

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Agenda**  
**October 21, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order, Flag Salute, Invocation and Roll Call**

**2. Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda**

**3. 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. Speakers are requested to keep their comments to no more than five minutes. Under the Brown Act, no action or discussion shall take place on any item not appearing on the agenda, except that the Board or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed for the purpose of directing statements or questions to staff for follow up.

**4. Consent Calendar:** If any board member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it will be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 7, 2019\* (p. 2)
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, October 14, 2019\* (p. 6)

**5. Reports:**

- A. General Manager's Report
- B. General Counsel Report\* (p. 7)
- C. Directors Reports
- D. Committee Reports

**6. New Business:**

- A. Consideration of and Possible Action on USGS 2019-2020 Work Plan\* (p. 9)
- B. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Election of ACWA President and Vice President\* (p. 28)
- C. Discussion and Possible Appointment of San Gorgonio Pass Water Alliance Member Replacement

**7. Topics for Future Agendas**

**8. Announcements:**

- A. Finance & Budget Workshop, October 28, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, November 4, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Office closed Monday, November 11, 2019, in observance of Veterans Day
- D. Engineering Workshop, Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

**9. 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: [www.sgpwa.com](http://www.sgpwa.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.

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 7, 2019**

**Directors Present:** Ron Duncan, President  
Lenny Stephenson, Vice President  
Stephen Lehtonen, Treasurer  
Blair Ball, Director  
David Fenn, Director (arrived 1:37 pm)  
David Castaldo, Director  
Michael Thompson, Director

**Staff Present:** Jeff Davis, General Manager  
Jeff Ferre, General Counsel  
Thomas Todd, Finance Manager  
Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute, Invocation, and Roll Call:** The meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Board President Duncan at 1:30 p.m., October 7, 2019 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. President Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Ball gave the invocation. A quorum was present.
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** *President Duncan asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda.* General Manager Davis requested withdrawing item 6B, as this item will be brought back to the Board at a future date.
3. **Public Comment:** *President Duncan asked if there were any members of the public that wished to make a public comment on items that are within the jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on today's agenda.* There were no members of the public that wished to comment at this time.
4. **Consent Calendar:**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, August 19, 2019
  - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop, August 26, 2019
  - C. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, August 26, 2019

*President Duncan asked for a motion on the Consent Calendar.* Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Ball, to adopt the consent calendar. Motion passed 6-0, with Director Fenn absent.

5. **Reports:**
  - A. **General Manager's Report:**
    - (1) **Operations Report:** General Manager Davis provided a written report on the Agency's Operations and General Updates. He reviewed with the Board a number of graphs related to Sites Reservoir projected costs using different scenarios. He stated that the estimated cost at this time is between \$825 - \$900 per acre-foot; this does not include operations, maintenance and pumping costs or carriage losses. He informed the Board that they will need to make a decision between now and February on whether or not the Agency participates in Phase 2 of Sites Reservoir, and if they do, at what level. General Manager Davis also provided additional information on the Delta Conveyance

Facility. The key issue is having more water in the system in average years and in wet years, and how do participants and non-participants manage their storage in San Luis Reservoir. Director Ball inquired about the legislature passing SB 1 with objectionable language opposed by the water industry and that the Governor vetoed it; he asked for clarification. General Manager Davis explained that the water industry lobbying effort on the legislative level to take out two sentences was not successful. The Governor supports the voluntary agreements and using science to implement regulations. Passing SB1 would have precluded using science in the regulatory process.

**B. General Counsel Report:** A written report was provided by General Counsel Jeff Ferre.

**C. Directors Reports:** **Director Lehtonen** mentioned that a local newspaper had an article about West Valley Water District and ethical problems. He urged the Board members to read the article. **Director Stephenson** reported on the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned that a public meeting will take place in February and he encouraged his fellow Board members to attend. **Director Fenn** reported on the Beaumont Basin Watermaster meeting that was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, Director Fenn announced that starting in January 2020 he will not be able to continue attending the San Gorgonio Pass Water Alliance meetings, due to personal commitments. He is seeking someone to replace his position as the co-chair, preferably a Director from the Agency. Director Fenn requested that this item be agendized for a future meeting. **Director Thompson** reported on the BCVWD Engineering workshop that he attended on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Committee Reports:** **Director Thompson** reported that the Conservation and Education workshop will take place this Thursday at 1:30 pm. **Director Ball** reported that the Capacity Fee Ad-Hoc Committee will be meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. **Director Castaldo** stated that the Board Handbook Ad-Hoc Committee plans on meeting with General Counsel Ferre at the end of this meeting.

## 6. New Business:

**A. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution 2019-08, Publicly Available Pay Schedules for Applicable Fiscal Years as Part of CalPERS Requirements.** A staff report, a draft copy of Resolution 2019-08, and related materials were included in the agenda package. General Counsel Ferre summarized the staff report stating that CalPERS requires that at the time of any particular retirement that there be a publically available pay schedule that meets certain requirements: Resolution 2019-08 has been appropriately drafted that meets all of the requirements. Staff recommends the approval of the adoption of Resolution 2019-08. After discussion, Director Thompson made a motion, seconded by Director Castaldo, to adopt Resolution 2019-08 to adopt 2011/2012 through 2018/2019 publicly available pay schedules as required under CalPERS rules. Motion passed 7-0.

**B. Consideration and Possible Action of an Agreement to Facilitate Water Deliveries to the Calimesa Area by San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.** This item was withdrawn during Item 2 of the Agenda.

**C. Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing Hire of Part Time Employee.** A staff report was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis stated that Casmir Joy Olaivar was initially hired as a student intern through Cal State, San Bernardino – Water Resource Institute for approximately one year. During Finance and Budget workshop discussions it was decided by the Board to budget funds for a temporary part time employee to continue its efforts in the social media arena. Staff is recommending hiring a temporary part time employee with a maximum of 20 hours per week; this is for a commitment through June 30, 2020. The new hire would not be eligible for benefits. General Counsel Ferre clarified that the Board is not hiring the new employee, but is authorizing the General Manager to move forward in hiring a temporary part time employee. Director Ball made a motion, seconded by Director Thompson, to fund up to \$9000, up to 600 hours, for a temporary part time employee at \$15 per hour, starting October 16<sup>th</sup> and ending June 30, 2020. Motion passed 7-0.

**D. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee on Facilitation of Water Deliveries to Calimesa.** General Manager Davis stated that this is a follow-up to the Joint Board meeting with SBVMWD and YVWD. General Manager Davis was contacted by Tim Moore (Facilitator) asking that all of three Board Presidents appoint ad-hoc committees so that he can meet with them to review talking points for an agreement. President Duncan appointed Director Stephenson (Chair), Director Ball (Member), and Director Lehtonen (Member) to the Facilitation of Water Deliveries to Calimesa Ad-Hoc Committee.

**7. Topics for Future Agendas:** Director Thompson requested details on the WRI student intern program. President Duncan requested a report on the USGS monitoring wells. Director Ball asked to revisit the water rates in November or December.

**8. Announcements:**

- A. Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting, October 10, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Engineering Workshop, September 9, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, October 21, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

**9. Closed Session (2 Items)**

**Time: 2:25 p.m.**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9  
Receipt of claim: Claimant – Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9  
One potential case

**The meeting reconvened to open session at: Time: 3:00 pm**

The Board reconvened at 3:00 pm and legal counsel Jeff Ferre made the following report:

In regard to Item 9(A), it was moved by Director Castaldo, seconded by Director Lehtonen, to reject the claim submitted by the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and to direct that the appropriate notice be submitted to the claimant along with a statement that the Agency hopes representatives of both parties can meet in an attempt to resolve this matter. The motion passed 7-0.

There was no reportable action in regard to item 9(B).

**10. Adjournment**

**Time: 3:01 pm**

***Draft - Subject to Board Approval***

Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board

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**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Engineering Workshop**  
**October 14, 2019**

**Directors Present:** Ron Duncan, President  
Leonard Stephenson, Vice President  
Blair Ball, Director  
David Castaldo, Director  
David Fenn, Director  
Steve Lehtonen, Director  
Mike Thompson, Director

**Staff Present:** Jeff Davis, General Manager  
Jeff Ferre, General Counsel  
Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant  
Casmir Olaivar, Student Intern

**1. Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call:** The Engineering workshop of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Vice President Stephenson at 1:30 p.m., October 14, 2019 in the Agency Board room at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Vice President Stephenson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.

**2. Public Comment:** Dan Jagers from the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District thanked members of the Board who attended the District's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration earlier this month. No other members of the public wished to address the Board at this time.

**3. Discussion of Proposed USGS Cooperative Agreement 2019-2020.** A copy of the proposal was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis reviewed the proposal with the Board, along with some of the history of the Agency's partnership with the USGS. He noted that USGS staff works with Agency staff in monitoring groundwater levels in the region and that USGS staff takes water quality samples and analyzes them. He answered a number of questions from Board members. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to bring this to the next Board meeting for consideration.

**4. Announcements:**

- A. Regular Board Meeting, October 21, 2019 at 1:30 pm.
- B. Finance and Budget Workshop, October 28, 2019 at 1:30 pm
- C. Regular Board Meeting November 4, 2019 at 1:30 pm.

**5. Adjournment:** Vice President Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

***Draft - subject to Board approval***

Jeff Davis, Secretary to the Board

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**Memorandum**

**To:** President and Members of the Board of Directors  
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

**From:** Jeff Ferre, General Counsel

**Date:** October 21, 2019

**Re:** General Counsel Report – AB 1486 (Ting) Disposition of Surplus Land

The Governor has signed AB 1486 which adds a number of requirements that agencies must follow prior to disposing of surplus land. This memo summarizes some, but not all, of the new procedures.

Agency must make a declaration of surplus land before initiating procedures.

The first step must be that the board of directors declares the land to be surplus. “Surplus land” is defined as land owned by a local agency for which the local agency’s governing body takes formal action in a regular public meeting declaring that the land is surplus and is not necessary for the agency’s use. A declaration of surplus land must be supported by written findings before a disposing agency may take any action to dispose of it.

