



Eastern Municipal Water District

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San Jacinto Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting Minutes March 24, 2021 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am via Microsoft Teams Online

We Value: Safety – Ensure individual safety and the safety of coworkers and the public, without compromise. We believe in promoting creativity and opportunity for self-development; providing fair compensation; and recognizing excellence.

Attendees:

EMWD	BEDFORD-COLDWATER BASIN GSA	WEST YOST
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexander, Lanaya	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Armstrong, Margie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ou, Sodavy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copeland, Stena	BOX SPRING MWC	WOODARD & CURRAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dotinga, John	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mains, Steven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taghavi, Ali
<input type="checkbox"/> Garcia, David	CITY OF MORENO VALLEY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gray, Rachel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lloyd, Michael	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson, Thomas	DOMENIGONI	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Javier, Al	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staples, Michele	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kanetis, Nick	DUDEK	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirk, Leighanne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weinberger, Jill	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kowalski, Greg	H-SJ WATERMASTER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mouawad, Joe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mortazavi, Behrooz	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Powell, Brian	LAKE ELSINORE & SJ WATERSHED	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas, Daniel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norton, Mark	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wall, Jeff	RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DIST	
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<p>Introductions: Brief introductions were made by Rachel Gray.</p>
<p>Project Overview: The San Jacinto Basin was ranked as a “high priority” basin by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). EMWD is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the non-adjudicated portion of the San Jacinto Groundwater Basin, and is required to submit a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to DWR by January 31, 2022.</p>
<p>Dudek Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Document Outline: The GSP will consist of five chapters. Chapter one will cover the introduction, duties, responsibilities, and powers of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); chapter two will contain the technical background of the document; chapter three will discuss the sustainable management criteria and monitoring plan; chapter four will cover projects and management actions, and chapter five will cover the implementation of the GSP. Appendices will follow chapter five and will include a response to comments matrix outlining the comments received and how they were addressed in the GSP by stakeholders. • Sustainability Yield – Historical and Current Plan Area Conditions: Historical and current plan area conditions demonstrate that the water table has been rising since recharge has exceeded extraction. We have been operating below the sustainable yield historically and during current conditions.

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- Sustainability Yield – GSP Future Baseline Conditions in the Plan Area: Future plan area conditions show a reasonable decline in the water table as the amount of water pumped slightly exceeds the amount of recharge.
- Sustainable Yield – Hypothetical Future Conditions in the GSA Plan Area: In the hypothetical future scenario, the water table lowers as additional pumping causes the amount pumped to exceed the amount of water being recharged into the basin.
- Future Planned and Unplanned Groundwater Production in the GSA Plan Area: Future planned production includes projects defined in the GSP and/or undertaken by EMWD and other users in the plan area. These projects are the Perris North program, desalter program, DWR Seepage Recovery program, March Air Reserve Base EGETS wells, and water rights (EMWD, City of Perris). Projects and management actions outlined in the GSP include metering of all wells producing greater than two acre feet per year in the Plan area, require reporting of all pumping in the plan area, acquisition of well drilling permit information from Riverside County Department of Environmental Health, and assessing the feasibility of supplying recycled water to private producers and/or industry. The GSA will have authority to implement additional management actions including regulate, limit, or suspend groundwater extraction. The GSA may also develop groundwater allocation and impose extraction fees. These additional management actions are not currently planned.
- GSA Authority: Authority will be granted to the GSA once the GSP is adopted. This includes:
 - Well metering to document all groundwater production in the plan area: This will require registration of extraction facilities (§10725.6) and the metering of every well producing more than two-acre feet per year (§10725.8).
 - Groundwater acquisition and groundwater rights acquisition: The GSA will appropriate and acquire surface water, or groundwater and surface water, or groundwater rights; import surface water or groundwater, conserve, and store within or outside of the agency (§10726.2)
 - Limiting production: The GSA will have the authority to fix the amount of groundwater production from a groundwater extraction facility (§10732(a)), and regulate, limit, or suspend extractions from groundwater wells, construction of new groundwater wells, enlargement of existing groundwater wells, or reactivation of abandoned groundwater wells (§10726.4(a)).
 - Fees and enforcement: The GSA can impose fees. Owners who have not paid within 30 days will be subject to interest of 1% per month on delinquent fees and the GSA can bring suit for collection of delinquent fees, interest, or penalties and may seek attachment against the property (§10730.6).
- Next Steps: The draft GSP will be released for public review in mid-April 2021. Comments will be collected during a 90-day review period. Public and Governmental Affairs will send out a 90-day advance notice to the public to advise of the Board hearing to adopt the GSP. The public hearing will be held September 15, 2021. Public and Governmental Affairs will also be engaged to assist with public outreach regarding



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projects and management actions in the GSP (metering of wells, reporting of groundwater extractions, etc.)
SGMA Webpage: For more information on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), go to www.emwd.org . Click on the magnifying glass and type "SGMA" to go to our SGMA page. It provides background information, contact information, information on public notices, a meeting schedule, program documents and more. You can also try using your favorite search engine and type in "EMWD SGMA" to get to the page.
Additions to the Agenda & Walk-In Items: There were no walk-in items at this meeting.