

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 12:30 P.M. on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at the Ventura River Water District Meeting Room, 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, CA 93023.**

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

March 9, 2023

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL AND WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING DIRECTORS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. 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.

6. 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 January 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

b. Approve Financial Report for January 2023

c. Approve Financial Report for February 2023

d. Approve Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Financial Audit Report

7. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Directors may provide oral reports on items not appearing on the agenda.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

a. Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency Coalition Participation

The Board will consider providing direction to Staff concerning the Agency's participation in the Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency Coalition.

b. Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Mid-Year Budget Report and Mid-Year Budget Modifications

The Board will consider receiving and filing the 2nd quarter budget report and approving mid-year budget modifications.

10. GSP IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

a. PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendment to Groundwater Well Registration, Metering, and Extraction Reporting Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2)

The Board will open a PUBLIC HEARING to discuss the proposed amendment to the Groundwater Well Registration, Metering, and Extraction Reporting Ordinance posted on the Agency's website.

The Board welcomes public comment and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance.

After receiving public comment and testimony, the Board will close the PUBLIC HEARING and will consider adopting the ordinance.

b. Well Registration Update

The Executive Director will provide an update on well registration progress. The Board may provide feedback or direction to staff concerning well registration process and/or penalties for non-compliance.

c. Annual Report for Water Year 2021/2022

The Board will consider approving the Water Year 2021/2022 Annual Report for submittal to the Department of Water Resources pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

d. GSP Summary Presentation - Part 2 of 2

The Executive Director will provide a summary of the GSP for the Board of Directors and public. This is the second of two presentations that will summarize the GSP.

11. 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.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This is an opportunity for the Directors to request items for future agendas.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2023 at 12:30 P.M.

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 12, 2023

The Regular Board meeting was held via teleconference, in accordance with Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Board Resolution No. 2021-05. Directors present were Bruce Kuebler, Arne Anselm, Pete Kaiser, Jenny Tribo, and Vivon Crawford. Directors absent: Mike Etchart and Emily Ayala. Also present: Executive Director Bryan Bondy, Agency Counsel Keith Lemieux, and Administrative Assistant Maureen Tucker. Identified public members present: Alma Quezada, Bert Rapp, Mary Bergen, and Justin Martinez.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Kuebler called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Executive Director Bondy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) ROLL CALL

Executive Director Bondy called roll.

Directors Present: Bruce Kuebler, Arne Anselm, Pete Kaiser, Vivon Crawford, and Jenny Tribo

Directors Absent: Mike Etchart and Emily Ayala

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND RENEWAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

Vice Chair Kuebler asked for any proposed changes to the agenda and an update on the status of Assembly Bill 361. Agency Counsel Lemieux briefed the Board on the termination of the emergency order in February 2023 and rules for remote meetings beginning March 1, 2023.

Executive Director Bondy suggested deferring item 10(c) due to Chair Etchart's absence because the item is intended to benefit directors who were not on the Board during the groundwater sustainability plan development process.

Director Anselm moved agenda approval with the removal of 10(c) and renewal of Resolution 2021-05. Director Kaiser seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y J. Tribo – Y V. Crawford - Y

A. Anselm - Y P. Kaiser – Y

Directors Absent: Mike Etchart and Emily Ayala

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Kuebler asked for public comments on items not appearing on the agenda.

No comments were offered.

6) CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approve Minutes from November 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve Financial Report for November 2022
- c. Approve Financial Report for December 2022
- d. Approve Fiscal Audit Agreement with Ventura River Water District
- e. Approve Letter of Support for Ventura River Water District Grant Application
- f. Approve Letter of Support for Ojai Valley Land Conservancy Land Acquisition Funding

In reference to Item 6(f), Director Kuebler requested a map of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's proposed land acquisition. Director Crawford said she would provide a map.

Director Crawford moved approval of all consent calendar items. Director Tribo seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y A. Anselm - Y J. Tribo - Y

P. Kaiser - Y V. Crawford - Y

Directors Absent: Mike Etchart and Emily Ayala

7) DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Directors may provide oral report on items not appearing on the agenda.

Director Kuebler: No report.

Director Crawford: Reported on the effects of flooding and erosion on native vegetation and *arundo donax*.

Director Kaiser asked if any wells were impacted by the flooding. Director Tribo reported on the status of the City of Ventura's facilities.

Director Kaiser: No report.

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Director Anselm No report.

Director Tribo No further report.

Directors Absent: Mike Etchart and Emily Ayala

8) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Bondy reported on Agency matters since the last Board meeting.

Director Kaiser inquired about potential FEMA funding. Executive Director Bondy said he would investigate if any monitoring wells were lost.

No public comments.

9) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

a. Reappoint Agricultural Stakeholder Director

Director Kaiser moved the reappointment of Emily Ayala for the Agricultural Stakeholder Director two-year term beginning February 1, 2023. Director Crawford seconded the motion.

No public comments.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y A. Anselm - Y J. Tribo - Y

 P. Kaiser - Y V. Crawford - Y

Directors Absent: Mike Etchart and Emily Ayala

b. Reappoint Environmental Stakeholder Director

Director Kaiser moved the reappointment of Vivon Crawford for the Environmental Stakeholder Director two-year term beginning February 1, 2023. Director Tribo seconded the motion.

