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West San Jacinto Groundwater Sustainability Agency Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting Minutes July 14, 2020 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am via WebEx

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	EMWD	DUDEK
🔀 Alexander, Lanaya	☐ Wall, Jeff	Weinberger, Jill
Copeland, Stena	Ward, John	H-SJ WATERMASTER
□ Dotinga, John	Wedeking, Matthew	Mortazavi, Behrooz
Fine, Amanda	CITY OF CORONA	MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE
⊠ Gonzalez, Juan	Alfelor, Kristian	∠ Lehto, Eric
Gray, Rachel	Melissa	Waters, Douglas
⊠ Javier, Al	CITY OF PERRIS	SAWPA
☐ Kanetis, Nick	Ajobiewe, Stephen	Norton, Mark
Kirk, Leighanne	DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES	WMWD
Kowalski, Greg	Chatha, Pakiza	Shaw, Ryan
Mouawad, Joe	Ross, Timothy	WOODARD & CURRAN
Ng, Gordon	DUDEK	Fordunski, Janet
Nowell, Brian	Ohlund, Bob	☐ Taghavi, Ali

AGENDA ITEMS

Introductions: Introductions were conducted by Rachel Gray.

Project Overview

- What is the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act?
 The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act was signed into law on September 16, 2014, and became effective January 15, 2015. It requires the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for high and medium priority groundwater basins and the preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) by 2022.
- What is a Groundwater Sustainability Plan? A GSP is a document which outlines how a basin will achieve sustainability within 20 years of the adoption of this plan.
- Update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development:
 - Historical, Current, and Projected Baseline Water Budgets for the West San Jacinto GSA Area: Ali Taghavi, consultant from Woodard & Curran, reviewed the components comprising the historical, current, and projected water



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budgets. Woodard & Curran are currently working with the Watermaster to develop a water budget for the Hemet-San Jacinto Water Management Area and once this task is complete, will develop a total water budget for the basin.

- Representative Monitoring Points: Seven representative monitoring points have been chosen to represent total well network. These are Nutrilite 07, EMWD 94, EMWD Skiland 05, EMWD A1, EMWD 74 Menifee 04, EMWD 52 Follico, UCR Scott. The process for selecting these wells was reviewed. The selection of these wells does not effect, exclude, or change any monitoring or other activities done with the other wells in the overall network.
- Minimum Thresholds for Groundwater Levels: Today's meeting focused on minimum thresholds as they pertain to groundwater elevation and groundwater in storage. The value for the minimum threshold is justified by use of information described in the basin setting, data qualified by uncertainty in understanding the basin setting, and models qualified by uncertainty in the understanding of the basin setting. These should describe how the minimum thresholds have been selected to avoid undesirable results. The following evaluation criteria was used for the proposed minimum thresholds:
 - Hydrogeological considerations: (1) trends in historical groundwater elevations; (2) local saturated thickness of the aquifer; (3) basin-wide saturated thickness of the aquifer.
 - EMWD and stakeholder operational considerations: (1) static groundwater elevations relative to screen intervals at nearby production wells; (2) pumping groundwater elevations at nearby production wells; (3) ability to meet operational demands; (4) ability to lower pump intakes if necessary; (5) ability/willingness to deepen wells if necessary.
 - Consideration of modeled potential future groundwater elevations.
- Timeline and Next Steps: The next steps include incorporating feedback from the group and developing measurable objectives based on EMWD operational objectives.

SGMA Webpage: The SGMA webpage can be found by searching for EMWD/SGMA in a web browser or using this link

https://www.emwd.org/post/sustainable-groundwater-management-act

Feedback: Your feedback is very much appreciated! Please contact Rachel Gray by e-mail at grayr@emwd.org to submit your feedback or questions.

Additions to the Agenda & Walk-In Items: No walk-in items were brought to this meeting.