

UVRGB Authority: Internal Timeline re GSA Designation

Task Completed	Timing ¹	Action	Legal Authority
	Day 1 ²	Notice of Intent to Hold Public Hearing. The Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin Authority (“Authority”) must publish a notice of its intent to hold a public hearing regarding its proposal to act as GSA for the Upper Ventura River Basin (“UVR Basin”). ³ The notice must meet the requirements of Government Code section 6066, which requires that “[p]ublication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for two successive weeks. Two publications in a newspaper published once a week or oftener, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences upon the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the fourteenth day, including therein the first day.” ⁴	Water Code § 10723(b)
	Day 12	Authority to Post Agenda for Public Hearing re GSA Designation. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Authority is required to post meeting agendas at least 72 hours before a meeting.	Gov. Code § 54954.2(a)(1)
	Day 15	Public Hearing to Adopt Resolution Designating Authority as GSA for UVR Basin. After the required notice period, the Authority must hold a public hearing in Ventura County to receive public comment on the Authority’s election to become the GSA for the UVR Basin. ⁵ At the public hearing, the Authority should adopt a resolution electing the Authority as the GSA for the UVR Basin. ⁶ The Authority will also need to simultaneously adopt any new bylaws, ordinances, or other authorities necessary to act as GSA. ⁷	Water Code §§ 10723(b), (d), 10723.8(a)(2), (a)(3)

¹ Dates provided are deadlines for activities. Day numbers are based on an estimated number of days between identified actions.

² Day 1 is assumed to begin after the Authority finalizes the Joint Powers Agreement in August 2015.

³ Water Code § 10723(b).

⁴ Gov. Code § 6066.

⁵ Water Code § 10723(b).

⁶ Water Code §§ 10723(d), 10723.8(a)(2).

⁷ See Water Code § 10723.8(a)(3).

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	Day 45	<p>Notice of Intent. Within thirty (30) days of electing to be a GSA,⁸ the Authority must submit a Notice of Intent (“NOI”) to DWR of its election and its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management.⁹ The NOI must include the following, as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Authority’s boundaries and a description of the basin that the Authority is managing (i.e., the UVR Basin);¹⁰ • A description of the proposed boundaries of the Basin, or portion of the Basin, that the Authority intends to manage;¹¹ • A list of other GSAs operating within the Basin;¹² • A copy of the Authority’s resolution forming the GSA;¹³ • A copy of any new bylaws, ordinances, or authorities adopted by the Authority;¹⁴ and • A list of interested parties in the Basin developed in accordance with Water Code section 10723.2. The Authority needs to detail how the interests of these parties were considered in the development of the GSA, and will be considered in the operation of the GSA, and in the development and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan.¹⁵ 	Water Code § 10723(d)
	Day 60	DWR Notice Requirement. DWR must post the Authority’s NOI within fifteen (15) days of receipt. ¹⁶	Water Code § 10733.3
	Day 150	Creation of GSA. Provided that no other NOI is submitted by another local agency, the Authority will be presumed the exclusive GSA for the UVR Basin ninety (90) days after DWR posts NOI. ¹⁷	Water Code § 10723.8(b)

⁸ Water Code § 10723.8(a).

⁹ Water Code § 10723(d).

¹⁰ Water Code § 10723.8(a)(1).

¹¹ Water Code § 10723(d).

¹² Water Code § 10723.8(a)(1).

¹³ Water Code § 10723.8(a)(2).

¹⁴ Water Code § 10723.8(a)(3).

¹⁵ Water Code § 10723.8(a)(4).

¹⁶ DWR is currently posting GSA notifications to the following web address: http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsa_table.cfm.

¹⁷ Water Code § 10723.8(b).

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	June 30, 2017	Deadline for Establishment of GSA. Because the UVR Basin is currently designated as a medium-priority basin, the Act requires that a GSA be created by June 30, 2017. ¹⁸	Water Code § 10735.2(a)(1)

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