No public comments.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y A. Anselm - Y J. Tribo - Y

 P. Kaiser - Y V. Crawford - Y

Directors Absent: Mike Etchart and Emily Ayala

No public comments.

c. Conflict of Interest Code Amendment

Executive Director Bondy summarized the proposed changes to the conflict of interest code recommended by the Ventura County. Director Kaiser thanked Executive Director Bondy for the changes and moved adoption of Resolution 2023-01 to update the conflict of interest code. Director Anselm seconded the motion.

No public comments.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y A. Anselm - Y J. Tribo - Y

P. Kaiser - Y V. Crawford - Y

Directors Absent: Mike Etchart and Emily Ayala

10) GSP IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

a. Well Registration Update

Executive Director Bondy provided an update on the well registration progress. Letters were sent to well owners on September 16, 2022. Registration status is: (1) registrations not required – 46 wells; (2) wells registered – 48; and (3) unregistered wells: 94. He added that 25 of 94 unregistered wells are suspected to be abandoned or inactive based on County of Ventura records or information compiled by former Director Larry Rose. He proposed no future action on those wells. He described planned follow-up actions for the remaining 69 wells.

Public Comment: Alma Quezada suggested adding Ventura County staff person Jeff Dorrington's contact info to the letters in case the well owners need to obtain information about their well.

Director Anselm recommended including a phone number that will work in case Jeff Dorrington is out of the office. Director Anselm will provide the phone number to the Executive Director.

Director Kaiser inquired if there is any recourse if well owners do not comply. Executive Director Bondy said the ordinance defines fines and penalties. Agency Counsel Lemieux briefly summarized the options.

Director Kaiser said he wants equitable treatment of all parties. He requested an update on the status of unregistered wells at the next meeting.

b. PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Amendment to Groundwater Well Registration, Metering, and Extraction Reporting Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2)

Executive Director Bondy and Agency Counsel Lemieux summarized the proposed ordinance amendment.

Vice Chair Kuebler opened the public hearing at 1:24 p.m.

Alma Quezada inquired if the ordinance applies to *de minimis* well owners and public water systems. Agency Counsel confirmed the ordinance applies to all wells within the Agency.

After hearing no further testimony, Vice Chair Kuebler closed the public hearing at 1:26 p.m.

Director Kaiser moved to read proposed Ordinance No. 2 in title only and schedule a second public hearing at the next regular meeting. Director Anslem seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Kuebler read in title “An Ordinance of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Amending Ordinance No. 1 (Well Registration, Metering, and Reporting Requirements), Section 2.1.1, as it relates to new Well Registrations.”

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y V. Crawford – Y J. Tribo - Y

A. Anselm - Y P. Kaiser – Y

Directors Absent: Mike Etchart and Emily Ayala

c. GSP Summary Presentation – Part 2 of 2

This item was postponed during agenda review.

11) COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Ad Hoc Stakeholder Engagement Committee

No report.

No public comments.

12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Penalties for well registration non-compliance, when appropriate.

13) ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B. Kuebler__ P. Kaiser__ A. Anselm__ M. Etchart__ J. Tribo__ V. Crawford__ E. Ayala__

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 6(b)

DATE: February 9, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Carrie Troup C.P.A., Treasurer
SUBJECT: Approve Financial Report for January 2023

December 2022 UVRGA Balance \$ 486,510.21

January 2023 Activity:

Expenditures Paid:

EFT Dropbox	\$	119.88
EFT GoDaddy	\$	51.16
EFT GoDaddy	\$	143.76

Checks Pending Signature:

2375 Intera Incorporated	Dec Services	\$	2,280.00
2376 Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc.	Jan Services	\$	2,784.00
2377 Aleshire & Wynder, LLP	Jan Services	\$	1,698.00
2378 Carrie Troup, CPA	Jan Services	\$	1,284.25
2379 Rincon Consultants, Inc.	Jan Services	\$	1,604.00
2380 Rincon Consultants, Inc.	Jan Services	\$	1,326.25
2381 Rincon Consultants, Inc.	Jan Services	\$	616.25

Total Expenditures Paid & To Be Paid \$ 11,907.55

January 2023 UVRGA Ending Balance: \$ 474,602.66

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B. Kuebler___ A. Anselm___ M. Etchart___ P. Kaiser___ J. Tribo___ V. Crawford___ E. Ayala___

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UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 6(c)

DATE: March 8, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Carrie Troup C.P.A., Treasurer
SUBJECT: Approve Financial Report for February 2023

January 2023 UVRGA Balance \$ 474,602.66

February 2023 Activity:

Expenditures Paid:

Checks Pending Signature:

2382 Aleshire & Wynder, LLP	Feb Services	\$ 21.40
2383 Intera Incorporated	Jan & Feb Services	\$ 36,352.50
2384 Carrie Troup, CPA	Feb Services	\$ 1,906.75
2385 Rincon Consultants, Inc.	Feb Services	\$ 1,575.00
2386 Rincon Consultants, Inc.	Feb Services	\$ 1,218.96
2387 Rincon Consultants, Inc.	Feb Services	\$ 1,016.25
2388 Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc.	Feb Services	\$ 1,914.75

