BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PRESIDENT
WILLIAM COOPER
VICE PRESIDENT
DIRK MARKS
JASON GIBBS
MARIA GUTZEIT
CAROLINA HERNANDEZ
GARY MARTIN
GINA NATOLI
ALTERNATE BOARD
JEFF FORD
ARACELY JARAMILLO
PIOTR ORZECHOWSKI
KEN PETERSEN
LAURENE WESTE
GENERAL COUNSEL
THOMAS BUNN III
TREASURER
ROCHELLE PATTERSON
SECRETARY
EUNIE KANG

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

Monday, August 31, 2026, 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: 165 876 9231 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link: https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1658769231** 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 matters 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.

ITEMS			PAGE
2.1	*	Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Held on June 1, 2026	5

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

ITEMS			PAGE
3.1		Overview of Public Feedback and Discussion from August 11, 2026 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Periodic Evaluation Workshop	
3.2	*	Status Update on Periodic Evaluation and Next Steps	7
3.3	*	Appointments and Reappointments for the SCV-GSA Board of Directors and Alternate Board of Directors for the 2027-2029 Term	19

4. SCV-GSA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5. DIRECTOR REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. ADJOURNMENT

*** Indicates attachment**
♦ Indicates handout

NOTICES:

Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by telephoning Eunie Kang, Secretary to the Board of Directors, at (661) 297-1600 or writing to Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. Requests must specify the nature of the disability, and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that Agency staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the Agency to provide the requested accommodation.

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 August 25, 2026

[This page intentionally left blank.]

DRAFT

ITEM NO. 2.1

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – June 1, 2026

A regular 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, June 1, 2026.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President William Cooper, Vice President Dirk Marks, Maria Gutzeit, Carolina Hernandez, Gina Natoli, and Ken Petersen - Alternate for Gary Martin

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jason Gibbs and Gary Martin

Also in attendance were SCV-GSA Board Secretary Eunie Kang and Treasurer Rochelle Patterson, along with SCV Water Agency staff, including Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz; Senior Water Resources Planners Sarfaraz Alam and Rick Vasilopulos; and Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas, among additional staff members. SCV-GSA General Counsel Tom Bunn participated virtually.

President Cooper called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. A quorum was present.

Item 1.3: There was no public comment.

Item 1.4: There were no changes to June 1, 2026, Board Agenda and it was accepted as presented.

Item 2.1: Upon a motion by Director Gutzeit, seconded by Vice President Marks, and carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following roll-call votes:

President Cooper	Yes	Director Hernandez	Yes
Vice President Marks	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Petersen	Yes

Item 3.1: Upon a motion by Director Petersen, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried, the Board adopted the Santa Clarita Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget by the following roll-call votes:

President Cooper	Yes	Director Hernandez	Yes
Vice President Marks	Yes	Director Natoli	Yes
Director Gutzeit	Yes	Director Petersen	Yes

Item 3.2: The Board received its quarterly update on implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The update included a summary of the May 2026 meeting with the Department of Water Resources (DWR), along with discussions on progress in addressing DWR's recommended corrective actions. It also included updates on the second round of

groundwater quality sampling at newly constructed monitoring wells, Non-De Minimis extraction reporting, and a six-month outlook.

Item 4: Steve Cole expressed appreciation to the board for supporting staff in proactively engaging with the Department of Water Resources. He also highlighted the significant accomplishment of installing the monitoring well network, noting that it will provide lasting benefits to the community by supporting Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) analysis and enhancing the overall understanding of groundwater systems.

Item 5: No items were requested for future agendas.

Item 6: The meeting adjourned at 1:56 P.M.

_____
Eunie Kang, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

_____
President of the Board

ITEM NO. 3.2

Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Memorandum

DATE: August 31, 2026

TO: SCV-GSA Board of Directors

FROM: SCV Water

SUBJECT: Status Update on Periodic Evaluation and Next Steps

SUMMARY

Significant progress has been made on the public outreach and technical development steps for the State-required Periodic Evaluation of the SCV-GSA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan. This Board memorandum summarizes key work completed to date and outlines the remaining process: release of the Public Draft Periodic Evaluation for a 45-day public review period, a later public hearing on the Proposed Periodic Evaluation, and a subsequent Board meeting at which the Final Periodic Evaluation will be presented for adoption. Significant historical calibration work has also been completed for the updated flow model. Additional work remains for future simulations, including work that depends on completion of DWR's Interconnected Surface Water Guidance. The attached Administrative Draft's Executive Summary, and Draft Table of Contents provides additional context.

