

Notes/Minutes
GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
October 16, 2017 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1. Public Comment

No public comments

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 2, 2017 meeting approved; minutes from June 1, 2017 meeting not available for review.

3. Santa Paula Basin Activities

Staff presented a status update on ongoing investigations and reports being prepared by the various members of the TAC. The Safe Yield Study (May 2017) and the Yield Enhancement Study (Sept 2017) are expected to be submitted to the Court (Probably in late 2017) with groundwater level monitoring, pipeline design, and project implementation occurring in 2020-2024.

4. Update on Supplemental Water Supply Opportunities

Staff provided the Committee with the latest information regarding the potential for a Water Exchange Agreement with Castaic Lake Water Agency, Article 21 water availability in 2017-2018, and Metropolitan Water District (MWD) early interest in storage opportunities in the Pir and Fillmore basins. Staff discussed the concept of using the Piru and Fillmore basins more conjunctively with other basins in the District. The Fillmore and Piru basins could be used to receive supplemental waters that could ultimately be transferred to the Oxnard Plain via a proposed pipeline (Santa Paula Basin yield Enhancement Report, 2017) across the Santa Paula basin.

5. Groundwater Model Development Update

Staff presented an update on activities associated with the groundwater model development including an update on the development of the West Las Posas basin conceptual model, model calibration efforts, and collaboration with Intera on the East Las Posas basin model.

6. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Staff gave an overview of Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency / Groundwater Sustainability Agency recent actions to potentially release an “internal draft/progress report” version of the GSPs for review by the Board of Directors, as well as stakeholders. A 120-day stakeholder review period has been proposed by the Board of Directors with technical analyses by the TAG, Dudek, and County staff continuing during the review period. The Mound basin and Fillmore and Piru basins GSAs are busy establishing administrative and organizational frameworks for their entities. Both GSAs have filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the DWR to

submit a Basin Boundary Modification and both are contemplating submitting grant applications to DWR for Prop 1 funds to support the development of GSPs in each basin.

7. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

The Committee received the following summary from Director Eranio regarding actions at the FCGMA: draft allocation plans for the Oxnard Plain-Pleasant Valley basins and Las Posas basin are expected to be presented to the FCGMA Board of Directors on December 6, 2017 and October 23, 2017, respectively, and the “internal draft/progress report” copies of the GSPs are expected to be provided to the Board of Directors for their consideration on or about November 23, 2017.

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