Total Expenditures Paid & To Be Paid \$ 44,005.61

February 2023 UVRGA Ending Balance: \$ 430,597.05

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B. Kuebler___ A. Anselm___ M. Etchart___ P. Kaiser___ J. Tribo___ V. Crawford___ E. Ayala___

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Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Financial Audit Report

NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINT

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 8

DATE: March 9, 2023

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: No report.
2. Financial:
 - a. Groundwater Extraction Fees: No update. All accounts are current. The next invoices for private well owners will be sent for the July 1 – December 31, 2022 semi-annual period after well registrations for known pumping wells are complete. The next invoice for the member agency well owners will be sent in August 2023 for the period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.
 - b. GSP Development Grant: The grant completion report and retention release request were submitted to Department of Water Resources (DWR) on January 25, 2022. A retention payment in the amount of \$63,006.06 is expected following approval. The Executive Director contacted the DWR Project Manager in mid-February. DWR comments on the grant completion report were promised within a week, but have not been received.
 - c. Work on the fiscal year 2021/2022 financial audit continued.
3. Legal: No report.
4. GSP Implementation:
 - a. GSP Implementation Grant: The SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant is under review by the DWR. Award announcements are expected in August 2023.
 - b. Well Registration: The Executive Director assisted well owners with completing their well registration forms. The Executive Director sent out nine past due letters. Please see Item No. 10(b) for more information.
 - c. Monitoring Networks:
 - i. Groundwater Level Monitoring: The Executive Director requested Rincon Consultants, Inc. visit the groundwater level monitoring sites to assess any

damage caused by the recent flooding. Results are pending as of preparation of this staff report.

- ii. Surface Water Flow Monitoring: Deployment of the Camino Cielo gage is being reassessed due to the recent flooding.
 - iii. Visual Surface Water Monitoring: No activity – the Ventura River is flowing across the entire length of the Basin.
 - iv. Riparian Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem (GDE) Monitoring: Rincon Consultants, Inc. and the Executive Director worked on reassessing the approach to riparian GDE monitoring in light of the recent flooding.
 - v. Aquatic GDE Monitoring: Rincon Consultants, Inc. and the Executive Director worked on reassessing the approach to aquatic GDE monitoring in light of the recent flooding.
- d. Annual Report: The draft water year 2021/2022 annual report was completed. Please see Item No. 10(c) for more information.

5. SWRCB / CDFW Instream Flow Enhancement Coordination: No activity.

6. Miscellaneous: The Executive Director continued conversations with the small GSA coalition. Please see Item No. 9(a) for more information.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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

BACKGROUND

Not applicable

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

None

Action: _____

Motion: _____

M. Etchart_ B. Kuebler_ P. Kaiser_ J. Tribo_ A. Anselm_ V. Crawford_ E. Ayala_

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 9(a)

DATE: March 9, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency Coalition Participation

SUMMARY

As mentioned during the January Executive Director's oral report, UVRGA has been invited to participate in a "Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Coalition" that is being formed to lobby the State Legislature and/or DWR for dedicated funding for small GSA. The Small GSA Coalition is being spearheaded by the Salinas area GSAs, Sonoma County GSAs, and Santa Cruz County GSAs. The coalition is receiving staff support from the Pacific Policy Group.

The Small GSA Coalition is in its infancy and the founding members are asking other GSAs to join. Eligible GSAs have under 10,000 AFY of average annual groundwater pumping or Under 20,000 AFY of groundwater pumping and more than 50% of the population in the basin is in a disadvantaged community. UVRGA meets the first criterion.

At this time, no formal agreement has been proposed to "join" the coalition. No coalition funding requests have been made to date. To "join" the coalition, UVRGA would need to provide some basic information about itself and the Basin and secure permission to participate in the coalition (i.e. authorization to use GSA names and logos for fact sheets and letters).

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Consider providing direction to Staff concerning the Agency's participation in the Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency Coalition.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

None

Action: _____

Motion: _____

M. Etchart_ B. Kuebler_ P. Kaiser_ J. Tribo_ A. Anselm_ V. Crawford_ E. Ayala_

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 9(b)

DATE: March 9, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director and Treasurer

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Mid-Year Budget Report and Mid-year Budget Modifications

SUMMARY

The mid-year report and proposed mid-year budget modifications are enclosed (Attachment A). The balance sheet as of December 31, 2022 and the mid-year statement of cash flows are also provided (Attachments B and C, respectively). The following is a summary of the budget status and recommended budget modifications.

- Income: Groundwater Extraction Fee income was 90% of budget at mid-year because the Member Agency pumpers were billed for the entire fiscal year upfront in July 2022. The balance of the budget is the private pumper extraction fees which have not been invoiced yet. Invoicing of the private pumper extraction fees for quarters 1-2 is pending completion of the well registration process.
- Administrative Expenses: No budget modifications are proposed due to the small budgets of the individual accounts.
- Professional Services Fees: Audit actuals are 0% because work on the audit did not result in any invoicing prior to December 31, 2022. There are no other notable deviations. No budget modifications are proposed.
- Capital Projects: The capital project budget is for new monitoring wells and a stream gage. No expenditures were made during the first and second quarters. Progress on the capital projects was slowed for the GSP implementation grant application and potential award. Grant award notification is not expected before the end of the fiscal year; therefore, it is proposed that the capital projects budget be reduced and moved to capital reserve. While the capital project budget may be reduced this fiscal year, the funds will be needed in the future if the GSP implementation grant is not awarded. Hence, the recommendation to move the unused budget to the capital reserve.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Receive and file the 2nd quarter budget report.
2. Approve the proposed mid-year budget modifications.