Status of Preparing the Periodic Evaluation

Steps necessary to complete the Public Draft Periodic Evaluation are nearing completion. To date, we have held four public workshops beginning in January and continuing through August. Workshops covered topics including the purpose of the periodic evaluation, and approaches to address DWR's recommended corrective actions regarding water quality and better describing undesirable results. Information from public engagement has guided the technical development of the Administrative Draft Periodic Evaluation.

Following adoption of the GSP in January 2022, the SCV-GSA continued to refine its understanding of the groundwater basin and address data gaps identified in the 2022 GSP. Additional efforts were initiated following DWR's approval of the GSP and its recommended corrective actions. For example, GDE monitoring wells were installed shortly after GSP adoption, and data has been collected consistently since then. Further, since 2022, GDE evaluations, consistent with the GSP, have been conducted, documenting habitat conditions and the absence of undesirable results due to groundwater extraction. Following GDE well installation, additional work in the river corridor near Interstate 5 took place, including a LiDAR elevation survey, and later a geophysical survey. New data allowed the 3D geologic model for the basin (Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model) to be updated, significantly reducing known data gaps. In 2025-2026, SCV Water, on behalf of the SCV-GSA, installed 15 additional monitoring wells made possible with grant funding from DWR. These new wells provide additional information on water quality and water levels. Data from the new wells has not been added into the 3D

geologic model due to time constraints, and is not required for the Periodic Evaluation, but incorporating the data into the 3D geologic model is a future step. Note that data from the new wells, and other wells, has been utilized in a more detailed evaluation of the potential for land subsidence from groundwater extraction. Further, the basin's flow model has been updated with new information and its historical calibration, owing to filling data gaps and other efforts, has been improved.

Key Updates to the GSP included in the Periodic Evaluation

As part of this periodic evaluation, the SCV-GSA has assessed elements of the GSP, including the Basin setting, definition of undesirable results, sustainable management criteria, monitoring networks, and projects and management actions. The evaluation identified targeted revisions and clarifications based on information developed since GSP adoption and DWR's recommended corrective actions. These are summarized below:

- **Basin Setting**. New geophysical data, well information, and three-dimensional geologic and hydrostratigraphic modeling have improved the understanding of the hydrogeologic conceptual model. In other words, the updated three-dimensional geologic model refines aquifer geometry but does not materially change the understanding of the Basin setting.
- **Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels and Reduction of Groundwater in Storage.** Minimum threshold revisions for chronic lowering of groundwater levels using a well-impact analysis more directly relates the criteria to the protection of municipal and agricultural water supplies. More clarification to the qualitative definition of the undesirable result is now included to better identify the specific effects that the criteria are intended to avoid.
- **Degraded Water Quality.** The sustainable management criteria for salts and nutrients has been clarified by establishing minimum thresholds for individual representative monitoring sites, rather than applying management-zone-scale ambient water quality concentrations directly to individual wells. The definition of an undesirable result was also clarified so that minimum threshold exceedances are evaluated across the representative monitoring network within each principal aquifer. Sustainable management criteria has been clarified and a corresponding undesirable result definition for perchlorate and VOCs is now included, along with an associated management action.
- **Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water.** The sustainable management criteria for the GDE monitoring network has been corrected using surveyed land-surface and Santa Clara River thalweg elevations. The 2022 GSP's definition of an undesirable result is unchanged. Criteria at GDE-A, GDE-D, GDE-E and NLF-G3 will be reconsidered following construction of replacement monitoring wells and collection of sufficient baseline data. The Interconnected Surface Water guidelines will also be considered when determining the appropriate locations for monitoring or reconstruction of these wells.
- **Monitoring Networks**. The status and composition of the monitoring network is updated to reflect new wells, GDE piezometers, and subsidence monitoring since GSP adoption. Planned monitoring well construction, replacement of damaged or otherwise unsuitable GDE monitoring wells, domestic well outreach, and continued technical studies have been incorporated into the monitoring program.

