

**San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin Stakeholder
Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes
July 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

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**Stakeholders
Representatives
Present:** Larry Ellis – Banning Heights Mutual Water Company
John Covington – Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Jason Uhley – Riverside County Flood Control

Others: Lance Eckhart – San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Cheryle Stiff – San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Terry Erlewine – Provost & Pritchard
Sarah Lee – Provost & Pritchard

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin Stakeholder Advisory Committee was called to order by Lance Eckhart at 9:00 a.m. on July 13, 2021, by way of video/teleconferencing.
2. **Public Comments:** No members of the public expressed a desire to address the meeting.
3. **Consent Calendar:** John Covington moved, seconded by Larry Ellis, to approve the April 6, 2021 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. **Introductions:** Members of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee participating included John Covington of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Larry Ellis of the Banning Bench Community of Interest, and Jason Uhley of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Also participating were Terry Erlewine of Provost & Pritchard, and SGPWA General Manager Lance Eckhart and Executive Assistant Cheryle Stiff.
5. **Items for Discussion:** After Introductions, Terry Erlewine noted the items discussed during the April 6, 2021 meeting. He then proceeded on the following agenda items:
 - **GSP Development Schedule:** The draft is currently in development. Edits from the working group are expected by August. It is anticipated that the public draft will be released in early September, with a 60-day public comment period. The GSA will be allowed a 2-week review period. After the review period, the GSA would adopt the GSP in December, leaving all of January to submit the GSP. Because this is a working schedule, it is subject to change.
 - **Supporting Stakeholder Engagement:** Mr. Erlewine mentioned that they are looking for additional stakeholder involvement. A list of the stakeholders who have expressed an interest in the GSP have been solicited. He noted that the Stakeholders will be notified when the public draft GSP is on the www.sgpqsas.org website.

- **Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC):** The SMC avoids significant and unreasonable impacts to beneficial uses of groundwater. The beneficial uses of groundwater pumping include industrial, residential, municipal, commercial use, and groundwater-dependent ecosystems. In addition, additional considerations include the adjacent subbasins. There are six sustainability indicators that apply to all of the GSPs in the State: The indicators that are applicable to the SGP Subbasin are groundwater level decline, reduction of storage; degraded water quality; surface water depletion. The two indicators that do not apply to the SGP Subbasin are land subsidence and seawater intrusion. Mr. Erlewine reviewed the groundwater level minimum threshold and the measurable objective, as well as the method for defining groundwater level SMCs. He noted the proposed four monitoring sites would be located in the Cabazon, Banning Canyon, Banning Bench, and Banning Storage Units.
 - **GSP Topic Focus - Projects and Management Actions:** There are six different projects stormwater capture, municipal water conservation, imported water spreading at Noble Creek, Cabazon and Banning Storage Units, and by exchange in Cabazon storage unit). There are five management actions: 1. How to respond if groundwater exceeds the sustainable management criteria. 2. Well head requirements, 3. Groundwater pumping allocation. 4. Groundwater Basin Adjudication. Mr. Erlewine identified four proposed pipelines. Discussion took place on the placement of the proposed pipelines. Mr. Covington suggested that there not be additional pipelines; he proposed that water be wheeled. Mr. Erlewine concluded his presentation.
6. **Next Steps:** Release the Draft GSP and schedule a Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting in mid-October to discuss the public draft GSP and receive comments.
 7. **Schedule Next Meeting:** Mr. Erlewine proposed scheduling a meeting in mid-October.
 8. **Adjournment:** The San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting was adjourned by Lance Eckhart at 10:22 a.m.

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