

## Eastern Municipal Water District

## West San Jacinto Groundwater Basin Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting

EMWD Headquarters, Board Room June 26, 2019 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

#### Attendees:

		Brian Powell
	John Field (Riverside County A)	
Stefan Awender (CA Dept of Fish & Game)	Amanda Fine	Craig Schultz (Valley-Wide Recreation)
Chad Nishida (SWRCB)	Rachel Gray	Ali Taghavi (Woodard & Curran)
Pakiza Chatha (DWR)		
Stena Copeland	Leighanne Kirk	Matthew Wedeking
	Behrooz Mortazavi (H-SJ Watermaster)	Jill Weinburger (Dudek)

## Agenda Items:

I. Item No. 1 – West San Jacinto Groundwater Management Area Monitoring Program

#### A. Introduction

Rachel introduced herself to the assembly and provided an overview of the items to be covered during the meeting

B. West San Jacinto Groundwater Management Area 2018 Annual Monitoring Report

The main elements and findings from the 2018 Annual Monitoring Report were presented and discussed. These elements included the location of the West San Jacinto Groundwater Management Area, groundwater quality monitoring, groundwater levels monitoring, groundwater extractions monitoring, precipitation, imported water usage, and recycled water usage. Services provided were discussed, including well meter installation, repairs and replacements, inactive well capping/sealing, as well as the groundwater recordation program and the well owner report distribution.

The report will now be presented to EMWD's Board of Directors as a receive and file item at EMWD's August 21, 2019 Board meeting.

## C. Feedback

Appreciation was expressed to the participants of the Monitoring Program. This opportunity was also utilized to solicit feedback from the West San Jacinto Groundwater Basin stakeholders for the 2018 Monitoring Program and 2018 Monitoring Report.

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### D. Questions and Answers

There were no questions for this section of the presentation.

II. Item No. 2 – West San Jacinto Groundwater Sustainability Agency - Development of the West San Jacinto Groundwater Sustainability Plan

#### A. Introduction

Rachel introduced Jill Weinberger, Project Manager with Dudek. Jill presented an overview of the project team for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development:

- West San Jacinto Groundwater Sustainability Agency EMWD Board of Directors;
- West San Jacinto Groundwater Sustainability Plan Oversight EMWD Staff;
- West San Jacinto Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development DUDEK;
- West San Jacinto Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Groundwater Modeling – Woodard and Curran; and
- West San Jacinto Groundwater Sustainability Plan Stakeholder Input.

### B. Project Overview

Jill provided an overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. She presented the major elements that will be included in the Plan and presented the six sustainability indicators that need to be addressed in order to show sustainability and how sustainability will be achieved using sustainability goals, undesirable results, minimum thresholds, and measureable objectives.

Jill summarized the timeline for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development process and indicated that stakeholder input is welcomed throughout the process. Jill advised that portions of the report will be provided for public/stakeholder review as the project progresses. In addition a complete draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan is expected on or before December 2020 and will then be made available for public/stakeholder review and feedback. Comments received will be incorporated into the final report.

At this point in time, the historical and current conditions are being established and historical and current water budgets are being developed.

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## C. SGMA Webpage

Matthew Wedeking demonstrated the functionality of EMWD's SGMA webpage and presented online resources available to stakeholders to stayed informed and participate in the GSP development.

### D. Feedback

None of the stakeholders provided feedback during the meeting.

## E. Questions & Answers

Mr. Mortazavi (Hemet-San Jacinto Watermaster Advisor) inquired on how stakeholders can review elements of the GSP during the development process. Jill indicated that key portions of the GSP will be made available for stakeholder review. Details on the exact process would be forthcoming.

## III. Item No. 3 – Perris II Reverse Osmosis Treatment Facility Status

#### A. Introduction

Rachel introduced Al Javier, Director of Environmental and Regulatory Compliance with EMWD.

#### B. Project Overview

Al presented the details of the project. This project is intended to manage migration and treat degraded groundwater from the Perris South Management Zone in the West San Jacinto Groundwater Basin. Partial funding for this 5.4 mgd Reverse Osmosis Treatment Plant comes from Proposition 1 provided by the State Water Resource Control Board.

Al presented an overview of the Perris II ROTF facility which is under construction. As part of the Grant agreement, EMWD prepared a Monitoring and Reporting Plan and subsequent findings will be reported to the Agencies. Al indicated that future stakeholder meetings will be held on an as needed basis.

This project is located on Murrieta Road in Menifee.

## C. Project Status

The west perimeter wall construction has been completed, the forebay excavation has been completed, placement of compacted fill and reinforcement has begun, below grade yard piping installation is underway, and potholing has been completed.



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## D. Public Outreach

A schedule of public outreach was reviewed for this project. Perris II Desalter Community Meeting Updates will be held as needed.

## E. Feedback

No feedback immediately received at the meeting.

## F. Questions and Answers

There were no questions for this section of the presentation.