“Notice of Availability” replaces “Written Offer.”

A disposing agency must send a “notice of availability” to local entities and housing sponsors that have authority over housing. Such notices must be sent by electronic mail, or by certified mail, and must include the location and a description of the property. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) will maintain a listing of all notices of availability throughout the state on its website. “Notices of availability” will also replace “written offers” in regard to notices to park and recreation entities and school districts. An entity or association desiring to purchase or lease the surplus land for any of the designated purposes must notify the disposing agency of its interest within 60 days after the notice of availability is sent via certified mail or provided via electronic mail.

Stricter requirements as to what will be considered good faith negotiations.

The disposing agency and the potential buyer/lessee have 90 days to engage in good faith negotiations and if the terms cannot be agreed upon within that time period, then the disposing agency is free to dispose of the land to any buyer or lessee and the surplus land procedures are deemed to be completed. This is the same time period as under the old law. However, the new law sets forth details about the negotiation period and what efforts must be made in order for the negotiations to be deemed to have taken place in “good faith.”



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“Participating in negotiations,” and thereby running the 90-day clock, will not include time for appraisals, due diligence, discussions with brokers or real estate agents not representing a potential buyer, or other studies to determine value or best use of land, issuance of a request for qualifications, development of marketing materials, or discussions conducted exclusively among local agency employees and elected officials.

Negotiations will not be considered at an impasse simply because there would need to be zoning changes to allow for low and moderate income housing, or because design standards would inhibit such housing. Terms agreed to pursuant to the negotiations shall not do any of the following: (1) disallow residential use; (2) reduce the allowable number of residential units or the maximum lot coverage; or (3) require design standards that would have a substantial adverse effect on the viability or affordability of low and moderate income housing.

Terms agreed to pursuant to the negotiations may include limitations on residential use or density but only if, without the limitations, the residential use or density would have a specific, adverse impact, supported by written findings, upon the public health or safety or upon the operation or facilities of a local agency, and there is no feasible method to mitigate the impact.

Penalties for noncompliance – to be implemented by the Department on January 1, 2021.

Prior to agreeing to terms for disposition to any buyer/lessee, the disposing agency shall provide to the Department a description of the notices of availability sent and the negotiations which were conducted with any responding entities and a copy of any restrictions to be recorded against the property. The disposing agency may submit this information after it has sent notices of availability and concluded negotiations with any responding agencies. The Department has 30 days from receipt of such information to notify a disposing agency if the Department plans to impose a penalty.

A violation of the surplus land law can be raised by the Department or by any of the following: an entity qualified to make offers (housing, parks, school district); a person who would have been eligible to apply for affordable housing that would have been built on the surplus land; certain housing organizations; or any “beneficially interested person or entity.”

If a disposing agency receives notice of a violation, it will have 60 days to correct the violation or to submit findings as to why they do not think they have violated the law. A disposing agency that disposes of land in violation of this law shall be liable for a penalty of 30% of the final sale price of the land for a first violation and 50% for any subsequent violation. The Department may also notify the Attorney General. The penalty amount shall be deposited into a local housing trust fund, the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund or the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund.



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** General Manager  
**RE:** 2019-2020 USGS Cooperative Agreement  
**DATE:** October 21, 2019

## **Summary:**

The purpose of this proposed Board action is to determine if the Board wishes to sign a cooperative agreement with the USGS to monitor groundwater levels and water quality in the Agency's service area.

## **Background:**

The Agency has partnered with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) annually since 1997 to help monitor groundwater levels within the Agency's service area. This partnership has resulted in drilling a number of new monitoring wells in local groundwater basins. The USGS, with funding from the Agency and a SGMA grant, recently completed 11 new monitoring wells at three sites in the eastern San Geronio Pass Subbasin.

## **Detailed Report:**

The updated 2019-2020 proposal from the USGS, received since the Engineering workshop, is included in the agenda package and proposes a maximum of \$67,600 for groundwater elevation monitoring at 107 wells and a maximum of \$64,500 to monitor water quality at 12-13 of the 49 multi-level monitoring wells. Matching funds up to \$18,590 may be available from the USGS, potentially reducing the Agency's costs to \$113,510. This is approximately \$6000 less than discussed at the Engineering workshop. The updated proposal includes up to 20% matching funds from USGS, if available.

The work performed by USGS under this cooperative agreement was committed to by the Agency as part of the Maximum Benefit program for the Beaumont Management Zone. Other water agencies and

cities in the region have also committed funds to maintaining this program.

The work primarily consists of working with Agency staff to monitor groundwater elevations at 107 wells, providing quality control for the data, and posting it on the USGS web site; and running a water quality analysis on 12-13 wells and reporting the results, also on the USGS web site. This is similar to the scope of work for last year and the year before, and the costs to the Agency are similar.

While the Agency fiscal year and Federal fiscal year calendars differ, the Agency has always been able to manage and budget appropriately to be able to work with the USGS, and the Board has been flexible in allowing staff to make payments when invoices are received by the USGS.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The Agency has budgeted \$115,000 in this fiscal year for this work. The work itself will continue into next fiscal year, when an appropriate amount will be budgeted in order to complete this work within budget.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to sign a cooperative agreement with the USGS for 2019-2020 with the scope of work defined in the attached proposal for a maximum of \$132,100 over two fiscal years. The more likely scenario is the expenditure of \$113,510 over that time.



# United States Department of the Interior

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October 15, 2019

Mr. Jeff Davis  
General Manager and Chief Engineer  
San Geronio Pass Water Agency  
1210 Beaumont Avenue  
Beaumont, California 92223

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter confirms discussions between our respective staffs, concerning the cooperative program between the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) during the period October 15, 2019 to November 30, 2020.

The work proposed under the enclosed Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) is a continuation of the cooperative basin-wide monitoring network and study to identify, characterize and evaluate potential artificial-recharge sites for conjunctive use in the San Geronio Pass area. The program consists of two main tasks: (1) basin-wide Water-level monitoring and (2) basin-wide Water-quality monitoring. A detailed description of progress on these tasks is included as an attachment to this letter.

The total cost of the proposed cooperative water-resources program is \$132,100.00. Of this total, SGPWA will contribute \$113,510.00 and, subject to the availability of Cooperative Matching Funds (CMF), the USGS will contribute \$18,590.00. The proposed period for this program is October 15, 2019 to November 30, 2020. Summary of proposed costs attached.

Table 1. FFY20 Budget

Program element	USGS	SGPWA	Total
Task 1 Water-Level Monitoring	\$9,665	\$57,935	\$67,600
Task 2 Water-Quality Monitoring	\$8,925	\$55,575	\$64,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,590</b>	<b>\$113,510</b>	<b>\$132,100</b>

Enclosed are two copies of Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) 20ZGJFA60096710 for your approval. Work performed with funds from this agreement will be conducted on a fixed-price basis. If the JFA is acceptable, please return one of the signed copies with original signatures to our office for further processing. The other is for your files.

If you have any questions concerning the program described above, please contact Allen Christensen at (619) 225-6175 or Christina Stamos-Pfeiffer at (619) 225-6141 in our San Diego Office. If you have any administrative questions, please contact Irene Rios at (619) 225-6156.

Sincerely,

**ANKE  
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Eric Reichard  
Director, USGS California Water Science Center

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Enclosures:  
Cc Allen Christensen, USGS CAWSC  
Christina Stamos-Pfeiffer, USGS CAWSC

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(May 2018)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Customer # 600000967  
Agreement # 202GJFA60096710  
Project # ZG00AOY  
TIN # 95 2216066  
Fixed Cost Agreement YES

**JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT**

FOR

WATER RESOURCE INVESTIGATIONS

**THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the, 15th day of October, 2019 by the U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the San Geronimo Pass Water Agency (SGPWA), party of the second part.**

- 1 The parties hereto agree that subject to availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation Water Resource Investigations (per attachment) herein called the program. The USGS legal authority is 43 USC 36C; 43 USC 50; and 43 USC 50b.
  
- 2 The following amounts shall be contributed to cover all of the cost of the necessary field and analytical work directly related to this program. 2(b) includes In-Kind Services in the amount of \$0.00
 

(a) by the party of the first part during the period	Amount	Date	to	Date
	\$18,590.00	October 15, 2019		November 30, 2020

(b) by the party of the second part during the period	Amount	Date	to	Date
	\$113,510.00	October 15, 2019		November 30, 2020

USGS DUNS 1751-38857. The amount in 2(a) and 2(b) are this agreement only. Total for this agreement is \$132,100.00
  
- (c) Contributions are provided by the party of the first part through other USGS regional or national programs, in the amount of \$0.00
 

Description of the USGS regional/national program  
no additional funding
  
- (d) Additional or reduced amounts by each party during the above period or succeeding periods as may be determined by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties
- (e) The performance period may be changed by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties
  
- 3 The costs of this program may be paid by either party in conformity with the laws and regulations respectively governing each party
- 4 The field and analytical work pertaining to this program shall be under the direction of or subject to periodic review by an authorized representative of the party of the first part
- 5 The areas to be included in the program shall be determined by mutual agreement between the parties hereto or their authorized representatives. The methods employed in the field and office shall be those adopted by the party of the first part to insure the required standards of accuracy subject to modification by mutual agreement.
- 6 During the course of this program, all field and analytical work of either party pertaining to this program shall be open to the inspection of the other party, and if the work is not being carried on in a mutually satisfactory manner, either party may terminate this agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other party

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7. The original records resulting from this program will be deposited in the office of origin of those records. Upon request, copies of the original records will be provided to the office of the other party.
8. The maps, records or reports resulting from this program shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible. The maps, records or reports normally will be published by the party of the first part. However, the party of the second part reserves the right to publish the results of this program, and if already published by the party of the first part shall, upon request, be furnished by the party of the first part, at cost, impressions suitable for purposes of reproduction similar to that for which the original copy was prepared. The maps, records or reports published by either party shall contain a statement of the cooperative relations between the parties.  
The Parties acknowledge that scientific information and data developed as a result of the Scope of Work (SOW) are subject to applicable USGS review, approval, and release requirements, which are available on the USGS Fundamental Science Practices website (<https://www2.usgs.gov/fsp/>)
9. Billing for this agreement will be rendered.  
QUARTERLY  
Invoices not paid within 60 days from the billing date will bear interest, penalties, and administrative cost at the annual rate pursuant the Debt Collection Act of 1982, (codified at 31 U.S.C. § 3717) established by the U.S. Treasury.

