

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency (“Agency”) Board of Directors (“Board”) will hold a **Regular Board Meeting at 1 P.M. on Thursday, September 10, 2020 via**

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UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

September 10, 2020

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

The Board will receive public comments on items not appearing on the agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency. The Board will not enter into a detailed discussion or take any action on any items presented during public comments. Such items may only be referred to the Executive Director or other staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion. Persons wishing to speak on specific agenda items should do so at the time specified for those items. In accordance with Government Code § 54954.3(b)(1), public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

CLOSED SESSION - Adjourn to Closed Session (1:05 pm): *It is the intention of the Board of Directors to meet in Closed Session to consider the following items:*

5. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- a.** Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation
Government Code § 54956.9, subdivision (a), (c) and (d)(1):
Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency v. Casitas Municipal Water District
(VCSC Case No. 56-2020-00544348-CU-WM-VTA)
- b.** Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Consideration of initiation of litigation pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9: One case.

SECOND OPEN SESSION (*)Estimated Time 1:45 pm(***)**

6. ROLL CALL

7. ORAL REPORT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments.

- a. Approve Minutes from August 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting**
- b. Approve Financial Report for August 2020**
- c. Approve Revised Fiscal Audit Agreement with Ventura River Water District**

9. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Directors may provide oral reports on items not appearing on the agenda.**
- b. Directors shall report time spent on cost-share eligible activities for the 2017 Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning (SGWP) Grant.**

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board will receive an update from the Executive Director concerning miscellaneous matters and Agency correspondence. The Board may provide feedback to staff.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- a. Approve Addendum No. 1 to Attorney Retainer Agreement**
The Board will consider approving an addendum to the retainer agreement with Agency Counsel.
- b. Approve Resolution 2020-2 to Change Agency Principal Address**
The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2020-2 to change the Agency's principal address.

12. GSP ITEMS

a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update (Grant Category (d); Task 11: GSP Development and Preparation)

The Board will receive an update from the Executive Director concerning groundwater sustainability plan development and consider providing feedback.

b. Stakeholder Engagement Plan Annual Review (Grant Category (c): Task 10: Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement)

The Board will consider approving amendments to the Stakeholder Engagement Plan recommended by the Ad Hoc Stakeholder Engagement Committee.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Ad Hoc Stakeholder Engagement Committee

The committee will provide an update on Stakeholder Engagement Plan implementation activities since the last Board meeting and receive feedback from the Board.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled Regular Board meeting is October 8, 2020.

**DRAFT UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 13, 2020**

The Board meeting was held via teleconference, in accordance with California Executive Order N-25-20. Directors present were: Bruce Kuebler, Diana Engle, Larry Rose, Susan Rungren, Glenn Shephard, and Angelo Spandrio. Directors Absent: Emily Ayala. Also present: Executive Director Bryan Bondy.

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Chairperson Diana Engle called the meeting order at 1:02 pm.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Executive Director Bondy suggested moving Item 7b after Item 8e. No objections. No other comments were offered on the agenda.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA** – None.
- 4) **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - a) **Approve Minutes from July 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting**
 - b) **Approve Minutes from July 20, 2020 Special Board Meeting #1**
 - c) **Approve Minutes from July 20, 2020 Special Board Meeting #2**
 - d) **Approve Financial Report for July 2020**
 - e) **Approve Confidentiality Agreements with Meiners Oaks and Ventura River Water Districts**

Chair Engle asked if any Directors would like to pull any consent items for discussion.

Director Spandrio motioned to approve the consent calendar. Director Kuebler seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y L. Rose -Y G. Shephard – Y
 S. Rungren – Y D. Engle – Y A. Spandrio – Y

Absent: E. Ayala

Noes: None.

- 5) **DIRECTORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - a. **Directors may provide oral reports on items not appearing on the agenda.**
 - b. **Directors shall report time spent on cost-share eligibility activities for the 2017 Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning (SGWP) Grant.**

Director Kuebler: No report and no time.

Director Spandrio: No report and no time.

Director Rungren: The City of Ventura is planning to meet with the Executive Director sometime soon to review the forthcoming proposed adjudication physical solution. The City hopes to avoid duplication of effort with the Agency. No time to report.

Director Shephard: No report and no time.

Director Rose: No report and no time.

Director Engle: No report and no time.

6) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the written staff report with the Board. He added that a call was held with staff from Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Ojai Land Conservancy, and Resource Conservation District staff to discuss arundo removal. There is a desire to collaborate on arundo removal. Updated arundo mapping was identified as a key need. The “Arundo Free Watershed Campaign” is not a coordinated effort. Executive Director Bondy suggested that agencies with an interest in arundo removal might want to consider developing a memorandum of understanding.

No public comment.

No motion.

7) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

a. SWRCB Draft Data Compilation Report

The Executive Director explained that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) released its Compilation Report for the Development of Groundwater-Surface Water and Nitrogen Transport Models of the Ventura River Watershed (“Draft Data Compilation Report”) on July 31, 2020. Comments are due by August 31.

Recommended Action: Consider directing the Executive Director to prepare a comment letter on the SWRCB’s Draft Data Compilation Report if staff has comments.

Director Kuebler mentioned that he provided a comment to SWRCB about a 2012 pump test that was missing from the report.

Director Kuebler motioned to direct the Executive Director to comment on the Draft Data Compilation Report as necessary. Director Rungren seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y L. Rose -Y G. Shephard – Y
S. Rungren – Y D. Engle – Y A. Spandrio – Y

Absent: E. Ayala

Noes: None.

b. Wildlife Conservation Board Grant Update

Due to time constraints for Directors Shephard and Rungren, this item was taken out of order, after Item 8d.

Executive Director Bondy stated that he is looking for Board direction on the scope of work and level of cost share commitment for the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) grant application. He then proceeded to review the staff report with the Board.

Director Shephard asked if this is the only opportunity to seek a grant. Executive Director Bondy explained that this particular grant program will likely have another round in 2021, but as the program progresses, WCB will likely shift more funding toward implementation leaving less for studies and planning.

Director Keubler asked if the fact that WCB is funding other projects in the watershed is a factor. Executive Director Bondy explained that he believes that is an advantage. WCB is funding planning for projects that claim they will increase streamflow; however, the project proponents lack a monitoring program to validate the assumed benefits. The Agency's proposed grant scope will provide monitoring facilities and baseline monitoring that can quantify benefits from all projects in the Basin.

The Board briefly discussed the cost share commitment.

Recommend Action: Receive an update from the Executive Director concerning the grant application and consider providing feedback on the grant scope and direction on the Agency's cost share commitment.

Director Kuebler motioned to proceed with the WCB grant application with a 5% cost share commitment. Director Spandrio seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y L. Rose -Y G. Shephard – Y
 S. Rungren – Y D. Engle – Y A. Spandrio – Y

Absent: E. Ayala

Noes: None.