The SCV-GSA has not identified a need to amend the GSP at this time. The revisions documented through the periodic evaluation refine the technical information and quantitative criteria used to evaluate Basin conditions but do not change the Basin's sustainability goal, overall management strategy, or the types of significant and unreasonable effects that the GSP is designed to avoid. SCV-GSA will continue

to evaluate the revised criteria and determine whether future conditions, monitoring results, DWR guidance regarding depletion of interconnected surface water, or other new information warrant a formal GSP amendment during the next five years of GSP implementation.

Next Steps with Preparing the Periodic Evaluation

Next steps include releasing the Periodic Evaluation for a 45-day public comment period. The proposed release date is September 10, with the public comment period ending October 24. We plan to hold a fifth and final workshop in the latter part of September to summarize the Draft Periodic Evaluation to stakeholders and consider feedback at that time.

Following completion of the 45-day public comment period, we will consider public comments and make any necessary clarifications to the Periodic Evaluation. Public comments will be documented, and a response to public comments document will also be prepared. This work will largely take place during late October through November and result in preparation of the Final Periodic Evaluation for Board consideration.

We plan to make that document available on the GSA website and hold a public hearing December 7, 2026. Following the public hearing, we propose that the Board considers and adopts the Final Periodic Evaluation on December 21. Following Board adoption, we would upload the adopted Periodic Evaluation to DWR by the end of December 2026.

Next Steps with Flow Model and DWR Interconnected Surface Water Guidance

Two items still need to be addressed to clarify basin sustainable yield and future groundwater elevation projections. First, additional model refinement is needed for simulating future water levels, and the technical team is carefully evaluating model (future conditions) input and model output. Future conditions undergoing checking and verification include, but are not limited to, model parameters related to rainfall, recharge, and other computational inputs. Second, DWR's Final Interconnected Surface Water Guidance has not been finalized. The Board and stakeholders may recall that our approach was to consider this DWR guidance to the maximum extent practical, with the understanding that it may not be able to be fully considered in the GSP Periodic Evaluation; this has proved to be the case. The complete DWR guidance is important regarding simulating future conditions and sustainable yield in that it may impact how sustainable management criteria are set near GDEs. Because of this, simulation of future conditions remains an important future work- requiring final guidance from DWR. Completion of the future flow model simulations at a later date does not affect submittal of the Periodic Evaluation and compliance with SGMA.

CONCLUSION

Significant progress has been made in preparing the Draft Periodic Evaluation. The Administrative Draft is essentially completed, and preparation of the Public Draft Periodic Evaluation is a key next step. The discussion above reviews work to date, proposed key GSP updates in the Periodic Evaluation, and next steps for public review, and ultimately Board adoption of the Periodic Evaluation.

That the SCV-GSA Board:

1) Authorize release of the Public Draft Periodic Evaluation on September 10, 2026, for a 45-day public comment period

2) Authorize holding a public hearing on the Draft Periodic Evaluation December 7, 2026
3) Consider Approval of the Periodic Evaluation December 21, 2026

Attachment:

Executive Summary and Table of Contents of the Administrative Draft Periodic Evaluation

DRAFT

2027 Periodic Evaluation

Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin

Prepared for:

SCV GSA

Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, Ca 91350

Prepared by:

INTERA

INTERA Incorporated
1610 R Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, Ca 95811

Draft

AUGUST 25, 2026

Executive Summary

Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA), formed in 2017, is the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-004.07). The Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin, herein referred to as the Basin, is classified by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as a high-priority basin and subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Under SGMA, medium- and high-priority basins are required to develop Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), which are intended to guide groundwater management activities over a 50-year implementation horizon.

In January 2022, the SCV-GSA Board of Directors adopted the Basin GSP (SCV-GSA, 2022a). The GSP summarizes historical and current groundwater conditions, evaluates future groundwater conditions, and provides a comprehensive framework to *manage the groundwater resources of the Basin for current and future beneficial uses of groundwater, including the river environment, through an adaptive management approach that builds on robust science and monitoring and considers economic, social, and other objectives of a wide variety of stakeholders.*[1] SCV-GSA submitted the GSP to DWR on January 24, 2022, and DWR approved the Plan in a letter dated January 18, 2024 (DWR, 2024). DWR's approval indicates that the GSP substantially complies with SGMA and provides a path for achieving and maintaining groundwater sustainability.