**U.S. Geological Survey  
United States  
Department of the Interior**  
USGS Point of Contact

San Geronimo Pass Water Agency

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Signatures and Date

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Eric G. Reichard  
Title: Director, USGS CA Water Science Center

Name: Jeff Davis  
Title: General Manager, SGPWA

Form 9-1366  
(May 2018)

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

**JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT**

**FOR**

**WATER RESOURCE INVESTIGATIONS**

Customer # 600000967  
Agreement # 202GJFA60096710  
Project # ZG00AOY  
TIN # 95-2216065  
Fixed Cost Agreement YES

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- 6 During the course of this program, all field and analytical work of either party pertaining to this program shall be open to the inspection of the other party, and if the work is not being carried on in a mutually satisfactory manner, either party may terminate this agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other party

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- 7 The original records resulting from this program will be deposited in the office of origin of those records. Upon request, copies of the original records will be provided to the office of the other party
- 8 The maps, records or reports resulting from this program shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible. The maps, records or reports normally will be published by the party of the first part. However, the party of the second part reserves the right to publish the results of this program, and if already published by the party of the first part shall, upon request, be furnished by the party of the first part, at cost, impressions suitable for purposes of reproduction similar to that for which the original copy was prepared. The maps, records or reports published by either party shall contain a statement of the cooperative relations between the parties.  
The Parties acknowledge that scientific information and data developed as a result of the Scope of Work (SOW) are subject to applicable USGS review, approval, and release requirements, which are available on the USGS Fundamental Science Practices website (<https://www2.usgs.gov/fsp/>)
- 9 Billing for this agreement will be rendered.  
QUARTERLY  
Invoices not paid within 60 days from the billing date will bear Interest, Penalties, and Administrative cost at the annual rate pursuant the Debt Collection Act of 1982, (codified at 31 U.S.C. § 3717) established by the U.S. Treasury

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# San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Cooperative Program: Progress, Plans, and Costs

## Task 1 – Groundwater-Level Monitoring

### *Progress*

A basin-wide groundwater-level monitoring network was established in the San Gorgonio Pass area in Federal Fiscal Year 1997 (FFY97) to evaluate existing hydrologic conditions and to monitor the effects of pumping and artificial recharge on the groundwater system. A key component of the network is collecting data from the multiple-well monitoring sites, which provide information on water-level changes and vertical gradient in the different aquifers.

In FFY19, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) personnel accompanied San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) personnel in the spring and fall to measure water levels at 107 wells. Data collected as part of the water-level network are available through the USGS National Water Information System (NWIS) online database (table 2).

### **Water-Level Change**

Water-level changes measured in the monitoring wells between fall 2017 and fall 2018 and spring 2018 and spring 2019 are shown on figures 1 and 2, respectively. Of the 76 wells with water-level change between fall 2017 and 2018, 3 wells recorded a water-level rise greater than 5 ft, 50 wells recorded little or no change (rise or decline less than 5 ft), and 23 wells recorded a water-level decline greater than 5 ft (fig. 1). Of the 73 wells with water-level change between spring 2017 and 2016, 14 wells recorded a water-level rise greater than 5 ft, 46 wells recorded little or no change (rise or decline less than 5 ft), and 13 wells recorded a water-level decline greater than 5 ft (fig. 2).

### **Multiple-Well Monitoring Sites**

In FFY19 the USGS completed three new monitoring sites east of Cabazon. These sites have a total of 11 new monitoring wells. The total number of transducers that will collect and record continuous water-level data at multiple-well monitoring sites 1, 6, 8, 9, and 10-13 during FFY20 has increased from 15 in FFY19 to 26 in FFY20 (fig. 1). These data were used to help determine vertical gradients in the aquifer system and document long-term water-level changes in the SGPWA service area.

**Site 1**—Water-level data collected at well 27L1 (Site 1) indicate about 77 ft of water-level decline between December 1989 and September 2008 (about 8.5 ft/yr) (fig. 3). However, from September 2008 through early 2014, the water level at 27L1 has increased about 48 ft (about 8 ft/yr). In early 2014, the water-level measured at well 27L reached 15 year high of 2262 ft above sea-level, followed by a 34 ft decline until late 2016. Since late 2016, the water level measured at the well has increased to about 49ft. In 2019, water levels at Site 1 were near 30 years highs measured in 1989

**Site 6**—Site 6 (002S001W35J001-4) is in the northeastern part of the Beaumont storage unit and includes four 2-inch piezometers installed in the same borehole: 35J1 perforated



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between 860-900 ft bls; 35J2 perforated between 750-770 ft bls; 35J3 perforated between 610-630 ft bls; and 35J4 perforated between 240-260 ft bls (dry). Prior to late 2008 the water levels measured in the different piezometers at Site 6 (fig. 4) were similar; however, after late 2008 the depth to water in the piezometers increases with the depth of the perforated interval. This change is likely a response to pumping from the nearby BCVWD production well 25. BCVWD well 25 (shown on figure 1 in black) is about 0.7 mile southwest of Site 6 and started regular groundwater production for municipal supply in October 2008. Water levels at the site have declined about 31 ft during the period February 2002 and June 2019. The rate of decline was greater than 5 ft per year (ft/yr) prior to 2010. Since late 2010, all 3 wells have shown recovery of about 24ft between the seasonal highs measured during spring of 2010-2019. All wells at the site have continued to show overall year-to-year recovery since 2010. The recent recovery between fall 17 and summer 2019 at this site may have resulted from changes in pumping patterns in the area, natural recharge from recent wet years, artificial recharge at the SGPWA and BCVWD recharge facilities, or a combination of these factors. Seasonal variation shown in the hydrograph for the period 2008-2019 indicate an increased downward gradient at the site. This is likely a response to recent increased pumping a well 25. Water levels at this site are near high levels not measured since 2006.

**Site 8**—Site 8 (003S002E07P001-4) is in the central part of the Cabazon storage unit and includes four 2-inch piezometers installed in the same borehole: 7P1 perforated between 980-1,000 ft bls; 7P2 perforated between 790-810 ft bls; 7P3 perforated between 640-660 ft bls; and 7P4 perforated between 550-570 ft bls. The hydrographs for site 8 show variations in water levels with depth at the site (fig. 4). In general, the water-level altitude increases with depth at the site with an upward groundwater gradient between the lower and upper aquifer system. The deepest well (7P1) has the highest water level altitude, more than 20-25 ft higher than water-level altitude in the shallower wells. This large difference in water-level altitudes indicates that well 7P1 is perforated in a different aquifer than the other wells. Wells 7P2 and 7P3 also show greater daily variation than wells 7P1 and 7P4. This variation likely is a response to pumping by the nearby supply well used by the Cabazon County Water District, shown as a black dot (fig. 1) 0.3 miles east of Site 8. The water-level decline measured at the site between May 2007 and June 2019 was 53, 50, 49, and 48 ft at wells 7P1, 7P2, 7P3, 7P4, respectively. The steady decline in water level at the site is likely a response to lower than average natural recharge in the area as result of the ongoing drought.

**Site 9**—Site 9 (003S002E15P001-3) is in the eastern part of the Cabazon storage unit and includes three 2-inch piezometers: 15P1 perforated between 373-383 ft bls; 15P2 perforated between 330-350 ft bls; and 15P3 perforated between 240-260 ft bls. Prior to early 2011, water-level altitude in well 15P1 is slightly higher than the water-level altitude in well 15P2, indicating an upward groundwater gradient conditions at the site. (fig. 5). The water-level decline measured at the site between May 2007 and April 2011 was 9.3 ft (about 2.4 ft/yr) at well 15P1 and 8.5 ft (about 2.2 ft/yr) at 15P2. In April-May 2011 both wells show rapid increases in water-level altitude at the site. The transducer in well 15P1 recorded a 4.6 ft rise in water table between late-April and late-August 2011. The

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transducer in well 15P2 recorded a 10.3 ft rise in water table between mid-May and mid-August 2011. It is important to note that this water-level rise event occurred in the deeper well (15P1) first, then approximately 1 month later, started in the shallower well (15P2). This event also reverses the vertical gradients at the site. This recharge event was likely the result of natural recharge in the area. Since this event in 2011, both wells show nearly parallel water-level decline until early 2015 when well 15P2 went dry. Prior to May 2011 manual water-level measurements collected from the shallow well (15P3) were dry. Manual measures in well 15P3 also captured this water-level rise event with a measured water level at 220.8 ft below land surface or about 115 ft above the water levels measured in wells 15P1 and 15P2. The USGS installed a transducer in well 15P3 in June 2014, and the well showed a water-level rise starting late April 2019 and as of June 2019 the water level in the well was 17 ft above the bottom of the well and about 134 ft above the water level in well 15P1 (right axis, fig. 5). Well 15P2 has been dry since March 2015 indicating perching conditions at the site. The overall decline at well 15P1 is approximately 39 ft and the overall rate of decline is 3.2 ft per year since late 2007. The overall decline at well 15P2 is 11.2 ft and the overall rate of decline is 1.5 ft per year during the period late-2007 and early-2015 when the well went dry.