BACKGROUND

The Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget was adopted on May 12, 2022.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Please see Summary and attachments.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. 2nd Quarter Budget Report and Proposed Mid-Year Budget Modifications
- B. 2nd Quarter Balance Sheet
- C. 2nd Quarter Statement of Cash Flows

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B. Kuebler__ P. Kaiser__ A. Anselm__ M. Etchart__ J. Tribo__ V. Crawford__ E. Ayala__

Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2022 through December 2022

	Actuals Jul 22 - Dec 22	Adopted Budget	% of Annual Budget	Budget Remaining	% of Annual Budget Remaining	Proposed Mid-Year Budget Update	Comments
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
GW Extractions	0.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	N/A	0.00	
Interest/Penalties	35.00	0.00	N/A	-35.00	N/A	0.00	
Member Agency GW Extractions	0.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	N/A	0.00	
Private Entity GW Extractions	0.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	N/A	0.00	
Proposed Groundwater Ext. Fee	0.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	N/A	0.00	
43000 · Groundwater Extraction Fee	542,420.00	604,862.55	89.68%	62,442.55	10.32%	604,862.55	Private well extraction fees are pending well registrations.
Total Income	542,455.00	604,862.55	89.68%	62,407.55	10.32%	604,862.55	
Expense							
55000 · Administrative Exp							
55005 · Rent Expense	0.00	2,038.83	0.0%	2,038.83	100.00%	2,038.83	
55011 · Computer Maintenance	0.00	525.00	0.0%	525.00	100.00%	525.00	
55015 · Postage & Shipping	0.00	105.00	0.0%	105.00	100.00%	105.00	
55020 · Office Supplies & Software	119.88	525.00	22.83%	405.12	77.17%	525.00	
55025 · Minor Equipment	0.00	262.50	0.0%	262.50	100.00%	262.50	
55035 · Advertising and Promotion	308.09	1,529.13	20.15%	1,221.04	79.85%	1,529.13	
55055 · Insurance Expense-SDRMA	3,568.69	4,725.00	75.53%	1,156.31	24.47%	4,725.00	
55060 · Memberships-CSDA	1,875.00	1,680.00	111.61%	-195.00	-11.61%	1,680.00	
Total 55000 · Administrative Exp	5,871.66	11,390.46	51.55%	5,518.80	48.45%	11,390.46	
58000 · Professional Fees							
58005 · Executive Director /GSP Manager	15,060.12	35,679.61	42.21%	20,619.49	57.79%	35,679.61	
58010 · Legal Fees	9,056.20	35,679.61	25.38%	26,623.41	74.62%	35,679.61	
58015 · Website	2,025.95	3,058.25	66.25%	1,032.30	33.76%	3,058.25	
58020 · Accounting	7,517.54	16,820.39	44.69%	9,302.85	55.31%	16,820.39	
58040 · Audit Expense	0.00	14,271.84	0.0%	14,271.84	100.00%	14,271.84	Have not yet received invoice(s) for audit.
58050 · Other Professional Services	99,769.64	237,178.65	42.07%	137,409.01	57.94%	237,178.65	Majority of annual report charges will hit in Q3. Aquatic GDE monitoring to ramp up in Q3/Q4.
Total 58000 · Professional Fees	133,429.45	342,688.35	38.94%	209,258.90	61.06%	342,688.35	
Total Expense	139,301.11	354,078.81	39.34%	214,777.70	60.66%	354,078.81	
Net Ordinary Income	403,153.89	250,783.74	160.76%	-152,370.15	-60.76%	250,783.74	
Other Income/Expense							
Other Expense							
Capital Projects							
Capital Project	0.00	92,069.36	0.0%	92,069.36	100.00%	10,000.00	Capital budget is for mointoring wells and stream gage. Work was deferred pending grant application.
Captal Projects- Contingency	0.00	9,206.94	0.0%	9,206.94	100.00%	0.00	
Total Capital Projects	0.00	101,276.30	0.0%	101,276.30	100.00%	10,000.00	
Contingency - Non Capital Exp	0.00	34,268.83	0.0%	34,268.83	100.00%	0.00	
80001 · Voided Checks	0.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	N/A	0.00	
Total Other Expense	0.00	135,545.13	0.0%	135,545.13	100.00%	10,000.00	
Net Other Income	0.00	-135,545.13	0.0%	-135,545.13	100.00%	-10,000.00	
Net Income	403,153.89	115,238.61	349.84%	-287,915.28	-249.84%	240,783.74	

Balance Sheet 12.31.22

As of December 31, 2022

Dec 31, 22**ASSETS****Current Assets****Checking/Savings****Bank of the Sierra**

486,510.21

Total Checking/Savings

486,510.21

Accounts Receivable**11000 · Accounts Receivable****11001 · DWR Grant Retention 10%**