8) GSP GRANT ELIGIBLE ITEMS

a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update (Grant Category (d); Task 11: GSP Development and Preparation)

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the written staff report with the Board. He added that an opportunity has arisen to perform outreach to the Casitas Springs community concerning the Agency and GSP development. He noted that Casitas Springs is the primary disadvantaged community (DAC) in the Basin. The opportunity is to present during the upcoming DAC outreach webinar being held by the County as part of a DAC Involvement (DACI) grant. He stated that he was not sure whether the Stakeholder Engagement Committee wants to make the presentation.

Director Kuebler stated that he would prefer having the Executive Director make the presentation during the DACI webinar.

Director Shephard commented that the DACI process has been very successful in outreaching to DACs.

Recommended Action:

Receive an update from the Executive Director concerning groundwater sustainability plan development and consider providing feedback.

No public comment.

No motion.

b. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Workshop No. 1 Recap (Grant Category (d); Task 11: GSP Development and Preparation)

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the written staff report with the Board.

The Board discussed possible reasons for low workshop participation by agricultural well owners. It was suggested that the 4pm start time might have been problematic or that perhaps the agricultural well owners already feel engaged.

Director Rose noted that future webinars can have less background material concerning the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

No public comments.

Recommended Action:

Receive a summary of GSP Workshop No. 1 analytics and consider providing feedback to improve future workshops.

No Motion.

c. Sustainability Goal (Grant Category (d); Task 11: GSP Development and Preparation)

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the written staff report with the Board. He added that the Agency Administrator has been on medical leave, so he does not know if any comments were received in recent days. He stated that waiting to adopt the Sustainability Goal would not pose a major problem for GSP development.

Director Rose expressed a preference for a simpler goal, but is OK with a more comprehensive goal.

Chair Engle expressed concerns about discussion of possible ecosystem enhancement in section 3d of the draft goal. Executive Director Bondy explained that enhancement is optional under SGMA and provided potential examples of enhancement.

Director Shephard noted that the other subcomponents of section 3 do not include parallel language about enhancement. He supported removing the enhancement language.

Directors Kuebler and Rungren also supported removing the enhancement language.

Director Rungren suggested ending section 3d after the first instance of “ecosystem.”

Director Rose stated that he would like to enhance the ecosystem where possible and would prefer to keep the language.

Director Kuebler suggested waiting to adopt the goal after the proposed adjudication physical solution has been released to the public.

Recommended Action: Adopt the sustainability goal for the groundwater sustainability plan.

Director Rose motioned adopt the draft Sustainability Goal with an edit to section 3d – place a semicolon after the first “ecosystem” and delete the remaining section 3d text. Director Shephard seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y	L. Rose -Y	G. Shephard – Y
S. Rungren – Y	D. Engle – Y	A. Spandrio – Y

Absent: E. Ayala

Noes: None.

d. Sustainable Management Criteria Screening (Grant Category (d); Task 11: GSP Development and Preparation)

Executive Director Bondy stated the goal of this item is to provide preliminary, high-level information about each of the sustainability indicators and introduce key issues that will need to be addressed in the GSP. He then proceeded to review the staff report with the Board.

Director Spandrio commented on screening out seawater intrusion. He explained that DWR took exception to OBGMA screening out seawater intrusion in their GSP alternative submittal. Executive Director Bondy said he would review the DWR comments on the OBGSA alternative submittal again.

The Board discussed how to link amounts of subsidence to impacts. Executive Director Bondy stated that the GSP Team has been investigating that question and consulted the United States Geological Survey's subsidence expert to identify studies relating subsidence rates to impacts. No studies have been identified. A Director stated that subsidence could not likely impact the area because of the land use. Director Rungren stated that subsidence could affect sewers. Executive Director Bondy stated that he is awaiting feedback from DWR and will revisit subsidence with the Board at a future meeting.

Chair Engle expressed concerns about the 1.15 milligram per liter (mg/L) nitrate value listed in the staff report. She stated that the value is not a regulatory goal and strongly cautioned against describing it as one. Executive Director Bondy stated that the value was provided by the Deputy Executive Director of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWCB), but that he may have got the terminology wrong and suggested that he consult with Chair Engle outside of the Board meeting. Chair Engle expressed additional concerns and explained that she works on the total maximum daily load (TMDL) and is very familiar with the issues. Chair Engle requested that the minutes specifically reflect the fact that she disagrees with the "numeric target" terminology. Director Rungren stated that she recalls the TMDL discussions are recalls some concerns about the terminology. Executive Director stated that the main point is that groundwater discharges to surface water and the GSA will need to consider any applicable surface water standards when setting the water quality sustainable management criteria.

Recommended Action: Review sustainable management criteria screening results and consider providing feedback to staff.

No public comment.

No motion.

e. Pumping Estimation for GSP (Grant Category (d); Task 11: GSP Development and Preparation)

Due to time constraints for Directors Shephard and Rungren, this item was skipped.

f. Biological Consulting and Field Monitoring Support Services Contract (Grant Category (a): Grant Administration)

Chair Engle stated that she has professional relationship with one of the solicited firms and will recuse herself. Executive Director Bondy said he would text Chair Engle after the item. Chair Engle left the meeting.

No discussion.

No public comments.

Recommended Action: (1) Select a consultant; (2) Authorize the Executive Director to execute a master services agreement subject to terms satisfactory to the Executive Director and Agency Counsel; and (3) Authorize the Executive Director to execute a work order subject to terms satisfactory to the Executive Director and Agency Counsel for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for as needed services.

Director Keubler moved to select Rincon Consultants, Inc. and approve recommended action nos. 2 and 3. Director Spandrio seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y L. Rose -Y G. Shephard – Y
 S. Rungren – Y A. Spandrio – Y

Absent: E. Ayala and D. Engle

Noes: None.

Chair Engle rejoined the meeting.

Directors Shephard and Rungren left the meeting.

Owning to the lack of a quorum, the remaining items on the agenda were skipped.

9) **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 pm.

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B.Kuebler____ D.Engle____ A.Spandrio____ S.Rungren____ G.Shephard____ E.Ayala____ L.Rose____

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 8(b)

DATE: September 3, 2020
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Carrie Troup C.P.A., Treasurer
SUBJECT: Approve Financial Report for August 2020

July 2020 UVRGA Balance \$ 147,467.04

August 2020 Activity:
Revenues:

Groundwater Extraction Fees- August \$ 39,001.34

July Expenditures Paid:

Checks Pending Signature:

2133	Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc.	August services	\$ 17,598.75
2134	Intera Incorporated	August services	\$ 16,359.00
2135	Carrie Troup, C.P.A.	August services	<u>\$ 1,443.75</u>

Total Expenditures Paid & To Be Paid - August \$ 35,401.50

August 2020 UVRGA Ending Balance: \$ 151,066.88

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B. Kuebler____ G. Shephard____ D. Engle____ A. Spandrio____ S. Rungren____ L. Rose____ E. Ayala____

The financial report omits substantially all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; no assurance is provided on them.