**Site 10**—Site 10 (003S001E11F001-4) is in the western part of the Cabazon storage unit and includes four 2-inch piezometers installed in the same borehole: 11F1 perforated between 1060 and 1040 ft bls; 11F2 perforated between 860 and 840 ft bls; 11F3 perforated between 660 and 680 ft bls; and 11F4 perforated between 600 and 580 ft bls. The water-level decline measured at the site between August 2009 and November 2011 was 8.8, 8.7, 8.9, and 9.25 ft at wells 11F1, 11F2, 11F3, and 11F4, respectively (fig. 6). During the period November 2011 to June 2013 water-level altitudes at the site increased. The water-level rise measured at the site between November 2011 and June 2013 was 5.5, 5.3, 5.1, and 5.2 ft at wells 11F1, 11F2, 11F3, and 11F4, respectively. Wells 11F3 and 11F4 have nearly identical depth to water and water-level change indicating these wells are in the same aquifer. Since mid-2013, when water levels at the site reached near historic highs, water levels have declined 32 ft at the site. Since late 2013 all wells at the site have shown decline of about 47 ft and rate of decline of about 7.8 ft/yr.

### Plans

During FFY20, SGPWA personnel will collect water-level data from groundwater-level monitoring-network wells (fig. 2) on a semi-annual basis. The USGS will continue to canvass new wells and verify well information for wells in the network and add the additional 11 wells associated with the three new monitoring sites completed in FFY19. Water-level data will be collected at one-hour intervals at all sites equipped with pressure transducers (table 2); these sites will be downloaded on a quarterly basis by the USGS. The USGS will continue to enter water-level and well-site data collected by SGPWA and USGS personnel into the USGS database with appropriate quality-control checks, including accompanying SGPWA personnel during both spring and fall measurement periods. Water-level data are available through the USGS NWIS online database. As part of the calibration process completed in FFY14, it was noted that many of the transducers are near

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or have exceeded expected serviceable lifetime of the transducers. The factory expected serviceable lifetime of the transducers used at the continuous monitoring sites is between 7-10 years. The USGS will continue to monitor each transducer and recommend replacement as needed. Currently the SGPWA has 26 transducers deployed and the replacement cost is approximately \$1,200. SGPWA should expect one or two transducer failures per year for the next 5-10 years until all transducers are replaced.

Total cost for the above work is \$67,600. Of this total, San Gorgonio will contribute \$57,935 and subject to the availability of Cooperative Matching Funds (CMF), the USGS will contribute \$9,665. as reflected in the summary funding table 1.

***Task 1, FFY 2020 cost for water-level monitoring                      \$ 67,600***

### **Task 2 – Water-quality Monitoring**

#### ***Progress***

In FFY19, the 11 wells located at the three new monitoring sites were sampled and added to the water-quality network wells. The samples were analyzed for major ions, nutrients, selected trace elements, carbon-14, tritium, stable isotopes of oxygen and hydrogen. Complete results for all samples collected as part of the water-quality monitoring network are available through the USGS NWIS online database. NWIS links to individual wells are provided in table 3.

Per conversation between our respective staffs, it has been decided to restructure the water-quality network to minimize the increase in network costs. As stated earlier, the USGS install three addition monitoring sites with 11 new wells, near the eastern boundary of the San Gorgonio Pass and the Coachella Valley (Fig. 7). These sites added 11 new monitoring sites to FFY19 water-quality network. As part of the FFY19 cooperative agreement, the USGS only sampled the new monitoring sites. In FFY20, the water-quality network will increase the sample interval of each well in the network to sample each well every four years instead of three (previous sample interval). This will allow for each site to be sampled every four years and help maintain reasonable cost of previous years.

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### ***Plans***

The FFY18 water-quality monitoring network includes 38 wells. In FFY19 the network increased to about 49 wells, about one fourth of the wells will be sampled on a 4-year basis (about 12-13 wells). The samples will be analyzed for major ions, nutrients, selected trace elements, stable isotopes of oxygen and hydrogen. All data collected will be entered into the USGS database with appropriate quality control and are available upon request.

Total cost for the above work is \$64,500. Of this total, San Gorgonio will contribute \$55,575 and subject to the availability of Cooperative Matching Funds (CMF), the USGS will contribute \$8,925. as reflected in the summary funding table 1.

***Task 2, 2020 cost for water-quality monitoring*** **\$ 64,500**

Total cost for tasks 1 and 2 is \$132,100. Of this total, San Gorgonio will contribute \$113,510 and subject to the availability of CMF, the USGS will contribute \$18,590, as reflected in the summary funding table 1

***Total FFY 2020 costs for task 1-2*** **\$ 132,100**

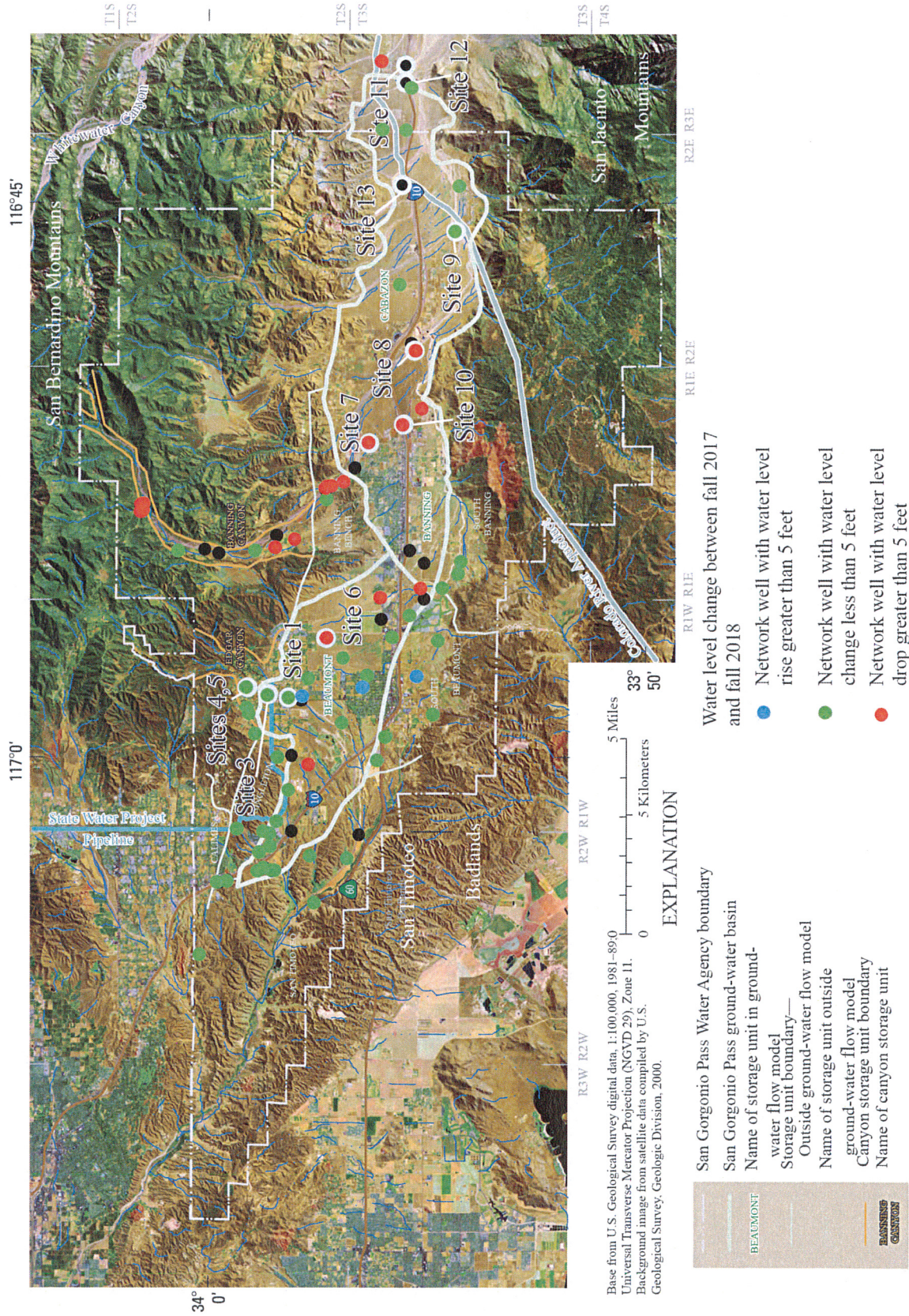


Figure 1. Map showing the water-level network and water-level change between fall 2017 and fall 2018 at selected wells.