Why is the SCV-GSA Preparing this Periodic Evaluation of the GSP?

SGMA requires that GSAs evaluate their approved GSPs at least once every five years to assess whether GSP implementation, including the implementation of projects and management actions, is meeting the sustainability goal in the basin (23 CCR §356.4).[2] The GSP described groundwater conditions in the Basin through water year 2019.[3] Accordingly, this Periodic Evaluation covers waters year 2020 through 2025, with a focus on GSP implementation since its adoption in January 2022.

Through this evaluation process, DWR requires that each agency describe:

- The relationship between current groundwater conditions and the sustainable management criteria established in the GSP.
- The status of projects and management actions and their effects on groundwater conditions.
- Any significant new information collected in the basin that may impact the basin setting.
- Changes to the GSP monitoring network and any new, or resolved, data gaps.
- Any additional relevant actions taken by the agency, including legal actions or adoption of new regulations or ordinances related to the GSP.

[1] Italicized text is excerpted from Section 8.2 of the GSP (SCV-GSA, 2022a).
[2] The Final GSP Emergency Regulations can be found online at: https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=IB4B9AC005B6E11EC9451000D3A7C4BC3&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default)
[3] Water year is defined as the period from October 1 of the preceding calendar year through September 30 of the current calendar year. For example, water year 2019 represents the period from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Draft

- Any completed or proposed Plan Amendments.

In addition to these requirements, GSAs must address Recommended Corrective Actions (RCAs) included in the State's GSP approval letter.[4] RCAs aim to improve or clarify different components of the GSP. Four RCAs were included in the GSP approval letter.

How have groundwater conditions changed over the first evaluation period?

The GSP manages groundwater conditions related to five applicable sustainability indicators: chronic lowering of groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater in storage, degraded water quality, depletion of interconnected surface water, and land subsidence (SCV-GSA, 2022a).[5] Groundwater conditions for each indicator are evaluated using sustainable management criteria. Minimum thresholds identify the quantitative conditions associated with the potential onset of significant and unreasonable effects, while the measurable objectives represent the long-term average groundwater conditions SCV-GSA seeks to achieve and maintain during GSP implementation.

The GSP reports on groundwater conditions related to these indicators through water year 2019. This evaluation provides an update on water years 2020 through 2025, with a particular emphasis on the period following GSP adoption.

Groundwater levels and storage in the Basin vary in response to hydrologic conditions and Santa Clara River streamflow. Both groundwater levels and storage declined during the dry 2021 and 2022 water years. In response to wet conditions in water years 2023 and 2024, groundwater in storage increased by more than 110,000 acre-feet (AF) and groundwater elevations recovered across the Basin. By the end of water year 2025, groundwater levels were at or above the measurable objectives in 12 of the 13 representative monitoring sites (RMS) in the Alluvial Aquifer and at all three of the RMS that were measured in the Saugus Formation.

Since adoption of the GSP, SCV-GSA has substantially expanded its monitoring and characterization of groundwater dependent ecosystems and shallow groundwater conditions along the Santa Clara River, San Francisquito Creek, and Castaic Creek. SCV-GSA constructed five dedicated groundwater dependent ecosystem (GDE) piezometers near the Santa Clara River and initiated annual habitat monitoring at ten GDE monitoring locations identified in the GSP. These efforts provide a more direct basis for evaluating habitat conditions and their relationship to groundwater conditions in the Alluvial Aquifer. Monitoring initiated in 2022 indicates that habitat conditions remained relatively stable despite significant variability in hydrologic conditions. The most notable changes occurred downgradient of the confluence of Santa Clara River and Castaic Creek and were attributable to a change in channel morphology that resulted from flooding in January 2023, rather than groundwater extraction. No loss or significant degradation of GDEs attributable to groundwater conditions was identified.

The GSP manages salt and nutrient concentrations in a manner that considers the Basin's 2016 Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP). During water years 2020 through 2025, salt and nutrient concentrations generally remained stable or decreased, meeting the measurable objectives in five of the seven groundwater quality management zones identified in the GSP. In two SNMP management zones, total dissolved solids (TDS) and sulfate concentrations exceeded the minimum thresholds. However,

[4] Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin RCAs: https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsp/assessments/131
[5] Seawater intrusion is not an applicable sustainability indicator for the Basin.