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 8(c)

DATE: September 10, 2020

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Revised Fiscal Audit Agreement with Ventura River Water District

SUMMARY

On August 13, 2020, the Board approved an agreement with Ventura River Water District (VRWD) to conduct the Agency's fiscal audits. VRWD's Board has requested minor changes to the agreement.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Authorize the Executive Director to execute the revised fiscal audit agreement.

BACKGROUND

Government Code § 6505.5 requires the auditor of one of the contracting parties or of a county in which one of the contracting parties is located to be designated as auditor of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) agency when a certified public accountant has been designated as treasurer of the JPA agency. On January 24, 2020, the Board of Directors appointed Carrie Troup, CPA as Agency Treasurer. Therefore, UVRGA can no longer contract for its fiscal audits. VRWD has agreed to serve as the contracting agency.

FISCAL SUMMARY

None.

ATTACHEMENTS

A. Revised Fiscal Audit Agreement

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B. Kuebler____ D. Engle____ A. Spandrio____ S. Rungren____ G. Shephard____ E. Ayala____ L. Rose____

FISCAL AUDIT SERVICES AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY
AND
VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT

This Fiscal Audit Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 19th day of August, 2020 ("Effective Date"), by and between Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency ("UVRGA") and Ventura River Water District (VRWD). UVRGA and VRWD are sometimes individually referred to herein as "Party" and collectively as "Parties."

1. RECITALS.

- A. Whereas, pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of 2000, UVRGA was created by and among Casitas Municipal Water District, City of San Buenaventura, County of Ventura, Meiners Oaks Water District, and VRWD, for the purpose of establishing a groundwater sustainability agency for the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin; and,
- B. Whereas, VRWD is a county waterworks district formed under Division 12 of the California Water Code and supplies potable water to Casitas Springs, Live Oak Acres, Los Encinos, Oak View and Mira Monte areas of the Ojai Valley and a portion of the City of Ojai; and,
- C. Whereas, VRWD is a Member of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement ("JPA") for UVRGA; and,
- D. Whereas, Government Code § 6505.5 requires the auditor of one of the contracting parties or of a county in which one of the contracting parties is located to be designated as auditor of the JPA agency when a certified public accountant has been designated as treasurer of the JPA agency; and,
- E. Whereas UVRGA designated Carrie Troup, a Certified Public Accountant, as its Treasurer via minute order on January 24, 2020; and,
- F. Whereas UVRGA now desires to designate VRWD to contract with an ~~as its~~ auditor to perform audit services for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

NOW THEREFORE, for valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

2. TERMS.

2.1 Incorporation of Recitals. The Recitals are hereby incorporated and made a part of the Agreement as if set forth herein.

2.2 Responsibilities of VRWD. VRWD shall perform an audit of UVRGA's financial statements and complete the State Controller's Report for fiscal year 2019-2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) within the applicable statutorily required timeframes ("Audit Services"). The Audit Services shall be performed by a qualified auditor of VRWD's choice, except that VRWD must obtain UVRGA's approval of estimated fees prior to VRWD's initiation of the Audit Services.

2.3 Responsibilities of UVRGA. UVRGA is responsible for the accuracy of its reports shall make a good faith effort to comply with all reasonable requests made by VRWD and auditor necessary for timely completion of the Audit Services. The audit services agreement that VRWD will enter into to conduct the audit of UVRGA will refer to "you" with regard to providing documents, letters from attorneys, completing reports etc. Such references to "you" in the audit services agreement shall apply to UVRGA when applicable. UVRGA shall accept the completed audit and submit to the appropriate agencies, as required by law.

2.4 Reimbursement. UVRGA shall reimburse VRWD for all reasonable costs for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including auditor fees and VRWD staff labor to contract for and manage the audit. VRWD shall invoice UVRGA on a schedule of its choosing. UVRGA shall pay invoices within forty-five (45) days of the date of the invoice. A late charge at the rate of one and one-half percent (1½%) per month, or the highest rate allowed by applicable law, whichever is lowest, will be added to all amounts outstanding after said forty-five (45) days.

2.5 General Provisions.

2.5.1 Term. The term of this Agreement shall be from August 13, 2020 to June 30, 2023 ("Term"). No later than one (1) month prior to the expiration of this Agreement, the Parties may, by mutual, written consent, extend the term of this Agreement.

2.5.2 Delivery of Notices. All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties at the following address, or at such other address as the respective parties may provide in writing for this purpose:

UVRGA: Upper Ventura River Groundwater
202 W. El Roblar Dr.
Ojai, CA 93023
ATTN: Executive Director
Email: BBondy@UVRGroundwater.org

VRWD: Ventura River Water District
409 Old Baldwin Road
Ojai, CA 93023
ATTN: General Manager
Email: Bert@VenturaRiverWD.com

Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or, if mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed to the party at its applicable address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

2.5.3 Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Party shall indemnify, defend and hold the other party, its directors, officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents harmless from any and all third party claims, demands, liens, liability, losses, lawsuits and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including expert witness costs, property damage and any other damages of any sort whatsoever (collectively, "Claims") that may in any way arise from or in connection with the performance of its obligations under this agreement. The indemnifying party shall not be liable for any special, incidental or consequential damages related to Claims, such as loss of use, loss of profits or revenue, or other similar claims whether based in contract or tort, including negligence or strict liability. This indemnity shall not apply to any claims brought by a Party for default of this Agreement, or for claims brought by a Party or any third party where the underlying injury or damages is finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to arise solely from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnified party. This Section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

2.5.4. Right of Termination. UVRGA or VRWD may terminate this Agreement on 30 days' written notice, with or without cause. In the event of termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by VRWD in its performance of this Agreement shall be delivered to UVRGA within ten (10) days of the delivery of the termination notice to VRWD. Any use of uncompleted documents without specific written authorization from VWRD shall be at UVRGA's sole risk and without liability or legal expense to VWRD.

2.5.5 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements.

2.5.6 Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in Ventura County.

2.5.7 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement.

2.5.8 Assignment or Transfer. Neither Party shall assign, hypothecate, or transfer, either directly or by operation of law, this Agreement or any interest herein without the prior written consent of the other Party. Any attempt to do so shall be null and void, and any assignees, hypothecates or transferees shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer.

2.5.9 Construction; References; Captions. Since the Parties or their agents have participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement, the language of this Agreement shall be construed simply, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any Party. Any term referencing time, days or period for performance shall be deemed calendar days and not work days. All references to UVRGA and VRWD include all respective elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. The captions of the various articles and paragraphs are for convenience and ease of reference only, and do not define, limit, augment, or describe the scope, content, or intent of this Agreement.

2.5.10 Amendment; Modification. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

2.5.11 Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any contractual rights by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

2.5.12 No Third-Party Beneficiaries. There are no intended third party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the Parties.

2.5.13 Invalidity; Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

2.5.14 Attorneys' Fees. If either Party commences an action against the other Party, either legal, administrative or otherwise, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing party reasonable attorneys' fees and all other costs of such action.