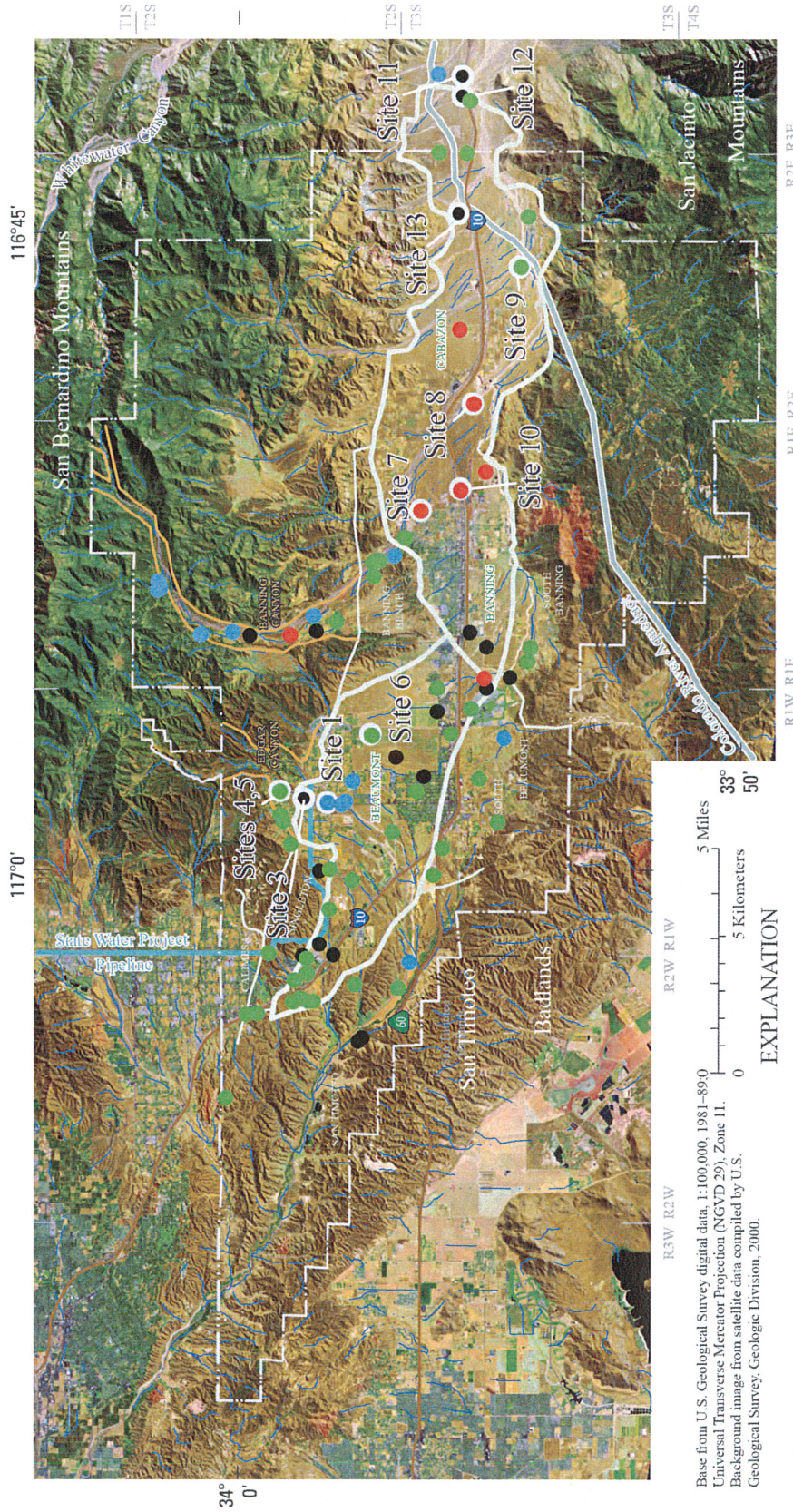


Figure 2. Map showing the water-level network and water-level change between spring 2018 and spring 2019 at selected wells.

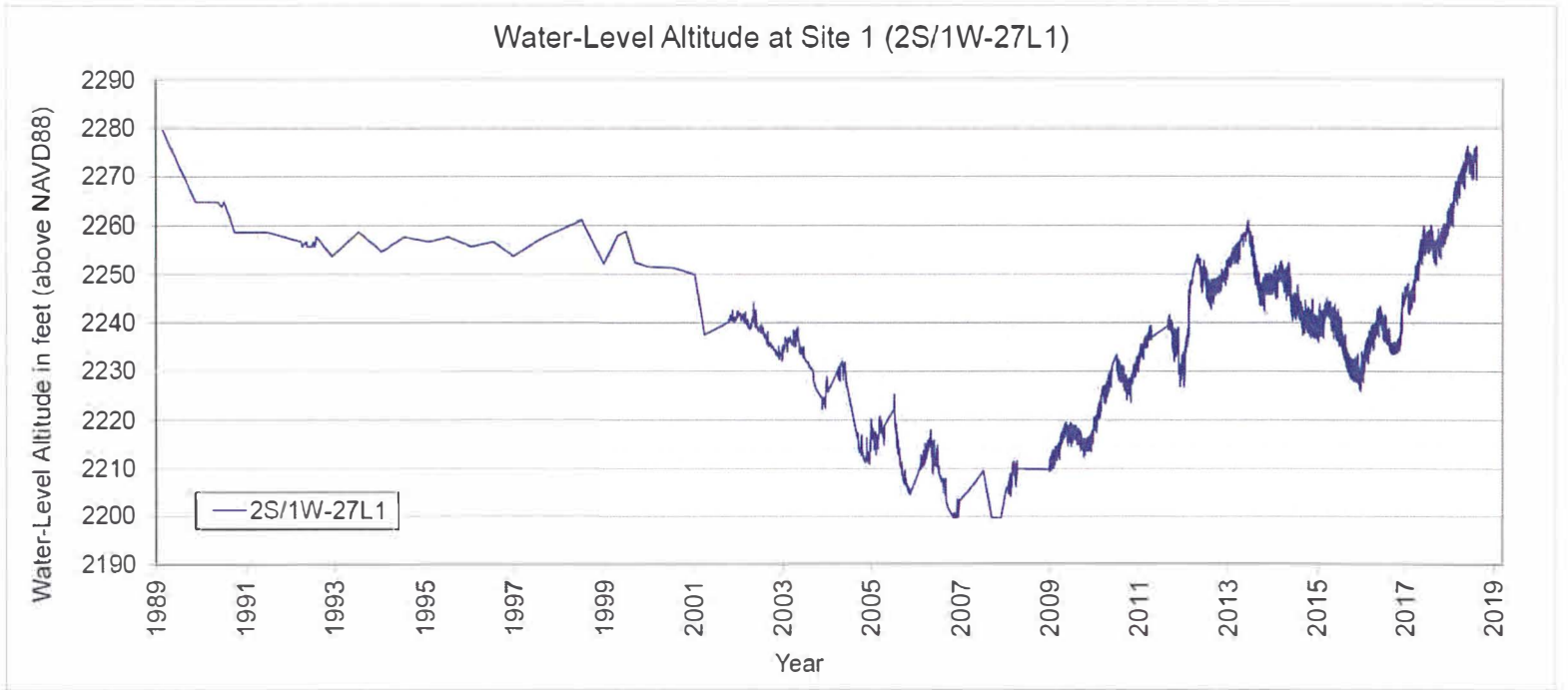


Figure 3. Graph showing water-level hydrograph for site 1.

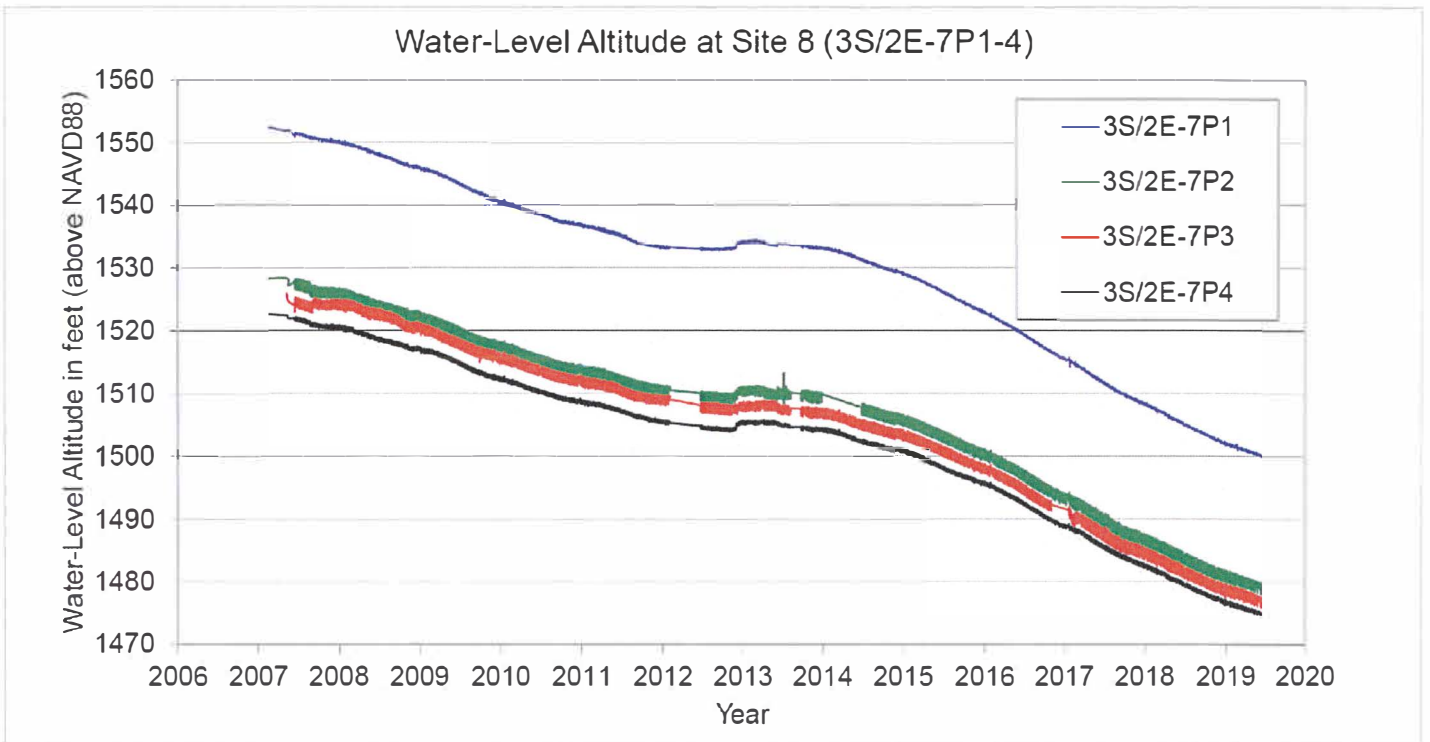
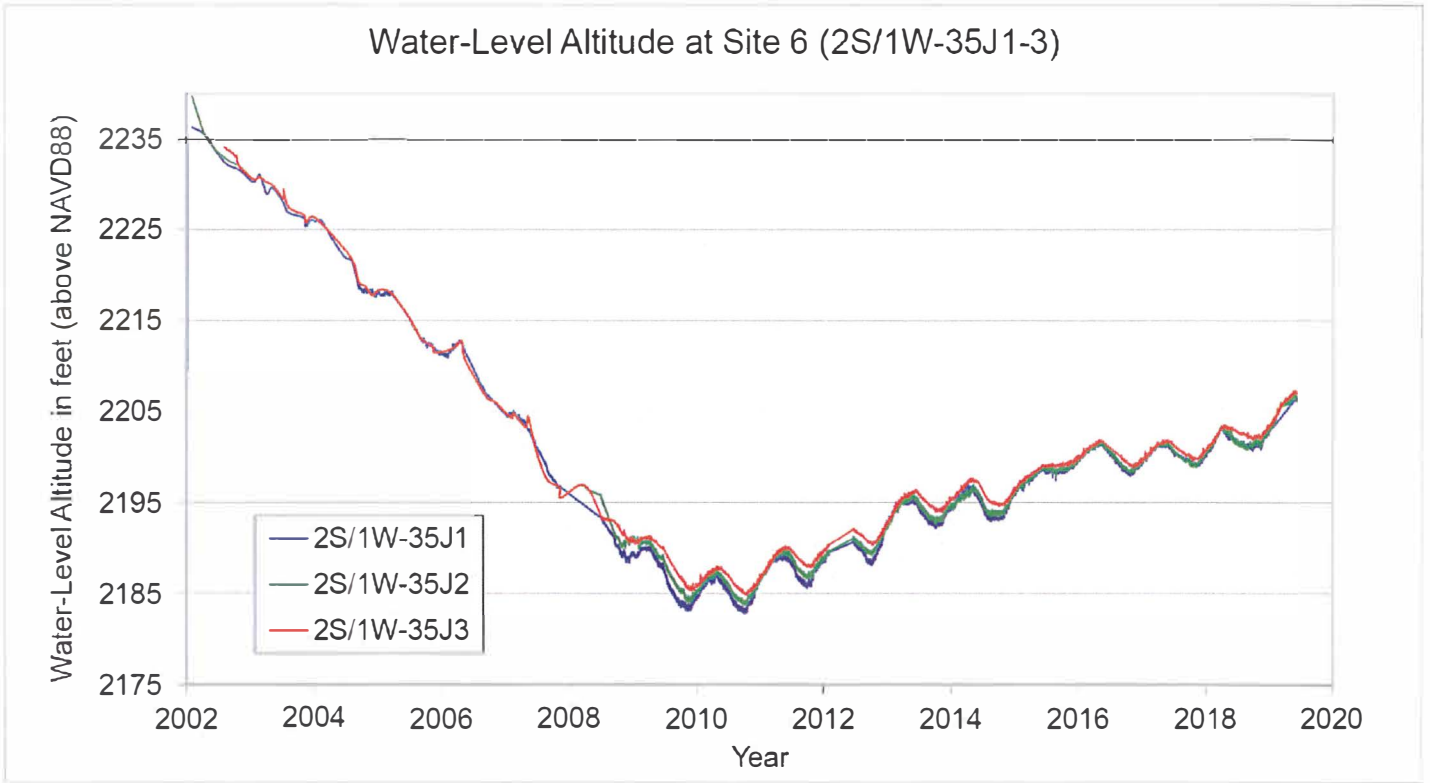


