the region board elections.

The biggest change to the election process is that voting will no longer take place during the conference. Instead, voting will take place electronically July 17 – September 15. Ballots will be distributed July 17 and include all qualified candidates, in addition to the Election Committee's preferred candidates. All candidates will also be listed on the ACWA website and invited to participate in a town hall style webinar in which members can ask the candidates questions.

Each member agency may vote in the election for President and Vice President. Member agencies must indicate their voting representative on the Voter Designation & Information Form (attached). The form must be submitted by Friday, June 16. The SCV-GSA JPA is a member of ACWA as it is required to procure insurance coverage through its affiliate the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

ACWA will be using a web-based online voting system called Simply Voting, which will independently tabulate the votes and provide verified results in a timely manner while keeping individual votes confidential.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors appoint Vice President Martin as the Voting Delegate for the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the ACWA 2023 Board Officers' Election for the 2024-25 term.

Attachment

ACWA
Association of California Water Agencies

2023 ACWA ELECTIONS

AUTHORIZED VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FORM

ACWA has launched two separate but concurrent election processes for the 2024-'25 term: the board officers' election for President and Vice President and the region board elections. **In order to vote for the board officers, each member agency must designate one voting representative by June 16**. To designate your agency's one voter, submit this Authorized Voting Representative Form by the June deadline. If you do not designate a representative to vote by the deadline, your agency's General Manager will be the authorized voter by default. Authorized voters will receive an electronic ballot on July 17. For more information about ACWA's elections, visit **www.acwa.com/elections**.

The person designated below will cast our agency's vote for the election of ACWA's President and Vice President for the 2024-'25 term in the upcoming election.		
Member Agency's Name		Agency's Phone No.
Authorized Voting Representative's **Name**	Authorized Voting Representative's **Email**	Authorized Voting Representative's **Phone No.**

☐ Our member agency would like to cast a paper ballot by U.S. mail instead of voting electronically.

Please provide the mailing address below only if you are voting by mail.

Mailing Address	City, State and Zip

Print Name of Member Agency's Authorized Signatory

X

Authorized Signatory Signature

Date

SAVE & SUBMIT

SUBMIT YOUR FORM

To: Donna Pangborn, Senior Clerk of the Board
Email: donnap@acwa.com
Mail: 980 9th Street, Suite 1000, Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
JUNE 16, 2023

ITEM NO. 3.4

Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Memorandum

DATE: June 5, 2023

TO: SCV-GSA Board of Directors

FROM: SCV-GSA Staff

SUBJECT: Appointments and Reappointments of the SCV-GSA Board of Directors and Alternate Board of Directors for the 2024-2026 Term

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SUMMARY:

In accordance with the SCV-GSA Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) under section 6.5 each Director is appointed to serve for a term of two years.

The SCV-GSA JPA Member that appointed each Director may reappoint the Director for multiple terms at the pleasure of the Member. As required by the JPA, the Members shall submit any changes in Director positions, or Director reappointments, to the Board Secretary via written notice signed by an authorized representative of the Member.

The following is the list of the current SCV-GSA Board of Directors and Alternate Board of Directors from the JPA Members.

- Russ Bryden, L.A. County Waterworks District No. 36
- Sami Kabar, L.A. County Waterworks District No. 36 – Alternate
- Gina Natoli, L.A. County Department of Regional Planning
- Jason Gibbs, City of Santa Clarita
- Laurene Weste, City of Santa Clarita – Alternate
- William C. Cooper, SCV Water Agency
- Maria Gutzeit, SCV Water Agency
- Gary Martin, SCV Water Agency
- Piotr Orzechowski, SCV Water Agency
- Jeff Ford, SCV Water Agency – Alternate
- R.J. Kelly, SCV Water Agency – Alternate (Retired)
- Lynne Plambeck, SCV Water Agency – Alternate

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Members shall submit any changes in Director positions, or Director reappointments, to the Board Secretary via written notice signed by an authorized representative of the Member no later than October 2, 2023.