2.5.15 Authority to Enter Agreement. Each Party has all requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

2.5.16 Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first shown on first page.

"UVRGA":
UPPER VENTURA RIVER
GROUNDWATER AGENCY

"VRWD":
VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT

By: _____
Bryan Bondy, Executive Director

By: _____
Ed Lee, President

ATTEST:

By: _____
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Bert J. Rapp, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Keith Lemieux , Agency Counsel

By: _____
Lindsay Nielsen, Agency Counsel

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 10

DATE: September 10, 2020

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

SUMMARY

The following are updates on Agency matters since the last Board meeting:

1. Administrative:
 - a. Agency Administrator: *The Agency Administrator has resigned due to COVID-related school closures.*
2. Financial:
 - a. Groundwater Extraction Fees:
 - i. The third round of extraction fee invoices was mailed on July 16. Payments were due August 16. *The Treasurer will run an accounts receivable report for the next Board meeting.*
 - ii. One unpaid invoice totaling \$857 remains from the second round of groundwater extraction fees. A penalty and interest statement was included with the third round invoice.
 - b. GSP Grant:
 - i. Grant Progress Report and Invoice No. 5 were submitted to DWR on July 13. Payment in the amount of \$132,625 is expected after DWR review. *DWR review is pending.*
3. Legal: *Counsel worked on privileged and confidential matters. Legal review and recommendations for addressing Endangered Species Act and Public Trust Doctrine issues in the GSP is ongoing.*
4. Sustainable Groundwater Management:
 - a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development: *See Item 12a.*

b. Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring:

- i. Monthly Stream Flow Monitoring at Mobile Home Park – Staff recommends discontinuing the stream flow monitoring because the Agency no longer has access to monitor groundwater levels in the Mobile Home Park well. A primary reason for the stream flow monitoring was to establish a relationship between groundwater flows and stream flow at this location. New monitoring locations are being proposed in the Wildlife Conservation Board grant application.
- ii. Weekly Field Identification of the Northerly Extent of Stream Flow above Casitas Springs – Staff recommends discontinuing this monitoring because Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas) performs similar monitoring. Casitas staff has indicated a willingness to share their monitoring data.
- iii. Groundwater Level Monitoring – Staff recommends continuing this monitoring as it a grant obligation and continuous groundwater level records are invaluable. As discussed in the August 13, 2020 staff report, Staff will be transitioning the field monitoring activities to Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon). Staff has requested a cost estimate and will seek approval for a work order at the next Board meeting. In the meantime, Rincon can begin work via their approved as-needed services work order.
- c. Camino Cielo Crossing Surface Water Flow Gauge: Gauge installation is pending a cost estimate and execution of a work order with Rincon Consultants, Inc.
- d. DWR Surface Water Flow Gauge: DWR is working on permitting for the gauge that will be installed a short distance upstream of Santa Ana Blvd. The gauge will be installed and maintained at no cost to UVRGA.
- e. SGMA Watershed Coordinator Grant Opportunity: Resource Conservation District circulated a revised position description. The Fillmore-Piru GSA voted against supporting the grant on August 20. The grant application submittal deadline was extended to October 15.
- f. Wildlife Conservation Board 2020 Stream Flow Enhancement Program Grant: Staff worked on the grant application. The application submittal deadline was extended to October 1 due to wildfires.

5. SWRCB / CDFW Instream Flow Enhancement Coordination:

- a. SWRCB released its draft Data Compilation Report on August 1. Staff submitted a comment letter (Attachment A).
- b. The Executive Director participated in the monthly coordination call with SWRCB and CDFW. SWRCB is continuing to work on its next two deliverables. The first will be a memorandum describing the modeling sensitivity analysis approach. The next will be a memorandum describing the modeling scenarios. Eight scenarios

are planned. Four are prescribed in the study plan and four will be developed based on TAC and public feedback. A TAC meeting will be held to discuss the scenarios. In order to remain on schedule for model and report completion by summer 2021, the above-described deliverables need to be released by in summer 2020. CDFW is currently working to develop draft instream flow recommendations for the Ventura River below San Antonio Creek using flow criteria from the Watershed Criteria Report along with other information. The recommendations are anticipated later this year.

6. Ventura River Watershed Instream Flow & Water Resilience Framework (VRIF): No activity since the last report.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Receive an update from the Executive Director concerning miscellaneous matters and Agency correspondence. Provide feedback to staff.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable

ATTACHEMENTS

- A. Comment Letter - SWRCB Data Compilation Report

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B. Kuebler____ D. Engle____ A. Spandrio____ S. Rungren____ G. Shephard____ E. Ayala____ L. Rose____



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August 30, 2020

Kevin DeLano
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
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RE: Comments on State Water Resources Control Board Draft Data Compilation Report for the Development of Groundwater-Surface Water Model and Nitrogen Transport Models of the Ventura River Watershed

Dear Kevin,

Thank you the opportunity to submit comments on the above referenced document (Data Report). This letter presents Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency's (UVRGA's) comments on the Data Report. The comments presented in this letter were prepared by a State of California licensed Professional Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist. The five public agencies that comprise the UVRGA (Casitas Municipal Water District, the City of San Buenaventura, the County of Ventura, the Meiners Oaks Water District, and the Ventura River Water District) reserve the right to submit separate, standalone Data Report comments.

Overarching Comments:

1. The points of interest (POI) mentioned in Section 1.2 should be identified on a map and described so the reader can evaluate data availability in context of the POI.
2. Numerous data gaps are identified throughout the Data Report. Please describe how the various data gaps will impact the calibration and predictive capabilities of the model. Of particular concern is the data gap for private well pumping in areas lacking groundwater extraction reporting (i.e. outside of the OBGMA).

Section 2 Comments:

1. Section 2.1 states that 597 wells are "currently active and used for groundwater supply." However, Appendix A lists 627 "active" wells in the Ventura River Watershed. Please explain the difference.

More generally, it is unclear what criteria were used to determine the number of currently active wells. It is our experience that the well status provided by the County of

Ventura is not necessarily always accurate. We have identified numerous “active” wells that no longer pump or do not pump on a consistent basis year to year. We have also identified cases where the opposite is true – wells with other listed statuses (except “destroyed”) are in some case actually active. To complicate matters, some well owners supplement groundwater supplies with surface water purchased from the local water Districts. Thus, some wells may be inactive in some periods and active in others. Except for the area covered by the OBGMA, we believe it is necessary to investigate the status of each well to determine whether it was active at a particular time.