Figure 4. Graph water-level hydrographs for sites 6 and 8



### Water-Level Altitude at Site 9 (3S/2E-15P1-2)

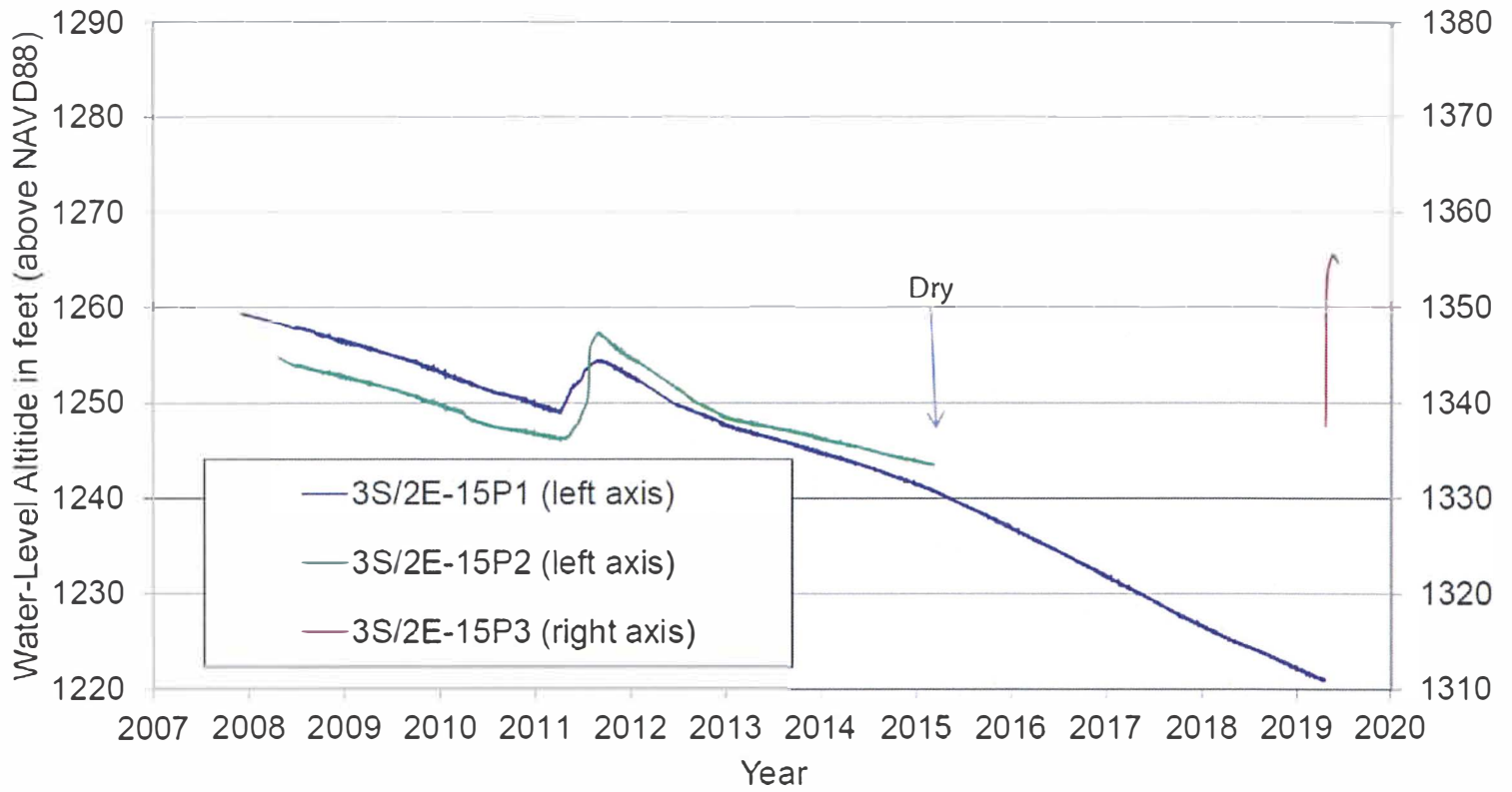


Figure 5. Graph water-level hydrographs for site 9

### Water-Level Altitude at Site 10 (3S/1E-11F1-4)

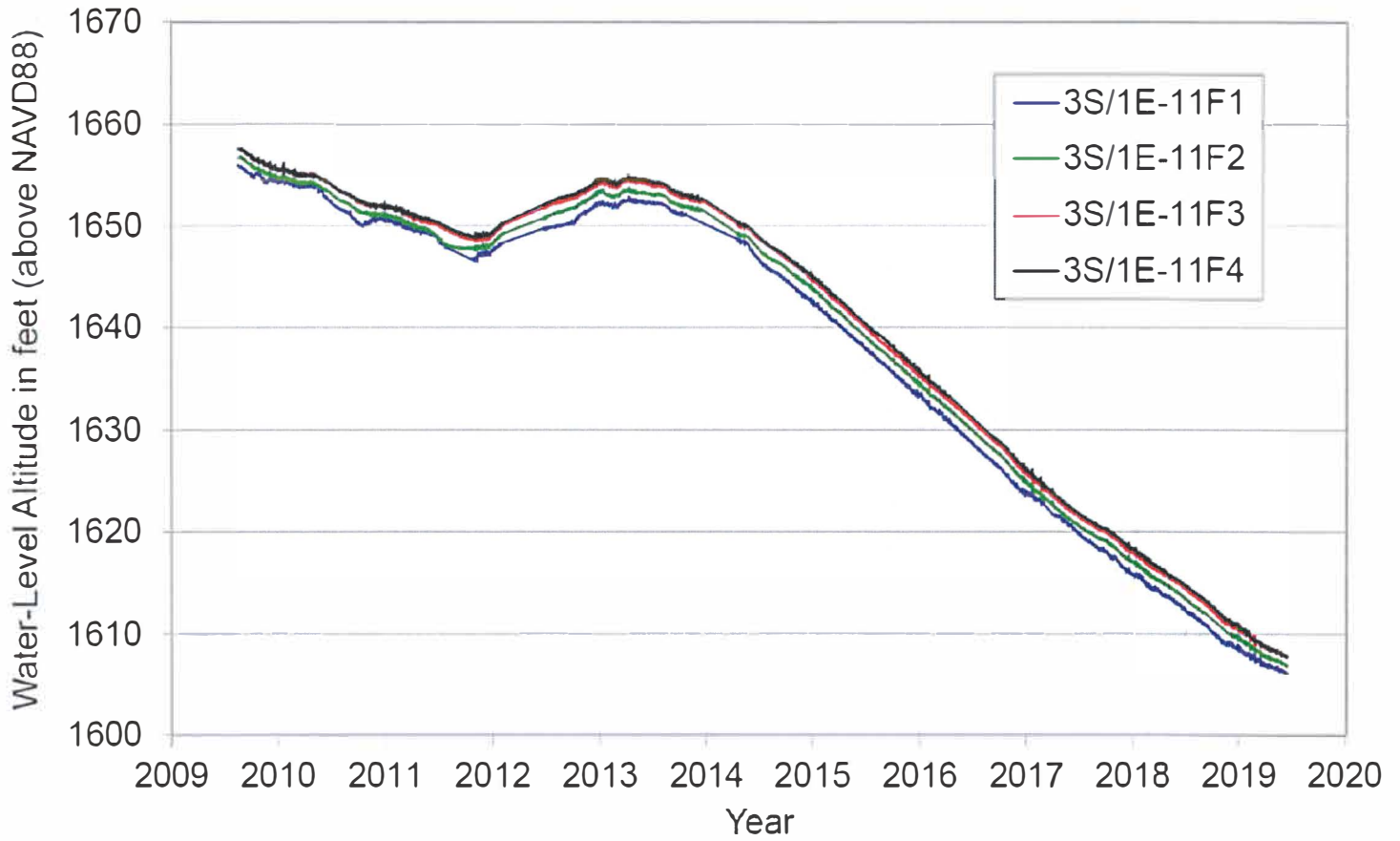


Figure 6. Graph water-level hydrographs for site 10

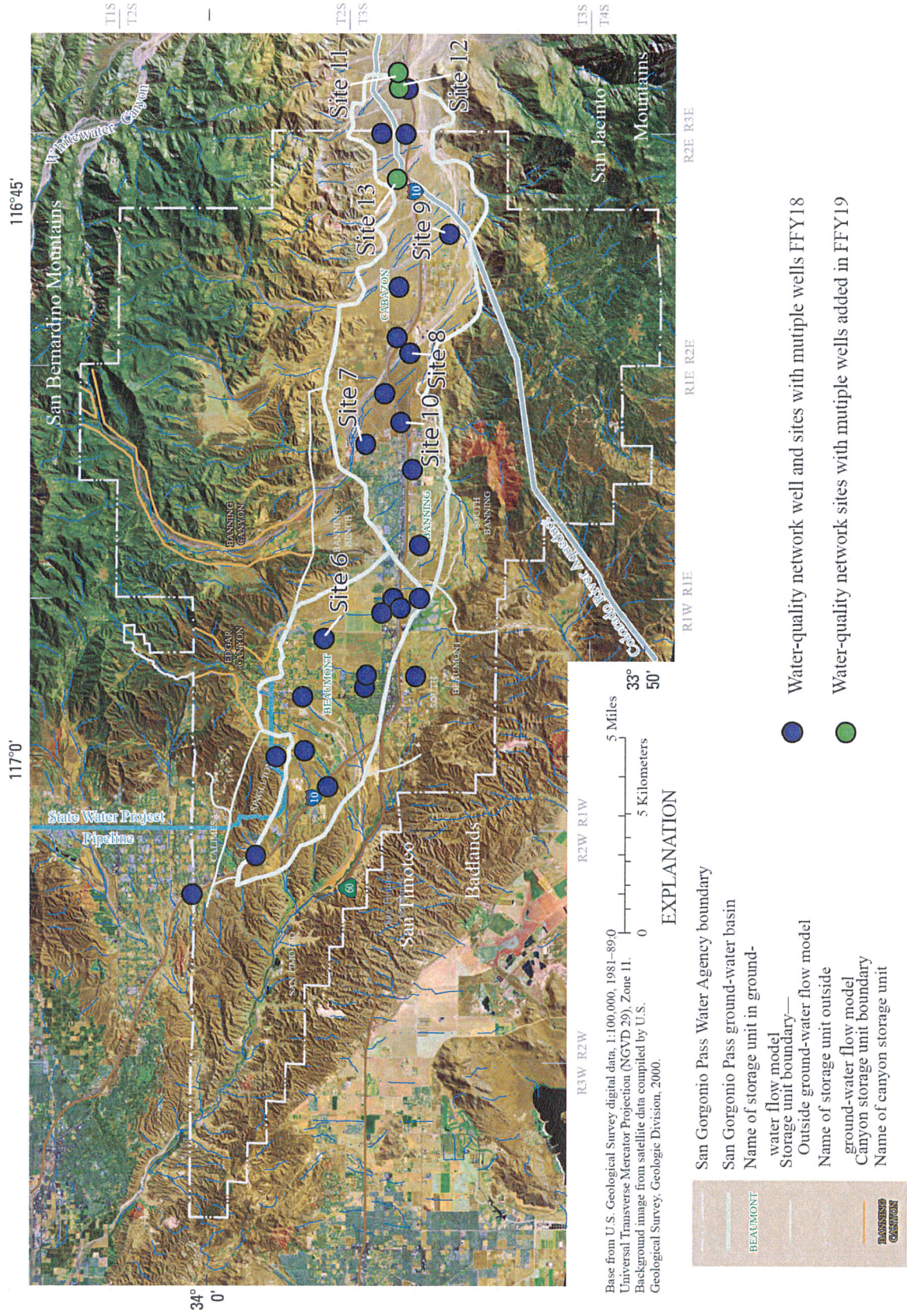


Figure 1. Map showing the water-quality network FFY20

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** General Manager

**RE:** Election of ACWA Officers 2020-2021

**DATE:** October 21, 2019

**Summary:**

The purpose of this proposed Board action is to ensure that the Agency is aware of who will be casting its ballot for ACWA officers at the ACWA conference in San Diego in December, and to determine if the Board wishes to support the slate proposed by ACWA. The attached documents describe the voting procedures.

**Recommendation:**

Staff has no recommendation.

**TO:** ACWA Member Agency Board Presidents and General Managers  
**CC:** ACWA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Dave Eggerton, ACWA Executive Director  
**DATE:** October 4, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Notice of General Session Membership Meeting at ACWA 2019 Fall Conference

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There will be a General Session Membership Meeting at the 2019 Fall Conference in San Diego, California, on **Wednesday, December 4**. The purpose of this meeting is to formally nominate and elect ACWA's President and Vice President for the 2020-2021 term. The General Session Membership Meeting will convene at 1:15 p.m., immediately following the Wednesday luncheon program, which will be located in the Harbor Ballroom A-F, Manchester Grand Hyatt.

## Election / Voting Process

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The ACWA Nominating Committee has announced a 2020-2021 slate that recommends current **Vice President Steven LaMar for ACWA President** and current **Region 5 Vice Chair Sarah Palmer for ACWA Vice President**.

As provided by ACWA's Bylaws (Article 9, Section 9) nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the vote. The Bylaws require that floor nominations and seconds be made by a member of the Association and must be supported by a resolution of the governing body of the member making and seconding such nomination. The member agency on whose board the nominee serves shall submit a resolution of support if they are not the agency making the floor nomination or second. **(See attached for detailed General Session/Election Procedures.)**