63,006.06

Total 11000 · Accounts Receivable

63,006.06

Total Accounts Receivable

63,006.06

Total Current Assets

549,516.27

TOTAL ASSETS549,516.27**LIABILITIES & EQUITY****Liabilities****Current Liabilities****Accounts Payable****20000 · Accounts Payable**

-420.21

Total Accounts Payable

-420.21

Total Current Liabilities

-420.21

Total Liabilities

-420.21

Equity**32000 · Retained Earnings**

134,875.04

Net Income

415,061.44

Total Equity

549,936.48

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY549,516.27

Statement of Cash Flows

July through December 2022

	<u>Jul - Dec 22</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	415,061.44
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income	
to net cash provided by operations:	
13000 · Prepaid Expenses	4,193.69
20000 · Accounts Payable	-8,372.15
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>410,882.98</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
28000 · Notes Payable:28100 · Member Agency Zero-Int Loan	-90,000.00
Net cash provided by Financing Activities	<u>-90,000.00</u>
Net cash increase for period	320,882.98
Cash at beginning of period	165,627.23
Cash at end of period	<u><u>486,510.21</u></u>

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 10(a)

DATE: March 9, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director and Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to Groundwater Well Registration, Metering, and Extraction Reporting Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2)

SUMMARY

A Groundwater Well Registration, Metering, and Extraction Reporting Ordinance was adopted on July 14, 2022 (Ordinance No. 1). The ordinance is based on the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency's rules concerning groundwater extraction well registration, metering, and extraction reporting and was customized to address UVRGA's circumstances and to address Board and stakeholder feedback.

On March 28, 2022, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-7-22 (EO), directing cities and counties to implement new water conservation measures. The EO includes a new local well permitting regulation that expands the role of GSA's. Under the EO, counties, cities, or other public agencies must obtain written approval from the GSA before approving a permit for a groundwater well or alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to SGMA and classified as medium- or high- priority. Domestic and small wells are excluded from the order. The GSA must determine that the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any GSP adopted by the GSA and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin. It is anticipated that the EO provisions will be made permanent through legislation.

The provisions of Ordinance No. 1 requiring that all new water extraction facilities constructed within the Agency Boundary shall obtain a no-fee permit from the Agency prior to the issuance of a well permit by the County are now redundant to the new local well permitting requirements imposed by the EO. Accordingly, we recommend that the no-fee permit requirement be amended to a notice requirement to reduce the Agency's potential litigation risk.

The purpose of this item is to conduct a second public hearing and consider adopting the ordinance.

UVRGA, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), in consultation with the Agency's Legal Counsel, determined that the charges adopted by resolution are exempt from further CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, sections 15307 and 15308 which exempt actions taken for the protection of natural resources and the environment.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Conduct a public hearing to discuss the proposed Groundwater Well Registration, Metering, and Extraction Reporting Ordinance posted on the Agency's website.
2. Conduct a second reading in title only of the ordinance.
3. Adopt the ordinance.

BACKGROUND

The Board conducted a public hearing and read the ordinance in title only on January 12, 2023.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Agency budget includes funding to implement the proposed Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Draft Well Registration, Metering, and Extraction Reporting Ordinance

Action: _____

Motion: _____

B. Kuebler_ M. Etchart_ P. Kaiser_ J. Tribo_ A. Anselm_ V. Crawford_ E. Ayala_

ORDINANCE NO. 2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1 (WELL REGISTRATION, METERING, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS), SECTION 2.1.1, AS IT RELATES TO NEW WELL REGISTRATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency as follows:

WHEREAS, the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency ("Agency") was formed for the express purpose of cooperatively carrying out the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), including, but not limited to, the funding, development, adoption and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") that achieves groundwater sustainability in the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin.

WHEREAS, the Agency is the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin (Department of Water Resources (DWR) Basin 4-3.01).

WHEREAS, the Agency adopted the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin on January 6, 2022.

WHEREAS, a fundamental component of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin is the accurate measurement, reporting and monitoring of groundwater extractions and, with the exception of certain extraction facilities, SGMA provides the Agency with the express power to require the metering of all extraction facilities in the Basin.

WHEREAS, the Agency, adopted Ordinance No. 1 concerning Well Registration, Metering, and Reporting Requirements ("the Ordinance") on July 14, 2022.

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2022, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-7-22 (EO), directing cities and counties to implement new water conservation measures. The EO includes a new local well permitting regulation that expands the role of GSA's. Under the EO, counties, cities, or other public agencies must obtain written approval from the GSA before approving a permit for a groundwater well or alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to SGMA and classified as medium- or high- priority. Domestic and small wells are excluded from the order. The GSA must determine that the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any GSP adopted by the GSA and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin.

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Ordinance requiring that all new water extraction facilities constructed within the Agency Boundary shall obtain a no-fee permit from the Agency prior to the issuance of a well permit by the County are now redundant to the new local well permitting requirements imposed by the EO.