2. Section 2.1 states that groundwater extraction for non-municipal wells located outside of OBGMA is recognized as a data gap, and for the purpose of groundwater modeling, will be estimated using methods described in the project Final Study Plan (Geosyntec and DBS&A, 2019). The referenced Final Study Plan methodology relies on Casitas surface water delivery records and consultation with local growers. The surface water delivery records and results of the local grower consultations should be included in the data report in a manner that respects grower privacy, but also provides transparency concerning how the pumping amounts were estimated. The estimates should also be included for transparency and presented at a scale sufficient for validation but that also that respects individual grower privacy.
3. Section 2.3 - Additional information concerning aquifer transmissivity, including sources other than aquifer tests, exists for the Upper Ventura River Basin (UVRB) and should be considered. Please see the draft Basin Setting section of the forthcoming UVRGA groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) for further information (<https://uvrgroundwater.org/sgma-overview/>).
4. Section 2.3 – This section does not discuss sources of information for the storage properties of the UVRB. Please describe the sources information that will be relied upon for UVRB.

Section 3 Comments:

1. Please show the diversion locations described in Section 3.7 on a map.
2. Please include the stream networks mentioned in Section 3.8 as a shapefile attachment to the report.
3. Section 3.7 implies that the topographically based channel locations will be corrected to NHD datasets. UVRGA has already developed topographically based channels and compared to the NHD dataset. We identified numerous inaccuracies in the NHD dataset along the Ventura River. We found the topographically derived channels from LIDAR to be superior to the NHD dataset. We encourage the SWRCB technical team to not

assume the NHD dataset is correct in all areas. A related aspect is that the NHD data does not address braiding. Inspection of air photos shows numerous areas along the Ventura River with multiple active braids during certain flow conditions versus the NHD dataset, which only includes a single channel. In areas where the NHD channel accurately coincides with a braid, it is not always the primary/active braid.

4. Section 3.9 states that there are limited direct evapotranspiration data within the Ventura River Watershed. This section should note that evaporation data are available from Casitas Municipal Water District and explain why those data are not being used to check the model-calculated values.
5. Please show all four debris and detention basins mentions in Section 3.10 on a map. Only two of the four are depicted on Figure 3.26.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit comments on the Data Report.

Sincerely,

Bryan Bondy, PG, CHG
Executive Director

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 11(a)

DATE: September 10, 2020

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Approve Addendum No. 1 to Attorney Retainer Agreement

SUMMARY

Due to the resignation of the Agency Administrator, the Executive Director is in need of alternative administrative support. Agency Counsel has offered to provide administrative assistance to the Agency. However, the retainer agreement with Agency Counsel does not address administrative support services. The purpose of Addendum No. 1 is to add the administrative support services scope and labor rate to the retainer agreement. The propose rate for administrative support is \$75 per hour.

For now, this is considered an interim measure for addressing administrative needs. If a lower cost administrative solution is identified the Agency can transition.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approve Addendum No. 1 to the retainer agreement with Agency Counsel.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable

FISCAL SUMMARY

Administrative services are included in the Agency's annual budget. However, the proposed rate for administrative support is higher than the rate used for budgeting. The proposed rate of \$75 per hour is compared with the prior Administrative Assistant rate of \$49 per hour plus a \$50 per month administrative fee. Thus, a budget amendment may eventually be required to address the increased hourly cost for administrative services.

ATTACHEMENTS

A. Addendum No. 1 to Attorney Retainer Agreement

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B. Kuebler____ D. Engle____ A. Spandrio____ S. Rungren____ G. Shephard____ E. Ayala____ L. Rose____

ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO ATTORNEY RETAINER AGREEMENT
FOR AND BETWEEN OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LEMIEUX O'NEILL, LLP AND THE UPPER VENTURA
RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY

THIS ADDENDUM is made and entered into effective this _____ day of September 2020, ("Effective Date") and supplements that certain Attorney Retainer Agreement ("Agreement") made and entered into by and between OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LEMIEUX O'NEILL, LLP ("Attorney"), and the UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY ("Client"), on April 9, 2020.

I. AMENDED SCOPE OF SERVICES.

In addition to the existing Scope of the Agreement, Client further engages Attorney to represent it in connection with administerial and secretarial services as directed by Client's Executive Director, such as:

- (a) Working with board members to schedule special meetings;
- (b) Setting up web/virtual meetings;
- (c) Sending out meeting notices and agenda packets to the Board and interested parties;
- (d) Attending board meetings and preparing draft minutes;
- (e) Compiling agenda and staff reports for the agenda packet;
- (f) Mailing notices and invoices;
- (g) Receiving checks from rate payers and forwarding to CPA for deposit;
- (h) Maintain interested parties' email list;
- (i) Other miscellaneous tasks, as needed and assigned by the Executive Director.

II. COMPENSATION

Services performed pursuant to this Addendum will be billed at a rate of \$75 per hour.

III. NO OTHER MODIFICATIONS.

This Addendum supplements the Agreement and except as set forth herein, no other modifications, express or implied, are deemed to be made to this Agreement.

IV. COUNTERPARTS.

This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, including facsimile counterparts or electronic-mail counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one in the same Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Addendum has been executed as of the day and year first set forth above.

**OLIVAREZ MADRUGA
LEMIEUX O'NEILL, LLP**

**UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER
AGENCY**

By: _____
Keith Lemieux
Its: Partner

By: _____

Its:

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 11(b)

DATE: September 10, 2020

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution 2020-2 to Change Agency Principal Address

SUMMARY

Due to the resignation of the Agency Administrator, staff recommends changing the Agency's principal address to that of Agency Counsel.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Adopt draft Resolution 2020-2 to change the Agency's principal address.

BACKGROUND

Please see summary.

FISCAL SUMMARY

N/A

ATTACHEMENTS

A. Draft Resolution 2020-2

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

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Attachment A

Draft Resolution 2020-2



DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UPPER VENTURA RIVER
GROUNDWATER AGENCY (AGENCY) CHANGING ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE
ADDRESS**

WHEREAS, Article 16.1 of the Bylaws of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency (Agency) requires the Board of Directors (Board) to amend its Bylaws by resolution of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Article 2.2 establishes the Principal Office of the Agency; and,

WHEREAS, Article 4.6 establishes the Principal Office of the Board Officers, Executive Directors and Staff; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency does hereby resolve, find, determine and order as follows:

1. Resolution 2019-5 is hereby repealed.
2. Article 2.2 of the Bylaws is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

2.2 Principal Office of the Agency. The principal office of the Agency is located at UVRGA c/o Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP, 4165 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Suite 350, Westlake Village, CA 91362.
3. Article 4.6 of the Bylaws is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

4.6 Principal Office. The principal office of the Agency is UVRGA c/o Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP, 4165 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Suite 350, Westlake Village, CA 91362. It may be changed at any time by a vote of the Board.
4. Effective Date of Resolution. This resolution shall take effect on September 10, 2020.



PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 2020.