ACWA will issue one proxy voting card to each member agency's designated voting representative (delegate) as identified by the member agency on the attached proxy designation form. The designated voting representative must be **present** at the General Session Membership Meeting and must sign-in as the delegate to receive the proxy voting card. Proxy voting cards will **only** be available for pick-up on **Wednesday, December 4, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.** at the **ACWA General Session Desk** in the **Harbor Foyer**, Manchester Grand Hyatt. Proxy voting cards will not be issued before or after these hours.

To expedite the sign-in process at the **ACWA General Session Desk**, please indicate your voting delegate in advance on the enclosed proxy designation form and return it by email ([donnap@acwa.com](mailto:donnap@acwa.com)) or fax



**(916-325-4857)** by Monday, November 25. If there is a last minute change of delegate, please let us know by contacting ACWA's Clerk of the Board, Donna Pangborn at [donnap@acwa.com](mailto:donnap@acwa.com).

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at the ACWA office at 916-441-4545 or [donnap@acwa.com](mailto:donnap@acwa.com).

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Enclosures:

1. General Session/Election Procedures
2. Proxy Designation Form

## GENERAL SESSION/ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR ACWA 2019 FALL CONFERENCE

The following information is provided to inform the ACWA member agency delegates attending the 2019 Fall Conference of the procedures to be used pertaining to the nomination and election of ACWA officers during the General Session Membership Meeting.

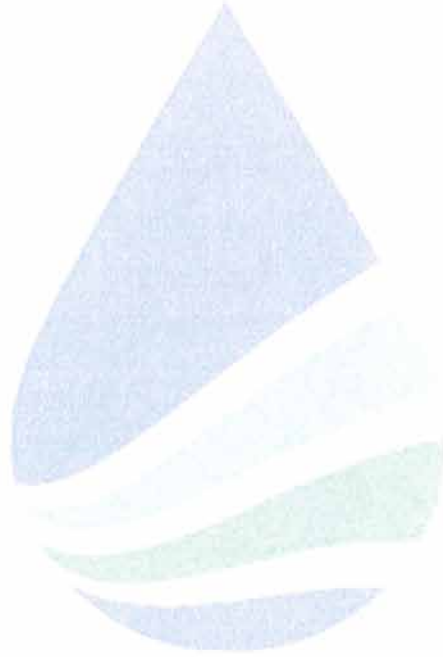
### PROXY VOTING CARDS – (REQUIRED FOR VOTING)

ACWA will issue one proxy voting card each member agency's designated voting representative (delegate) as officially identified by the member agency. In order to vote during the General Session Membership Meeting, the designated voting representative must be **present** at the General Session Membership Meeting and must sign-in as the delegate to receive the proxy voting card no later than **12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4**. Upon sign-in, the voting delegate will receive the required proxy voting cards. Proxy voting cards will **only** be available for pick-up on **Wednesday, December 4, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.** at the **ACWA General Session Desk** in the **Harbor Foyer**, Manchester Grand Hyatt. Proxy voting cards will not be issued before or after these hours. The luncheon and General Session Membership Meeting will be held in the Harbor Ballroom A-F.

