

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA
Board of Directors Engineering Workshop
Agenda
March 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comment:**

Members of the public may address the Board at this time concerning items relating to any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction. To comment on specific agenda items, please complete a speaker's request form and hand it to the board secretary.
- 3. Update on Water Supply Conditions**
- 4. Update on East Branch Extension Phase 2**
- 5. Update on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act* (Page 2)**
- 6. Discussion of Special Joint Board Meeting**
- 7. Announcements**
 - A. Regular Board Meeting, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
 - B. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance, March 23, 2016
 1. Business Meeting at 5:00 p.m. – Banning City Hall Conference Room
 2. Presentation at 6:00 p.m. – Banning City Council Chambers
 - C. Finance and Budget Workshop, March 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
- 8. Adjournment**

***Information included in Agenda Packet**

(1) Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Board of Directors after distribution of the agenda packet are available for Public inspection in the Agency's office at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont during normal business hours. (2) 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 Agency's office, located at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Agency's Internet Web site, accessible at <http://www.sggwa.com>. (3) Any person with a disability who requires accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should telephone the Agency (951 845-2577) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation.



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Via e-mail and postal mail

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RE: Notice of Election to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) pursuant to California Water Code (“Water Code”) section 10723.8 that Mission Springs Water District (“MSWD”) has elected to become a groundwater sustainability agency (“GSA”). MSWD intends to serve as GSA for those portions of the Indio Sub-Basin (DWR Sub-Basin No. 7-21.01), Mission Creek Sub-Basin (DWR Sub-Basin No. 7-21.02), Desert Hot Springs Sub-Basin (DWR Sub-Basin No. 7-21.03), San Geronio Pass Sub-Basin (DWR Sub-Basin No. 7-21.04), and Garnet Hill Sub-Basin, which is not separately identified and numbered in DWR Bulletin 118, that lie within MSWD’s service area, as shown on **Exhibit “A.”** The identified sub-basins are unadjudicated. The Indio, Mission Creek, and San Geronio Pass Sub-Basins are designated as medium-priority by the DWR; the Desert Hot Springs Sub-Basin is designated as low-priority by the DWR.

MSWD is a California county water district, formed and operating under the provisions of Water Code sections 30000, *et seq.* MSWD is located in Riverside County, and it depends on the Mission Creek Sub-Basin, as well as water imported from the Colorado River, to meet the water needs of its customers. MSWD’s service and groundwater management responsibility area is shown on **Exhibit “B.”**

Pursuant to Water Code section 10723(c)(1)(C), Desert Water Agency (“DWA”) shall be deemed the exclusive local agency within its statutory boundaries with the powers to comply with SGMA. The statutory boundaries of DWA as set forth in Water



Code Appendix section 100-2¹ are shown on **Exhibit "C."** Said statutory boundaries were plotted by a Registered Land Surveyor. As shown on Exhibit "C," there is minimal overlap between the service area boundaries of MSWD and the statutory boundaries of DWA. Therefore, pursuant to Water Code section 10723(a), MSWD may elect to be the exclusive GSA for the entirety of the area within its service area boundaries and outside of DWA's statutory boundaries. Furthermore, we believe DWA's designation in Section 10723(c)(1)(C) as an exclusive GSA was erroneous, because DWA is not a groundwater management district or agency created by statute to manage groundwater.

A notice of public hearing was published in accordance with Water Code section 10723(b) and California Government Code section 6066 in the Public Record, a newspaper of general circulation in Riverside County, regarding MSWD's intent to consider becoming a GSA for portions of the Indio Sub-Basin, Mission Creek Sub-Basin, Desert Hot Springs Sub-Basin and San Gorgonio Pass Sub-Basin. The notice is enclosed as **Exhibit "D."** No negative comments were received prior to the hearing.

On January 19, 2016, MSWD held a public hearing to consider the decision to serve as a GSA for the portions of the Indio Sub-Basin, the Mission Creek Sub-Basin, the Desert Hot Springs Sub-Basin, the San Gorgonio Pass Sub-Basin, including the Garnet Hill Sub-Basin, as shown on Exhibit "A." One written and one oral comment were received at the public hearing. Following the public hearing, MSWD's Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2016-01, enclosed as **Exhibit "E,"** electing to become a GSA for the portions of the Indio Sub-Basin, the Mission Creek Sub-Basin, the Desert Hot Springs Sub-Basin, the San Gorgonio Pass Sub-Basin, and the Garnet Hill Sub-Basin, as shown on Exhibit "A." MSWD has not adopted any new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities associated with this GSA formation.

MSWD understands that Desert Water Agency ("DWA") and Coachella Valley Water District ("CVWD") have already submitted their notices to become GSAs. MSWD also understands that Indio Water Authority ("IWA") and Coachella Water Authority ("CWA") will, in the near future, submit notices to become GSAs for those portions of the Indio Sub-Basin underlying their respective service areas; and that other local agencies will, in the near future, submit notices to become GSAs for those portions of the San Gorgonio Pass Sub-Basin underlying their respective service areas.