Draft

concentrations for each constituent have been declining over the past 10 years, indicating that groundwater extractions and GSA activities have not resulted in degradation of Basin water quality.

Annual land surface elevation changes monitored as part of the sustainable management criteria for Land Subsidence were generally less than 0.1 foot, and the available information does not indicate permanent, inelastic subsidence caused by groundwater extraction or interference with land uses or critical infrastructure.

Is GSP Implementation Meeting the Sustainability Goal for the Basin?

Information collected since adoption of the GSP indicates that management under the GSP continues to support achievement of the sustainability goal for the Basin:

- No undesirable results occurred for chronic lowering of groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater in storage, depletion of interconnected surface water, degraded water quality, or land subsidence.
- Groundwater conditions are meeting or progressing toward the measurable objectives for all five applicable sustainability indicators.
- Observed minimum threshold exceedances were localized and did not cause significant and unreasonable effects that define undesirable results in the GSP.

SCV-GSA has also advanced projects and management actions that address data gaps and strengthen long-term groundwater management. Major activities include:

- Planning and constructing new dedicated monitoring wells to support evaluation of GDEs.
- Conducting four years of habitat monitoring to characterize shallow groundwater and habitat conditions along the Santa Clara River, San Francisquito Creek, and Castaic Creek.
- Planning and constructing depth-discrete monitoring wells to better characterize groundwater elevations and vertical gradients between the Saugus Formation and Alluvial Aquifer (ongoing).
- Conducting outreach to domestic well owners to improve understanding of the location and status of privately owned wells, particularly in the canyon areas.
- Completing high-resolution land surface elevation surveys to improve characterization of Santa Clara River channel morphology and thalweg elevations.
- Updating the hydrogeologic conceptual model using new geophysical survey data and geophysical logs from water wells.
- Updating and refining the calibration of the groundwater flow model to incorporate new groundwater level data and hydrogeologic information and improve representation of Basin conditions.

SCV-GSA's governance structure continues to support effective management of the Basin. SCV-GSA has continued to engage with interested parties through public Board meetings, stakeholder workshops, coordination with groundwater users, and targeted outreach to domestic well owners. Input received through these activities has informed GSP implementation and preparation of this Periodic Evaluation.

Draft

Are Changes Being Made to the GSP?

Expanded monitoring, technical studies, and continued coordination with groundwater users and interested parties have improved SCV-GSA's understanding of the Basin since 2022. This new information also supports SCV-GSA's response to DWR's RCAs related to chronic lowering of groundwater levels, degraded water quality, and depletion of interconnected surface water. Through this first Periodic Evaluation, SCV-GSA is documenting the following targeted updates and refinements:

- **Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model** is being refined in response to DWR's RCA 1 using new geophysical data, well formation picks, and geologic interpretations. These data improve characterization of the Basin's aquifer geometry, contact between the Alluvial Aquifer and Saugus Formation, and understanding of land subsidence susceptibility.
- **Minimum Thresholds for Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels** are being revised in response to DWR's RCA 2, which requested that SCV-GSA more explicitly link the groundwater level thresholds to specific undesirable results in the Basin. The revised thresholds are informed by a well-impact analysis that quantifies local groundwater elevations that may impact future groundwater supply need reliability for municipal, agricultural, and domestic users.
- **Sustainable Management Criteria for Degraded Water Quality** are being updated in response to DWR's RCA 3, which requested that SCV-GSA define criteria for contaminants (i.e., perchlorate and VOCs). In addition, salt and nutrient sustainable management criteria are being refined to define criteria on a well-by-well basis, rather than a SNMP management zone basis, to better reflect natural variability and conditions that pre-exist GSP adoption.
- **Sustainable Management Criteria for Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water** are being refined using new land surface elevation and Santa Clara River thalweg data.