### GENERAL SESSION MEMBERSHIP MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4 (DOORS OPEN AT 1:05 P.M.)

1. The General Session Membership Meeting will be called to order at 1:15 p.m. and a quorum will be determined. The presence of 50 authorized voting representatives is required to establish a quorum for transacting business.
2. Legal Affairs Committee Chair Jennifer Buckman will provide an overview of the agenda and election procedures.
3. Nominating Committee Chair DeAna Verbeke will present the committee's report and announce the candidate for ACWA President.
4. President Brent Hasteley will call for floor nominations for ACWA President.
5. If there are no floor nominations for President, the election will proceed. President Hasteley will close the nominations and delegates will vote by holding up their "Yes" or "No" proxy voting cards.
6. If there **are** floor nominations for President, the nomination will follow the procedures established by Article 9 of ACWA's Bylaws, stating that floor nominations and seconds shall be made by a member of the Association and must be supported by a resolution of the governing body of the member making and seconding such nomination. The member agency on whose board the nominee serves shall submit a resolution of support if they are not the agency making the floor nomination or second.
  - a. Ballots will be distributed to the voting delegates.
  - b. Delegates will complete their ballots and place them in the ballot box, which will be centrally located in the Harbor Ballroom A-F meeting room.
  - c. Tellers' Committee will count the ballots. President Hasteley has appointed the following staff members to serve as the Tellers' Committee: Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn; Director of Business Development & Events Paula Currie; and Executive Assistant Lili Vogelsang.
  - d. Legal Affairs Committee Chair Jennifer Buckman will serve as the proctor to oversee the ballot counting process.
  - e. Candidates are welcome to designate an observer to be present during the ballot counting process.

- f. Results of the ballot count will be announced. Election of ACWA's officers will be determined by a majority of the members present and voting. If any one candidate does not receive a majority of the vote, successive ballot counts will be conducted until a candidate is elected, consistent with Robert's Rules of Order.
7. Nominating Committee Chair DeAna Verbeke will announce the candidate for ACWA Vice President.
8. President Brent Hastey will call for floor nominations for ACWA Vice President.
9. If there are no floor nominations for Vice President, the election will proceed. President Hastey will close the nominations and delegates will vote by holding up their "Yes" or "No" proxy voting cards.
10. If there **are** floor nominations for Vice President, the nominations will follow the procedures described in item 6 above, and the election will proceed according to the steps outlined in 6.a. through 6.f.



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# PROXY DESIGNATION FORM

## ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES GENERAL SESSION MEMBERSHIP MEETING(S)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019 AT 1:15 PM  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019 AT 1:15PM (IF NEEDED)

**TO:** Donna Pangborn, Clerk of the Board

**EMAIL:** donnap@acwa.com

**FAX:** 916-325-4857

The person designated below will be attending the ACWA General Session Membership Meeting(s) on **Wednesday, December 4, 2019 (and December 5, 2019 if necessary)** as our voting delegate.

<i>MEMBER AGENCY'S NAME</i>	<i>AGENCY'S TELEPHONE No.</i>
<i>MEMBER AGENCY'S AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY (print)</i>	<i>SIGNATURE</i>
<i>DELEGATE'S NAME (print)</i>	<i>SIGNATURE</i>
<i>DELEGATE'S EMAIL</i>	<i>DELEGATE'S TELEPHONE No.</i>
<i>DELEGATE'S AFFILIATION (if different from assigning agency)<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>DATE</i>

<sup>1</sup> If your agency designates a delegate from another entity to serve as its authorized voting representative, please indicate the delegate's entity in the appropriate space above. Note: Delegates need to sign the proxy form indicating they have accepted the responsibility of carrying the proxy.

**REMINDER:** Proxy voting cards will **only** be available for pick up on **Wednesday, December 4**, between **9:00 a.m.** and **12:00 p.m.** at the **ACWA General Session Desk** in the **Harbor Foyer**, Manchester Grand Hyatt. The luncheon and General Session Membership Meeting will be held in the Harbor Ballroom A-F.



## STEVEN E. LAMAR

Steve LaMar has been Chair of the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee for the last two years, and a member of the ACWA Board of Directors. He regularly attends Executive Committee meetings and serves on the ACWA Agricultural Initiatives Committee. He is past chair of the ACWA Headwaters Task Force, where helped draft the ACWA Headwaters Policy and Framework.

He is also a member of the board of directors of several other water-related organizations, including the National Water Resources Association (representing 17 Western states), the Southern California Water Committee, and CalDesal. He is a past Board member of the National Water Research Institute, and he is current President of the Natural Communities Coalition, a nonprofit responsible for implementing California's first Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) to protect 37,000 acres of coastal sage scrub habitat and multiple threatened and endangered species.

Steve LaMar was appointed to the IRWD Board of Directors in February 2009 to fill a board vacancy and was subsequently elected to four-year terms in 2010 and 2014. He has served as Board President 3 of the last 8 years. Director LaMar currently chairs IRWD's Engineering & Operations Committee and serves on the Water Resources Policy & Communications Committee, as well as various Ad Hoc Committees.

LaMar is a water policy and planning expert with over 25 years of experience on statewide business and industry committees and has directly participated in many major water policy forums. He has served on statewide task forces and advisory committees on drought planning, desalination, the California Bay-Delta, the California Water Plan and on water reliability and conservation issues. LaMar is president and owner of LegiSight, LLC, a legislative monitoring and consulting firm located in Tustin, California.

LaMar has extensive water policy service. He was a member of the California Water Plan 2009 Advisory Committee and a member of the Delta Vision Stakeholders Coordination Group. He was Chair of the Economic Work Group for the 2006 California Landscape Task Force. He served as member of the 2003 State Water Desalination Task Force, the 2000 Governor's Advisory Drought Planning Panel and past chair of the California Building Industry Association's statewide Water Resources Subcommittee and Task Force.

LaMar has been honored for achievements and was the recipient of the 2001 Ernest Hahn Achievement Award from the California Business Properties Association, and the Building Industry Association of Southern California's Gary Anderson Memorial Award. LaMar holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Pittsburg State University (KS) and a certificate from the Environmental Management Institute, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency environmental training program administered by the University of Southern California. He is past President of the Orange County Chapter of Alzheimer's Association and is an avid hiker in regional parks.

Steve and his wife Jeanne are residents of Irvine since 1981, have two grown children, Kelly and Jack, and three rescue dogs.

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## ***Sarah Palmer, Zone 7 Water Agency Director***

### ***Seeks Your Support as ACWA Vice President***



I am pleased and excited to be selected by ACWA's Nominating Committee to be on the official slate as Vice President. The election is on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the San Diego Fall Conference and I am asking for your support.

As you may know, I have been on the Board of Directors of Zone 7 Water Agency for more than 13 years, serving 3 terms as President. I am active in ACWA by being the Region 5 Vice Chair, an active ACWA Board member, and serving on the ACWA Water Quality, Water Management, and Agriculture Committees. I am also active on the PFAS/PFOA workgroup, the Direct Potable Reuse workgroup (just formed), and the ACWA Board Steering Committee. Learning from these groups has reinforced the fact that we all must work together. With the diverse challenges facing California water, we cannot afford to silo ourselves. ACWA gives us the opportunity and means to find our common ground and advocate on behalf of each other and our environment.

I have a Ph.D. in Cell Physiology and Biochemistry from the University of Toronto and a B.A. in Biology and Political Science from New York University. This background in science, with subsequent research and teaching careers, has led to opportunities for communicating complex concepts to both professional and lay groups. My work with Zone 7 has given me the opportunity to become well acquainted with the issues facing both urban and agricultural stakeholders.

I believe in a vision for California that will integrate all aspects of water: urban, rural, and agricultural. In California, all regions depend on one another. We already have one of the most highly engineered water systems in the world. We must manage it in such a way that we are stewards of both the human made infrastructure and the natural environment. We must think long-term. The world is changing more rapidly than we have yet to understand. We must be prepared to meet those challenges together.

I am increasingly concerned with the issues facing agriculture in California. Agriculture is about 20% of my agency Zone 7's water sales. California agriculture is a national treasure. Its welfare goes beyond the 3% of California's economy. Protecting our agricultural community, and its water, is a matter of food security, even of national security. One of the missions of ACWA should be to find a way to protect our agricultural resources, to make the issues of SGMA work for the Central Valley at least as well as it has for my agency's wineries. With the need for new conveyances and storage of water for our state and their resulting rising costs, we cannot allow more than one million acres of California farmland to go permanently fallow. The social and food security issues are dire under that scenario. Urban and agricultural interests must partner in their common dependence on one another.

I support an "all -of-the-above" approach to managing our state water portfolio. Groundwater banking, new conveyance, potable and non-potable reuse, desalination, increased storage, headwater/forest management all add up to a hefty price tag. There is no one solution or one size fits all. Each region will find its best fit but in such a way that it integrates with other regions. The challenges of present and pending climate change and the ever-present threats of earthquake and fire demand it.

My involvement with the Delta Conveyance, while understandably controversial, has given me a broad insight into the issues of providing water for 24 million people in the Bay Area and beyond as well as the valid and deep concerns of the Delta stakeholders and that fragile estuary on which so many species rely. The “reset” of the project by the Newsom administration should not be a setback, but rather a new opportunity to engage with Delta communities to identify and address their legitimate concerns. I will be chairing a Delta Stakeholder Engagement advisory committee to incorporate Delta perspectives into the logistics and locale of the new alternative. Environmental needs and local cultural heritage must be considered.

I will work to expand ACWA’s membership. Representing and advocating to balance all regional issues in the state will make us stronger and allow more perspectives to be heard. The ACWA JPIA is a strong incentive for joining. My agency joined the JPIA this past year with the unanimous approval by our Board of Directors.

I look forward to working with the ACWA team. The staff is among the best I have seen, the executives are visionary. My ability to work with and understand up-to-date and science-based decision making, my experience along with my strengths of listening, learning, communicating, and adapting make me an ideal candidate for the office of Vice President of ACWA. Again, I ask for your support so that we may work together.

Sincerely,

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### ***Sarah Palmer’s Goals for ACWA In Brief***

- Build on existing partnerships while expanding connections with urban, agricultural, academic, heritage and environmental interests
- Minimize “silo-ing” while respecting regional differences
- Increase stakeholder engagement through communication and education
- Advocate for the universal right to clean water
- Improve Association financial strength through increased membership and non-dues funding sources
- Promote a resilient, robust and diverse water portfolio that will serve California for generations to come