WHEREAS, the Agency, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), in consultation with the Agency’s Legal Counsel, determined that the charges adopted by resolution are exempt from further CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, sections 15307 and 15308 which exempt actions taken for the protection of natural resources and the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Sustainability Agency that the Ordinance establishing well registration, metering, and reporting requirements established pursuant to Water Code Section 10730 shall be amended as it relates to new water extraction facilities as follows:

1. Repealed and Replaced.

Chapter 2, Registration of Wells and Levying of Charges, Ordinance No.1 is repealed and replaced to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2.0

Registration of Wells and Levying of Charges

2.1. Registration of Wells

2.1.1. Agency Water Well Notice Requirement – All applicants seeking County permit approval for any new extraction facilities constructed within the Agency Boundary shall deliver a copy of any applicable permit application to the Agency prior to the issuance of a well permit by the County. The applicant shall be required to provide supplemental information to the Executive Director that is reasonably necessary for compliance with Executive Order N-7-22.

2.1.2. Registration Requirement – All groundwater extraction facilities within the boundaries of the Agency shall be registered with the Agency within 30 days of the completion of drilling activities or within 30 days after notice is given to the owner of such facility. No extraction facility may be operated or otherwise utilized so as to extract groundwater within the Agency Boundary unless that facility is registered with the Agency, flow metered and permitted, if required, and all extractions reported to the Agency as required. The owner of an extraction facility shall register his extraction facility and provide in full, the information required to complete the form provided by the Agency that includes the following:

- 2.1.2.1. Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the owner(s) of the land upon which the extraction facility is located
 - 2.1.2.2. Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the well operator(s), if different than owner(s).
 - 2.1.2.3. A description of the equipment associated with the extraction facility.
 - 2.1.2.4. Location, parcel number and state well number of the water extraction facility.
 - 2.1.2.5. Digital photographs showing (1) the well and discharge piping with meter location visible, (2) flowmeter face with all totalizer digits and flowmeter units visible and legible; and (3) flow meter serial number. The digital photographs shall be date stamped and the file name shall include the state well number and meter serial number. The digital photographs shall be submitted to the Agency via e-mail or by other electronic method approved by the Executive Director.
- 2.2. Change in Owner or Operator** - The name of the owner of each extraction facility, the parcel number on which the well is located along with the names of all operators for each extraction facility shall be reported to the Agency within 30 days upon any change of ownership or operators, together with such other information required by the Executive Director.
- 2.3. Reporting Extractions** - All extractions shall be reported to the Agency. All extractions shall be flowmetered in accordance with the requirements and methods for flowmetering extractions as specified by Chapter 3. In cases where flowmetering is not required, the volume of water extracted shall be estimated and reported to the Agency. The Agency shall send a “Quarterly Groundwater Extraction Statement” (QGEs) form to each well operator in January, April, July, and October each year. Each operator shall return the completed QGES form on or before the due date for all wells they operate. QGES forms are due forty-five (45) days after being sent by the Agency. The QGES shall contain the following information:
- 2.3.1. The information required under Section 2.1.2.1 through 2.1.2.5, above.
 - 2.3.2. The method of measuring or computing groundwater extractions.
 - 2.3.3. Total extractions from each extraction facility in acre-feet for the preceding period.

- 2.3.4. A digital photograph of each flowmeter associated with each well listed on the QGES shall be submitted with the QGES. Each digital photograph shall be date stamped and shall show the entire meter face with all totalizer digits and flowmeter units visible and legible. The digital photograph file name shall include the state well number and meter serial number. The digital photograph(s) shall be submitted to the Agency via e-mail or by other electronic method approved by the Executive Director.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Board Chair
Upper Ventura River
Groundwater Agency

ATTEST:

Bryan Bondy
Executive Director

ATTEST:

Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency
General Counsel

CHAPTER 2.0 Registration of Wells and Levying of Charges

2.1. Registration of Wells

2.1.1. ~~Agency Water Well Permit Requirement (No-Fee Permit) — All new extraction facilities constructed within the Agency Boundary shall obtain a no-fee permit from the Agency prior to the issuance of a well permit by the County.~~

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UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 10(b)

DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Well Registration Update

SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to update the Board on well registration progress.

On September 16, 2022, letters were mailed to the owners of all parcels on which County of Ventura records indicate a potentially active well is present (i.e., any well with a County-noted status other than “destroyed”). The letters explained the new ordinance, including the well registration requirements, and provided instructions for registering wells and providing flowmeter documentation. A total of 116 letters were mailed addressing 188 potentially active wells identified in County records.

The following table summarizes the updated registration status:

Category	January Status (# of wells)	March Status (# of wells)	Change (# of wells)
Registration Not Required	46	47	+1
Registered	48	51	+3
Unregistered	94	90	-4

Attachment A provides a detailed breakdown of the registration status as of March 6, 2023. Proposed next actions are noted in red italic font in the comment column.

During the January 12, 2023 Board meeting, the Board requested information about options for addressing well registration non-compliance. The Board is referred to Section 7 of the Ordinance (Attachment B).

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Receive an update on the well registration progress. The Board may provide feedback or direction to staff concerning well registration process and/or penalties for non-compliance..

