

1 Public Comment

No comments from the public.

2 Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 24, 2015 Groundwater Committee Meeting were approved.

3 Santa Paula Basin Activities (Morgan) (5 minutes)

Staff presented a summary of the various activities underway in the Santa Paula Basin. The safe yield evaluation underway by the consultant team of Daniel B. Stephens & Associates and RC Slade is expected to move forward in the near future. The safe yield study is pending receipt of work products from the Santa Paula Basin Pumpers Association (SPBPA) regarding their *Practical Measures Study*, *Fillmore-Santa Paula Basin Underflow Evaluation*, and *Aquifer Confinement Study*, as well as the City of Ventura finalizing the *Santa Paula Creek Historical Modifications* report.

4 Brackish Water Treatment Feasibility Study Update (Morgan) (5 minutes)

Staff relayed to the Committee that stakeholder presentations to Federal and State elected officials, Local entity elected officials, and various local groups (e.g., Farm Bureau, VCCOLAB) were ongoing and that the next steps in the project include narrowing the physical plant site alternatives, performing impact analyses, initiating the CEQA process, and pursuing possible funding opportunities (e.g., grants).

5 Solar Power Project Update (Morgan) (5 minutes)

Staff reported that the SCE Interconnection Application is complete and the SCE Detailed Study and geotechnical evaluation are in progress.

6 Salt Nutrient Management Plan Update (Detmer) (5 minutes)

The Committee heard from Staff that the Salt Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP) for the Oxnard Plain Groundwater Basin is underway. UWCD staff are assisting in a technical support role to the SNMP consultants.

7 Saline Water Issues (Morgan / Detmer) (5 minutes)

Staff reported that a Saline Water Open-File Report (OFR) is being prepared that will summarize the latest monitoring well water quality and water level data, incorporate the 2010 surface geophysical survey, and discuss the impact upwelling brines on water quality. The OFR is expected to be an important document as the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency moves forward with the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

8 Groundwater Model Development Update (Lindquist / Sun) (20 minutes)

The Committee heard an update on the ongoing groundwater model development work. Staff presented an update on the model background, how the basin conceptual model was created, as well as an overview of the current model development. Examples of how the model calibration results have improved as the model parameters were adjusted in response to new, more refined hydrogeologic data were presented to the Committee.

9 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Morgan) (20 minutes)

Staff discussed recent activity associated with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation efforts in the District. The Committee heard summaries of recent activity by the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Technical Advisory Group (TAG), stakeholder organization efforts in the Fillmore and Piru basins, preliminary thoughts about the governance, administration, and financial issues associated with the creation of a GSA in the Mound basin. Staff also reported that efforts to remove the “critically overdrafted” designation from several basins in Ventura County were successful.

10 Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (Morgan or FCGMA representative) (5 minutes)

The Committee received a brief summary of the activities at the FCGMA (e.g., Emergency Ordinance E, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act).

Attendees:

Directors:

Robert Eranio
Mike Mobley
Dan Naumann

Staff:

Tony Emmert	Bram Sercu
Tony Morgan	Jason Sun
Dan Detmer	Mike Ellis
Kathleen Kuepper	
John Lindquist	