Diana Engle, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Bryan Bondy
Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency
General Counsel

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 12(a)

DATE: September 10, 2020

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update (Grant Category (d); Task 11: GSP Development and Preparation)

SUMMARY

Progress on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) since the last update includes the following:

1. **GSP:**
 - a. Screening of the Sustainable Management Criteria was completed.
 - b. The Board adopted the Sustainability Goal.
 - c. Groundwater-surface water model construction continued.
2. **Outreach:**
 - a. Staff presented at the Disadvantaged Community Involvement webinar for the community of Casitas Springs held on August 25. The webinar flyer and Executive Director's presentation are included in Attachment A.
3. **GSP Development Schedule:** The updated GSP Development Schedule is provided in Attachment A. The schedule was updated based on progress to date.
4. **GSP Grant Data Gap Tasks:**
 - a. Establish Well Monitoring Network: The third, and final, annual report required under the grant will be submitted after Water Year 2020.
 - b. Project Monitoring Plan: This task was deleted upon execution of the grant amendment in July.
 - c. Surface Water – Groundwater Interface Monitoring: The grant requirements for this task have been completed.
 - d. Groundwater Extraction Estimates: The grant requirements for this task have been completed.
 - e. Water Year Hydrologic Data Analysis: The grant requirements for this task have been completed.

- f. Subsurface Inflow Data: This task was deleted upon execution of the grant amendment in July.
- g. Surface Water Flow Data: The grant requirements for this task have been completed. Monitoring has been suspended pending the field services consultant meeting its contractual insurance requirements.
- h. Natural Habitat Evapotranspiration Analysis: This task was deleted upon execution of the grant amendment in July.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Receive an update from the Executive Director concerning groundwater sustainability plan development and consider providing feedback.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable.

ATTACHEMENTS

- A. GSP Development Schedule
- B. Casitas Springs Disadvantaged Community Involvement Webinar Flyer and Agency Presentation

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

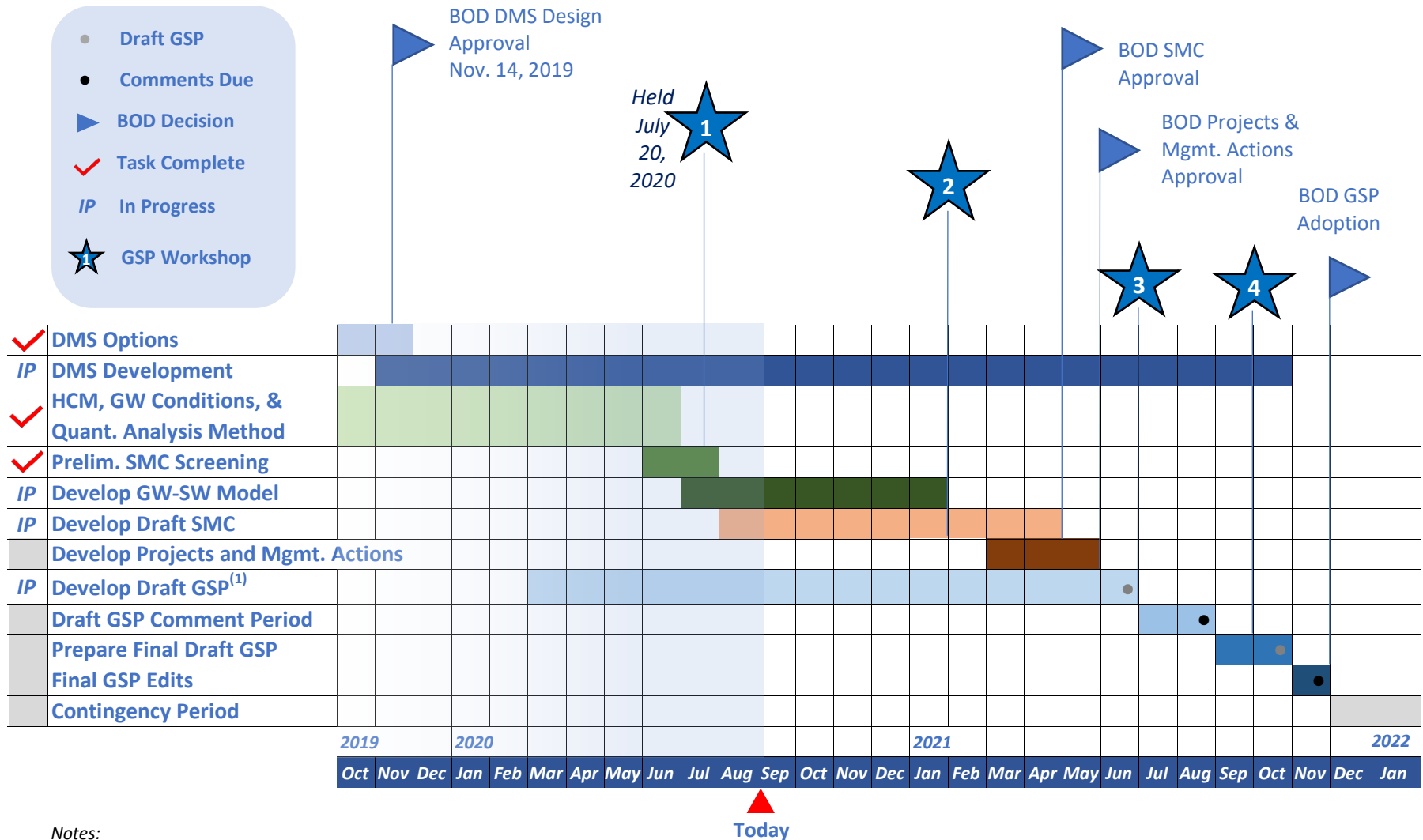
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Attachment A

GSP Development Schedule

Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency GSP Development Schedule Updated September 4, 2020



Notes:

(1) GSP topics not listed above generally consist of background or supporting information and will be prepared concurrently with the above-listed tasks.

BOD = Board of Directors; DMS = Data Management System; HCM = Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model; GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency;

GSP = Groundwater Sustainability Plan; GW = Groundwater; SW = Surface Water

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Attachment B

Casitas Springs Disadvantaged Community Involvement Webinar Flyer
and Agency Presentation



California will spend billions to make sure that everyone has enough clean, safe water. WaterTalks events are being conducted to help ensure that community needs, concerns, questions, and insights become part of the State's future water projects.

You are invited to a zoom webinar!



CASITAS SPRINGS

August 25, 2020 @ 6PM (PST)

Hosted By: Sierra Club

Register in advance for this webinar!