BACKGROUND

The Groundwater Well Registration, Metering, and Extraction Reporting Ordinance was adopted on July 14, 2022 and became effective August 14, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Well Registration Status Table
- B. Section 7 of Groundwater Well Registration, Metering, and Extraction Reporting Ordinance

Action: _____

Motion: _____

B. Kuebler_ M. Etchart_ P. Kaiser_ J. Tribo_ A. Anselm_ V. Crawford_ E. Ayala_

Item 10(b), Attachment A
Well Registration Status (updated 3/6/23)

Status	Count	Comment
Registration Not Required		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed abandoned or inactive based on conversation with landowner and/or information provided by landowner 	42	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated monitoring well 	4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well is actually a surface water diversion 	1	
Subtotal Registration Not Required	47	
Registered		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration form received – no issues 	51	
Subtotal Registered	51	
Not Registered		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listed as active on County records 	52	13 agricultural, 40 domestic. Includes four wells for which the letter recipient is no longer the landowner. <i>Follow-up letter is pending receipt of updated mailing addresses from assessor.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspected abandoned or inactive based on County records or information previously compiled by Larry Rose 	25	<i>No further action proposed.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received contact from landowner, but registration form not yet received 	4	Includes one entity that has a known active well and has paid UVRGA fees in past. Send 2 nd request letter sent by certified mail on 3/6/23. <i>Send 3rd request letter by certified mail if registration not received by 4/10/23.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three entities with known active wells that have paid UVRGA fees in the past 	6	Second request letters sent 12/19/22. Sent 3 rd request letter by certified mail on 3/6/23. <i>Send 4th request letter by certified mail if registration not received by 4/10/23.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entity known to UVRGA, but not a fee payer 	2	Second request letters sent 12/19/22. Sent 3 rd request letter by certified mail on 3/6/23. <i>Send 4th request letter by certified mail if registration not received by 4/10/23.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landowner owner reports well is active, but is owned by an easement holder 	1	Registration letter sent to easement holder on 12/19/22. Sent 2 nd request letter by certified mail on 3/6/23. <i>Send 3rd request letter by certified mail if registration not received by 4/10/23.</i>
Subtotal Not Registered	90	
Total	188	

- 4.12.2. Non-compliance at the end of 210 days shall subject the owner to enforcement action and additional fines, penalties, fees or liens as authorized by this Ordinance or state law.

CHAPTER 5.0

Appeals

- 5.1. Any person aggrieved by a decision or determination made by the Executive Director may appeal to the Board within forty-five (45) calendar days thereof by filing with the Executive Director a written request that the Board review the decision of the Executive Director. The Board shall equitably act on the appeal within 120 days after all relevant information has been provided by the appellant.

CHAPTER 6.0

Severability

- 6.1. If any section, part, clause or phrase in this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portion of this Ordinance shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect.

CHAPTER 7.0

Penalties

- 7.1. Any operator or other person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance is subject to the criminal and civil sanctions set forth in state law and this Ordinances.
- 7.2. Any person who intentionally violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of an infraction and may be required to pay a fine to the Agency in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).
- 7.3. Any person who negligently or intentionally violates any provision of this Ordinance may also be liable civilly to the Agency for a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day of such violation, in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed by law.
- 7.4. Upon the failure of any person to comply with any provision of this Ordinance , the Agency may petition the Superior Court for a temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction, or such other equitable relief as may be appropriate. The right to petition for injunctive relief is an additional right to those, which may be provided elsewhere in this Ordinance or otherwise allowed by law. The Agency may petition the Superior Court of the County to recover any sums due the Agency.
- 7.5. Civil penalties for specified violations of this Ordinance shall be established

by Resolution which may provide discretion for the Executive Director to adjust and/or waive the civil penalty.

This Ordinance and amendments hereof shall become effective on the thirty-first day after adoption.

ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2022.



[Michel Etchart \(Jul 19, 2022 07:17 PDT\)](#)

Michel Etchart, Board Chair
Upper Ventura River
Groundwater Agency

ATTEST:



[Bryan Bondy \(Jul 14, 2022 14:17 PDT\)](#)

Bryan Bondy
Executive Director

ATTEST:



[Keith Lemieux \(Jul 14, 2022 14:19 PDT\)](#)

Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency
General Counsel

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 10(c)

DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Annual Report for Water Year 2021/2022

SUMMARY

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are required to submit annual reports to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by April 1 of each year following adoption of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The second annual report includes data collected during water year 2021/2022 (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022).

The second annual report was prepared by Intera, Inc. in collaboration with the Executive Director to meet the regulatory reporting requirements (please see Background and Attachment A for more information).

The draft annual report is available for review at: <https://uvrgroundwater.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/UVR-AR-DRAFT-02-28-2023.pdf>.

No major issues were identified during preparation of the annual report. The Executive Director will be happy to answer any questions about the report during the Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approve the Annual Report for Water Year 2021/2022 for submittal to DWR.

BACKGROUND

After adopting a GSP, GSAs are required to submit annual reports to the DWR pursuant to §356.2 of the GSP Emergency Regulations each year by April 1. The annual report requirements are detailed in the excerpt of the GSP Emergency Regulations included in Attachment A and as summarized below:

- Executive summary
- Basin location map
- Description and graphical representation of the following data from the applicable water year:
 - Groundwater elevation data (contour maps and hydrographs)
 - Groundwater extractions from the Basin
 - Surface water supplies to the Basin
 - Total water use in the Basin

- Change in Basin groundwater storage
- Description of progress toward implementing the Plan:
 - Status relative to sustainable management criteria
 - Implementation of projects or management actions

FISCAL SUMMARY

None.

