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

Monday, March 3, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Administration Building
E. G. "Jerry Gladbach Water Treatment Plant Boardroom
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This meeting is conducted in person at the address listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-833-568-8864, Webinar ID: 161 988 0945 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link:scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1619880945**
Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Board using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above. However, in the event there is a disruption of service which prevents the Agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using either the call-in option or internet-based service, this meeting will not be postponed but will continue without remote participation. The remote participation option is provided as a convenience to the public and is not required.

We request that the public submit any comments in writing if practicable, which can be sent to ekang@scvwa.org or mailed to Eunie Kang, Board Secretary, Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. All written comments received before 10:00 AM on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Board members and posted on the SCV-GSA website prior to the start of the meeting. Anything received after 10:00 AM on the day of the meeting will be posted on the SCV-GSA website the following day.

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.) To participate in public comment from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, click the "raise hand" feature in Zoom. You will be notified when it is your turn to speak, please unmute when requested. To participate in public comment via phone, dial *9 to raise your hand. When it is your turn to speak, dial *6 to unmute.

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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4. SCV-GSA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5. DIRECTOR REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. ADJOURNMENT

*** Indicates attachment**
♦ Indicates handout

NOTICES:

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection at the Santa Clarita Valley

Water Agency, located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, California 91350, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Agency's Internet Website, accessible at scvgsa.org.

Posted on February 24, 2025

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ITEM NO. 2.1

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – January 13, 2025

A special board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) was held in person at 1:00 PM on Monday, January 13, 2025. A copy of the agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the SCV-GSA preceding these minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: William C. Cooper, Jason Gibbs, Maria Gutzeit, Dirk Marks, Gary Martin, Gina Natoli,

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Carolina Hernandez

Also in attendance: SCV-GSA Board Secretary Eunie Kang; SCV Water Agency Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopulos, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas and Consultant Tom Barnes from ESA. General Counsel Tom Bunn participated virtually.

President Martin called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M. A quorum was present.

Item 1.3: There was no public comment.

Item 1.4: There were no changes to the January 13, 2025, Board Agenda and it was accepted as presented.

Item 2.1: Upon motion of Director Natoli, seconded by Director Marks and carried, the Board approved and appointed Director Jason Gibbs as the President of the SCV-GSA Board for the 2025 term by the following roll call votes:

Directo Cooper	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
Vice President Gibbs	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	President Martin	Yes

Item 2.1(a): Upon motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Gutzeit and carried, the Board approved and appointed Director William Cooper as the Vice President of the SCV-GSA Board for the 2025 term by the following roll call votes:

Director Cooper	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Gibbs	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Martin	Yes

Item 3.1: Upon motion of Director Gutzeit, seconded by Vice President Cooper and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following roll call votes:

Vice President Cooper	Yes	Director Marks	Yes
President Gibbs	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Martin	Yes

Item 4.1: Rick Viergutz provided an overview of the Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Monitoring for the year 2024, covering the protocols, fieldwork, evaluations, hydrograph, and a comprehensive summary of the 2024 assessment.

Item 4.2: Rick Viergutz presented a quarterly update on the progress of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, including the status of the 5-year update preparation and the upcoming steps.

Item 4.3: Rick Viergutz addressed the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency regarding County approvals for groundwater extraction wells. He also discussed how to incorporate the available authorities under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Item 5: There was no information to report.

Item 6: Director Natoli has requested an update on item 4.3 upon any new developments.

Item 7: The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 P.M.

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Eunie Kang, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

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President of the Board

ITEM NO. 3.1

Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Memorandum

DATE: March 3, 2025

TO: SCV-GSA Board of Directors

FROM: SCV-GSA Staff

SUBJECT: Consideration to Adopt the Santa Clara River Valley East Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) 2024 Annual Report

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OVERVIEW:

By April 1 of each year, the SCV GSA is required by the State to submit the SCV GSA Annual Report. This year's report covers the water year 2024 (October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024) and is provided for the Board's consideration and adoption. It can be viewed here: SCV-GSA 2024 Annual Report

The information in the attached Annual Report indicates that the basin was operated in a sustainable manner during the water year 2024. Section 8 of this Annual Report has been made more concise with a clearer focus on the presence or absence of undesirable results for each of the Sustainable Management Criteria.

The Basin continues to experience year-to-year variations in storage that primarily reflect the effects of variable rainfall, as has been observed historically. Groundwater levels and storage increased with the onset of above-normal rainfall during water years 2023 and 2024. In the water year 2024, annual precipitation (23.38 inches) was 5.79 inches higher than normal rainfall (which is 17.59 inches for the historical period of record from 1930 through 2024).

The Basin's sustainable management criteria (SMCs) generally are being met, and no undesirable results have been verified to have taken place. Data collected in recent years at groundwater dependent ecosystem (GDE) monitoring locations indicate that (1) in some instances groundwater elevations went below SMC specified in the GSP, but upon evaluation it was clear no undesirable results occurred, and (2) with time and data collection it is clear corrections need to be made to the values of the SMCs at each of the GDE monitoring locations. A need for clarification of the Sustainable Management Criteria relating to inorganic water quality has also been identified and is described in more detail in the report.

The attached report contains a description of other ongoing activities related to GSP implementation steps, including but not limited to monitoring, reporting, and activities related to de necessary and non-de-minimis well outreach. The report conclusion also contains a look ahead at the GSP 5-Year Update and associated key activities, which includes updating the hydrogeologic conceptual model and refining the Sustainable Management Criteria to reflect the improved understanding of the basin.

CONCLUSION:

The annual report finds that the basin was operated sustainably in the water year 2024. Efforts will continue in the water year 2025 to fill data gaps, implement the GSP and commence the GSP 5 Year update. The GSP 5 Year Update will review all Sustainable Management Criteria and updates to the criteria will be made as needed to reflect the improved understanding of the Basin.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the SCV-GSA Board of Directors adopt the Santa Clara River Valley East Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) 2024 Annual Report.