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For more information about this event, contact:

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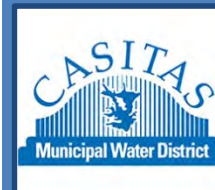




**SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT
OF THE
UPPER VENTURA RIVER
GROUNDWATER BASIN**

***“WATER TALKS”
AUGUST 25, 2020***

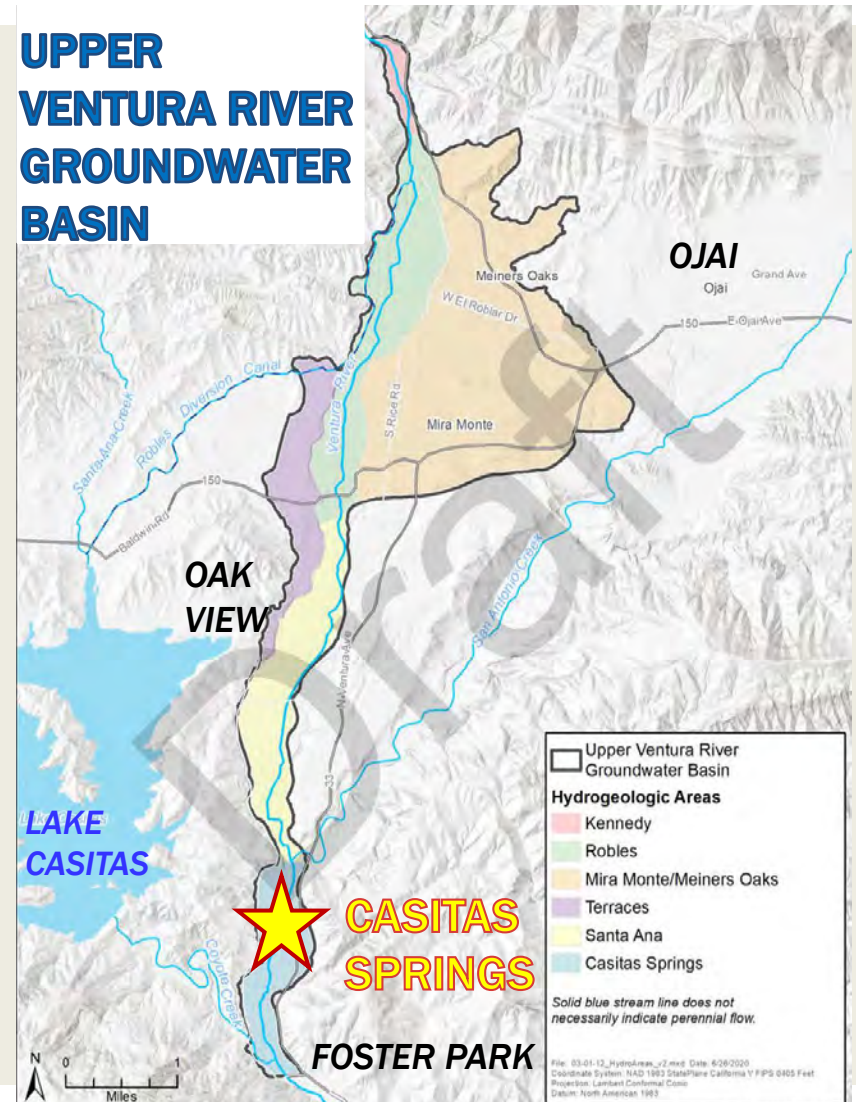
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WHO IS UVRGA?

Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency (UVRGA) is a new local governmental agency formed in 2017 to fulfill the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

SGMA is a new law that requires sustainable management of important groundwater basins throughout California.



WHO IS UVRGA?

UVRGA Board of Directors

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Ventura River Water District
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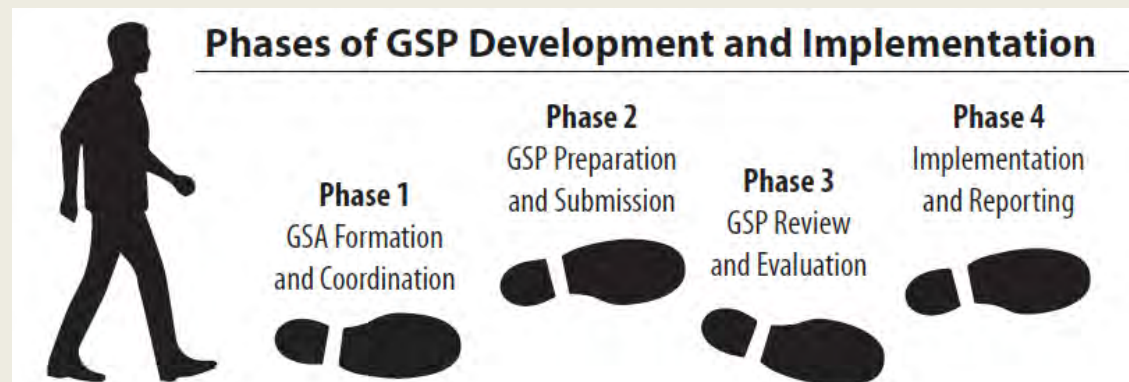
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UVRGA was formed in March
2017 under a Joint Powers
Authority agreement between:



WHAT DOES SGMA REQUIRE?

1. Form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
 - Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency is the GSA
2. Adopt a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)
 - Due January 31, 2022
3. Achieve Sustainable Groundwater Management
 - 20 years following GSP adoption



GSA AUTHORITIES NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLY

- Conduct studies
- Register and monitor wells
- Require reports of groundwater extraction
- Regulate groundwater extractions
- Assess fees
- Implement capital projects
- Some requirements do not apply to small groundwater users
- GSA DOES NOT determine water rights



SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA

The overarching goal of SGMA is to avoid undesirable results

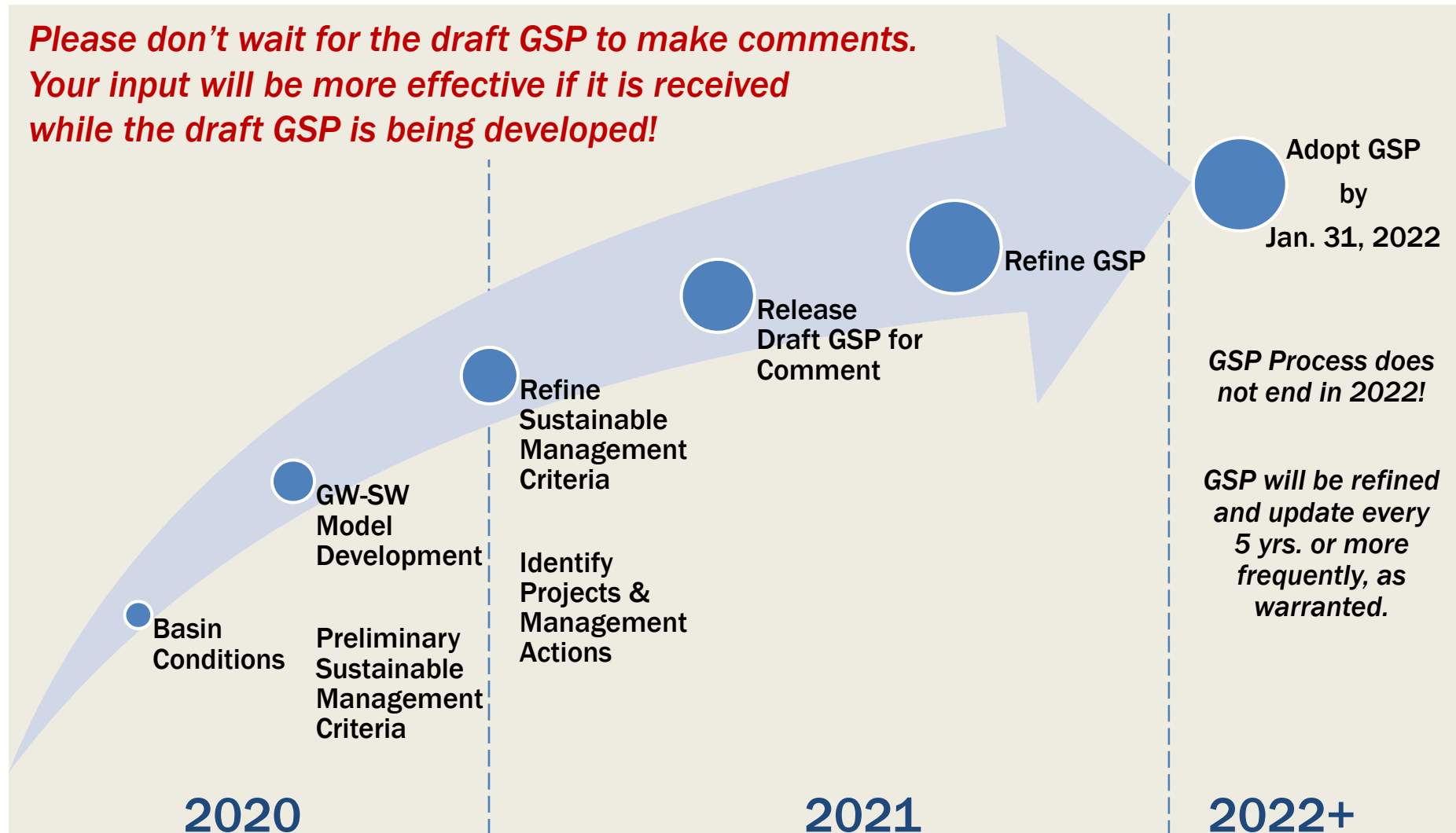
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Sustainability Indicators



UVRGA IS DEVELOPING A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

*Please don't wait for the draft GSP to make comments.
Your input will be more effective if it is received
while the draft GSP is being developed!*



GSP FUNDING

- Approximately 50% of the GSP development is funded by a Proposition 1 Grant
- Balance is funded by groundwater extraction fees:
 - ~9% by private well owners
 - ~91% by public agencies
 - City of Ventura: ~55%
 - Ventura River Water District: ~20%
 - Meiners Oaks Water District: ~12%
 - Casitas Municipal Water District: ~4%
- *UVRGA will pursue grants for GSP implementation*

WHY SHOULD GET INVOLVED?

- Most people in the basin directly or indirectly rely on groundwater
- The GSP will establish policy about how best to manage groundwater for the benefit of all users
- Your input will help shape these policies
- Groundwater use fees you pay is funding the groundwater sustainability program

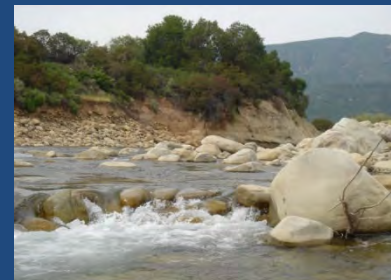
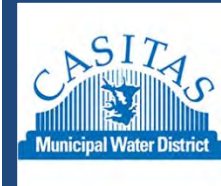
PLEASE GET INVOLVED!!!

- Track status at: <https://uvrgroundwater.org/>
- Join the UVRGA Interested Parties List:
<https://uvrgroundwater.org/join-interested-parties-list/>
- Email inquiries to: sward@uvrgroundwater.org

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!



BRYAN BONDY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 12(b)

DATE: September 10, 2020

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Ad Hoc Stakeholder Engagement Committee

SUBJECT: Stakeholder Engagement Plan Annual Review (Grant Category (c): Task 10:
Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement)

SUMMARY

On July 9, the Board directed the Agency's Ad Hoc Stakeholder Engagement Committee to complete the Stakeholder Engagement Plan annual review and present any recommended changes for Board consideration at the August Regular Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approve amendments to the Stakeholder Engagement Plan recommended by the Ad Hoc Stakeholder Engagement Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Stakeholder Engagement Plan was adopted by the Board on May 10, 2018. Section 5.3 of the plan states that the plan will be updated at least annually. The Agency's Ad Hoc Stakeholder Engagement Committee is charged with performing ongoing review of the plan and recommending plan updates each May. The May 2019 update process was completed in November 2019. The May 2020 update is pending the committee's annual Plan review.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

A. Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan Update

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

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domestic wells or small community water systems. The community of Casitas Springs is recognized as a disadvantaged community. The community is served by Casitas Mutual Water Company, Ventura River Water District, and Casitas Municipal Water District, the latter two being signatory members to the JPA Agreement forming the Agency. Thus the community is represented on the Agency's Board of Directors.

- 1) Casitas Springs
 - 2) Ojala
- j) Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency. The County is the designated California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring ("CASGEM") entity for the UVR Basin. The County is a signatory member to the JPA Agreement forming the Agency and represented on the Agency's Board of Directors.

The UVRGA intends to work cooperatively with partner agencies, stakeholders, and interested parties to develop and implement the GSP for the UVR Basin and will maintain a list of stakeholders and interested parties to be included in the formation of the GSP. A person can be added to the interested parties list by following directions on the UVRGA website: <http://www.uvrgroundwater.org> or by contacting the Executive Director.

4.3 Integrated Regional Water Management

The Ventura River Watershed Council is actively involved in the community on a wide range of issues affecting the watershed, including the UVR Basin. The Council prepared a watershed management plan in 2015. Since this group provides a forum for the discussion of issues that are important to the community, it is important for this group to be well informed throughout GSP development. Representatives from the UVRGA attend Council meetings to provide up-to-date information and hear feedback from Council members.

4.4 Public Hearings/Meetings

4.4.1 Planning Commission

Updates on SGMA planning and implementation will be provided to the Ventura County and City of Ojai Planning Commissions.

4.4.2 Public Meetings

Comprehensive stakeholder involvement will include regularly scheduled public meetings to aid in developing and implementing the GSP. Each GSP chapter will be the subject of a public meeting to receive comments prior to approval. In addition to signing up to receive information about GSP development at the UVRGA webpage, interested parties may participate in the development and implementation of the GSP by attending and participating in public meetings (Water Code Section 10727.8(a)). Prior public meetings have been held at the Casitas Municipal Water District, 1055 Ventura Avenue, Oak View, or the Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Rd, Oak View. Future public meetings will likely be held at these locations. Special meetings may be held at different locations to accommodate a larger attendance. Each meeting will have a scheduled time for public comments. Information about upcoming meetings can be found on the UVRGA website: <http://www.uvrgroundwater.org>.

*During the covid19 pandemic public meetings will be held
virtually using GoToWebinar or similar platform.*