ATTACHMENTS

A. GSP Emergency Regulations Excerpt

Action: _____

Motion: _____

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ARTICLE 7. Annual Reports and Periodic Evaluations by the Agency

§ 356. Introduction to Annual Reports and Periodic Evaluations by the Agency

This Article describes the procedural and substantive requirements for the annual reports and periodic evaluation of Plans prepared by an Agency.

Note: Authority cited: Section 10733.2, Water Code.

Reference: Section 10733.2, Water Code.

§ 356.2. Annual Reports

Each Agency shall submit an annual report to the Department by April 1 of each year following the adoption of the Plan. The annual report shall include the following components for the preceding water year:

(a) General information, including an executive summary and a location map depicting the basin covered by the report.

(b) A detailed description and graphical representation of the following conditions of the basin managed in the Plan:

(1) Groundwater elevation data from monitoring wells identified in the monitoring network shall be analyzed and displayed as follows:

(A) Groundwater elevation contour maps for each principal aquifer in the basin illustrating, at a minimum, the seasonal high and seasonal low groundwater conditions.

(B) Hydrographs of groundwater elevations and water year type using historical data to the greatest extent available, including from January 1, 2015, to current reporting year.

(2) Groundwater extraction for the preceding water year. Data shall be collected using the best available measurement methods and shall be presented in a table that summarizes groundwater extractions by water use sector, and identifies the method of measurement (direct or estimate) and accuracy of measurements, and a map that illustrates the general location and volume of groundwater extractions.

(3) Surface water supply used or available for use, for groundwater recharge or in-lieu use shall be reported based on quantitative data that describes the annual volume and sources for the preceding water year.

(4) Total water use shall be collected using the best available measurement methods and shall be reported in a table that summarizes total water use by water use sector, water source type, and identifies the method of measurement (direct or estimate) and accuracy of measurements. Existing water use data from the most recent Urban Water Management Plans or Agricultural Water Management Plans within the basin may be used, as long as the data are reported by water year.

(5) Change in groundwater in storage shall include the following:

(A) Change in groundwater in storage maps for each principal aquifer in the basin.

(B) A graph depicting water year type, groundwater use, the annual change in groundwater in storage, and the cumulative change in groundwater in storage for the basin based on historical data to the greatest extent available, including from January 1, 2015, to the current reporting year.

(c) A description of progress towards implementing the Plan, including achieving interim milestones, and implementation of projects or management actions since the previous annual report.

Note: Authority cited: Section 10733.2, Water Code.

Reference: Sections 10727.2, 10728, and 10733.2, Water Code.

§ 356.4. Periodic Evaluation by Agency

Each Agency shall evaluate its Plan at least every five years and whenever the Plan is amended, and provide a written assessment to the Department. The assessment shall describe whether the Plan implementation, including implementation of projects and management actions, are meeting the sustainability goal in the basin, and shall include the following:

- (a) A description of current groundwater conditions for each applicable sustainability indicator relative to measurable objectives, interim milestones and minimum thresholds.
- (b) A description of the implementation of any projects or management actions, and the effect on groundwater conditions resulting from those projects or management actions.
- (c) Elements of the Plan, including the basin setting, management areas, or the identification of undesirable results and the setting of minimum thresholds and measurable objectives, shall be reconsidered and revisions proposed, if necessary.
- (d) An evaluation of the basin setting in light of significant new information or changes in water use, and an explanation of any significant changes. If the Agency's evaluation shows that the basin is experiencing overdraft conditions, the Agency shall include an assessment of measures to mitigate that overdraft.
- (e) A description of the monitoring network within the basin, including whether data gaps exist, or any areas within the basin are represented by data that does not satisfy the requirements of Sections 352.4 and 354.34(c). The description shall include the following:
 - (1) An assessment of monitoring network function with an analysis of data collected to date, identification of data gaps, and the actions necessary to improve the monitoring network, consistent with the requirements of Section 354.38.
 - (2) If the Agency identifies data gaps, the Plan shall describe a program for the acquisition of additional data sources, including an estimate of the timing of that acquisition, and for incorporation of newly obtained information into the Plan.
 - (3) The Plan shall prioritize the installation of new data collection facilities and analysis of new data based on the needs of the basin.
- (f) A description of significant new information that has been made available since Plan adoption or amendment, or the last five-year assessment. The description shall also include whether new information warrants changes to any aspect of the Plan, including the

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 10(d)

DATE: March 6, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: GSP Summary Presentation – Part 2 of 2

SUMMARY

For the benefit of the newer UVRGA Directors and the public, the Executive Director will provide a summary of the UVRGA Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The first of two presentations was provided during the October 13, 2022 Board meeting and focused on the overall structure of the GSP and the Basin Setting section. The second presentation was scheduled for the November 10, 2022 Board meeting, but was postponed multiple times. The second presentation will focus on the sustainable management criteria (SMC) and projects and management actions included in the GSP.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Receive a presentation by the Executive Director summarizing the GSP.

BACKGROUND

The Board of Directors adopted the GSP on January 6, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

None