An initial list of interested parties is included as **Exhibit "F."** MSWD will communicate with parties interested in the sustainable management of groundwater in the Coachella Valley and will solicit feedback from those parties as the groundwater sustainability plan is developed. Pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8(a)(4), MSWD will consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans, pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.2.

¹ A true and correct copy of the California Water Code Appendix section 100-2 is attached hereto as **Exhibit "G"**.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact me at (760) 329-6448, extension 137.

Very truly yours,



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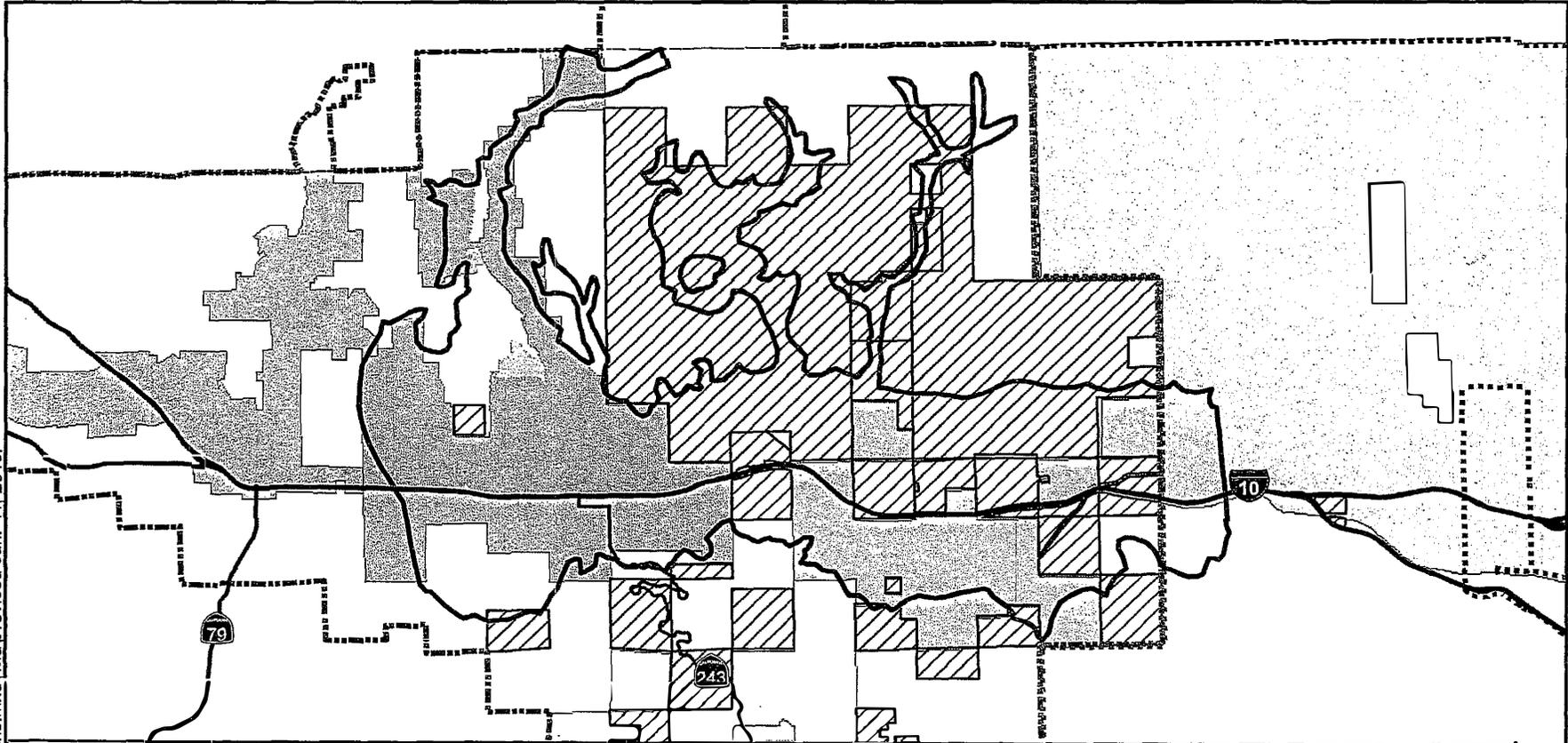
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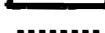
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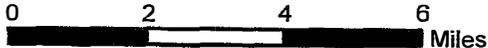
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LEGEND

-  SGPWA Boundary
-  County Boundary
-  San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin (No. 7-21.04)
-  Desert Water Agency
-  Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
-  City of Banning Water Dept. (modified)
-  High Valleys Water District
-  Cabazon Water District (modified)
-  Mission Springs Water District
-  Morongo Band of Mission Indians Tribal Lands
-  Banning Heights Mutual Water Company

Sources: Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, 2014; LAFCO 2010; Desert Water Agency 2016; Riverside Co. GIS, 2016.



San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin

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