SCV-GSA has not identified a need to amend the GSP at this time. The updates documented in this Periodic Evaluation refine the technical approach and quantitative criteria used to evaluate groundwater conditions but do not alter the Basin's sustainability goal, the undesirable results that the GSP is intended to avoid, or the overall management strategy, monitoring program, and projects and management actions established to achieve sustainability. SCV-GSA will continue to evaluate the appropriateness of the revised criteria and whether future conditions or new information warrant a GSP amendment during the next five years of implementation.

Draft

Table of Contents

1.0 Introduction 1
1.1 Setting and Background 1
1.2 Organization of this Report 1
2.0 New Information Collected [Article 5 § 356.4(f)] 3
3.0 Groundwater Conditions Relative to Sustainable Management Criteria [Article 5, § 356.4(a)] 10
3.1 Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels Sustainability Indicator 10
3.1.1 Groundwater Elevation Trends 10
3.1.2 Sustainable Management Criteria 12
3.1.3 Undesirable Results 14
3.1.4 Impacts to Beneficial Uses and Users 15
3.1.5 Progress Towards Achieving Sustainability 15
3.1.6 Relevant Recommended Corrective Actions 16
3.1.7 Revisions to the Sustainable Management Criteria 18
3.2 Reduction of Groundwater in Storage Sustainability Indicator 20
3.2.1 Groundwater Storage Trends 20
3.2.2 Sustainable Management Criteria 20
3.2.3 Undesirable Results 21
3.2.4 Impacts to Beneficial Uses and Users 21
3.2.5 Progress Towards Achieving Sustainability 21
3.2.6 Relevant Recommended Corrective Actions 21
3.3 Degraded Water Quality Sustainability Indicator 21
3.3.1 Groundwater Quality Trends 21
3.3.2 Sustainable Management Criteria 23
3.3.3 Undesirable Results 32
3.3.4 Impacts to Beneficial Uses and Users 32
3.3.5 Progress Towards Achieving Sustainability 33
3.3.6 Relevant Recommended Corrective Actions 33
3.3.7 Revisions to the Sustainable Management Criteria 34
3.3.8 Revisions to the Definition of an Undesirable Result 36
3.4 Seawater Intrusion Sustainability Indicator 38
3.5 Land Subsidence Sustainability Indicator 38
3.5.1 Land Surface Elevation Trends 38
3.5.2 Sustainable Management Criteria 39

Draft

3.5.3 Impacts to Beneficial Uses and Users 39
3.5.4 Progress Toward Achieving Sustainability 39
3.5.5 Relevant Recommended Corrective Actions 40
3.5.6 Revisions to the Sustainable Management Criteria 43
3.5.7 Revisions to the Definition of an Undesirable Result 43
3.6 Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water 43
3.6.1 Groundwater and Surface Water Conditions along Santa Clara River 43
3.6.2 Sustainable Management Criteria 47
3.6.3 Undesirable Results 50
3.6.4 Impacts to Beneficial Uses and Users 50
3.6.5 Progress Toward Achieving Sustainability 50
3.6.6 Relevant Recommended Corrective Actions 50
3.6.7 Revisions to the Sustainable Management Criteria 52
3.6.8 Revisions to the Definition of an Undesirable Result 52
4.0 References and Technical Studies [§354.4(b)] 54

Draft

[This page intentionally left blank.]

ITEM NO. 3.3

Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Memorandum

DATE: August 31, 2026

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 2027-2029 Term

---

SUMMARY:

In accordance with Section 6.5 of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), each Director is appointed to serve a two-year term.

The SCV-GSA JPA Member that appointed the Director may reappoint that Director to successive terms at the Member's discretion. In accordance with the JPA, Members must provide written notice to the Board Secretary of any Director reappointments or changes in Director appointments. Such notice must be signed by an authorized representative of the Member.

The current SCV-GSA Board of Directors and Alternate Directors appointed by the JPA Members are listed below.

- Carolina Hernandez, L.A. County Waterworks District No. 36
- Aracely Jaramillo, 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
- Dirk Marks, SCV Water Agency
- Gary Martin, SCV Water Agency
- Jeff Ford, SCV Water Agency – Alternate
- Piotr Orzechowski, SCV Water Agency - Alternate
- Ken Petersen, SCV Water Agency – Alternate

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Each Member shall notify the Board Secretary in writing of any changes in Director positions or any Director reappointments. Such notice must be signed by an authorized representative of the Member and submitted no later than October 31, 2026.