

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 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 10, 2026** at the Ventura River Water District Meeting Room, 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, CA 93023.

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

September 10, 2026

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

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 of August 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting**
- b. Approve Financial Report for August 2026**
- c. Approve Aleshire & Wynder Rate Increase Per Existing Contract**
- d. Approve Bondy Groundwater Consulting Rate Increase Per Existing Contract**

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. AGENCY COUNSEL'S REPORT

The Board will receive a verbal update from Agency Counsel concerning Agency matters. The Board may provide feedback to Agency Counsel.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- a. Environmental Stakeholder Director Nomination Process**

The Member Directors of the Board will provide direction concerning a process for submittal of nominations for appointment of the Environmental Stakeholder Director.

11. GSP IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

- a. GSP Periodic Evaluation Workshop**

A presentation will be made that provides an overview of the draft GSP periodic evaluation. This is an opportunity for the Board, stakeholders, and general public to provide input on the GSP periodic evaluation process. The Board may provide feedback and/or direction to staff.

- b. GSP Periodic Evaluation Draft Public Comment Period**

The Board will consider approving a 45-day public comment period for the draft GSP periodic evaluation commencing on September 11, 2026.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

- 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9) Name of Case: SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER v. STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, et al.**

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Board meeting is Thursday, October 8, 2026.

The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that no qualified individual with a disability shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, the Agency's services, programs, or activities because of any disability. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, or if you require agenda materials in an alternative format, please contact the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Executive Director at (805) 212-0484. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the Agency to make appropriate arrangements.

**UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 13, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency was held at the Ventura River Water District, 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, CA.

Chair Tribo called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Admin Assistant Tucker called the roll.

Directors Present:

Jenny Tribo, Chair
Bruce Kuebler, Vice Chair
James Kentosh, Secretary
Emily Ayala, Director
Pete Kaiser, Director
Jeff Palmer, Director

Director Absent: Vivon Sedgwick

Staff Present:

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director
Keith Lemieux, Agency Counsel
Maureen Tucker, Admin Assistant

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Tribo asked for any proposed changes to the agenda. No changes were requested.

Director Kuebler moved agenda approval. Seconded by Director Kaiser.

Voice Vote: J. Tribo - Y B. Kuebler – Y J. Kentosh - Y E. Ayala -Y
 P. Kaiser - Y J. Palmer-Y

Directors Absent: V. Sedgwick

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Chair Tribo asked for public comments on items not appearing on the agenda. No comments were offered.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A) Approve Minutes of June 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting**
- b) Approve Financial Report for June 2026**
- c) Approve Financial Report for July 2026**
- d) Approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 4th Quarter Budget Report**
- e) Approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 3rd Quarter Investment Report**
- f) Rincon Consultants, Inc. Master Services Agreement Amendment No. 2**

Chair Tribo asked if any Director wanted to pull any items off the consent calendar for discussion. No requests were made.

Executive Director Bondy stated that an updated version of Item No. 6d was posted to the website and is available in the paper copies. He said a note was added concerning the timing of the funds transfer from the investment account to the checking account.

Director Kaiser moved approval of the consent calendar items. Seconded by Director Palmer.

Voice Vote: J. Tribo - Y B. Kuebler – Y J. Kentosh - Y E. Ayala -Y
 P. Kaiser - Y J. Palmer-Y

Directors Absent: V. Sedgwick

7. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Tribo called for Director announcements. No announcements were made.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the written staff report with the Board concerning updates on Agency activities since the last meeting.

Director Ayala asked how many small groundwater sustainability agencies are eligible for the sustainable groundwater management grant. Executive Director stated there are about two to three dozen.

Director Ayala asked how surface water flow at Camino Cielo is compared to last year. Executive Director Bondy said he did not recall last year's flow values.

No Public Comments.

9. AGENCY COUNSEL'S REPORT

Agency Counsel Lemieux provided a brief update on the Indian Wells Valley adjudication.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

No administrative items this meeting.

11. GSP IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

a. Aquatic Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Monitoring Plan Amendment

Executive Director Bondy summarized the proposed amendments to the aquatic groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDE) monitoring workplans. In general, the proposed amendments are designed to further focus the monitoring activities on conditions most relevant to the sustainable management criteria included in the groundwater sustainability plan, which may help reduce monitoring costs.

Director Kaiser requested clarification concerning the applicability of the reference Flosi et al, 2010 showing in the workplans. Executive Director Bondy will follow up.

Director Kentosh moved approval of the proposed amendments to the aquatic groundwater dependent ecosystems monitoring workplans. Seconded by Director Kuebler.

Voice Vote: J. Tribo - Y B. Kuebler – Y J. Kentosh - Y E. Ayala -Y
 P. Kaiser - Y J. Palmer-Y

Directors Absent: V. Sedgwick

b. Rincon Consultants, Inc. Work Order No. 14 for Field Monitoring Programs for Water Year 2026/2027

Executive Director Bondy briefed the Board on proposed Rincon Consultants, Inc. Work Order No. 14 for water year 2026/2027 field monitoring services, including groundwater level, streamflow, aquatic and riparian GDE monitoring, and reporting services. This is a continuation of the services Rincon has been providing. The adopted fiscal year 2026/2027 budget allocates \$225,000 for field monitoring and includes \$68,000 of contingency for all services. The approval of Rincon Work Order No. 14 would be \$240,691 total authorization and would take the entire approved field monitoring budget and \$15,691 (23%) of the approved contingency budget.

Director Palmer moved to approve Rincon Consultants, Inc. Work Order No. 14 with three stipulations:

1. Notify the Board if optional tasks or contingency is authorized.
2. Review monitoring for the forthcoming physical solution to ensure it is not covered by existing monitoring programs.
3. Respond to Director Kaiser's inquiry made during the previous agenda item.

Seconded by Director Kaiser.

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Voice Vote: J. Tribo - Y B. Kuebler – Y J. Kentosh - Y E. Ayala -Y
P. Kaiser - Y J. Palmer-Y

Directors Absent: V. Sedgwick

c. Intera, Inc. Work Order No. 16 for Annual Report Preparation

Executive Director Bondy briefed the Board on proposed Intera, Inc. Work Order No. 16 for Annual Report preparation and numerical model updates for an amount not to exceed \$54,848 and \$5,484 (10%) contingency to be authorized at the discretion of the Executive Director (\$60,332 total authorization).

Director Kentosh asked for clarification on the model update portion of the scope of work given that the model was recently updated. Executive Director Bondy explained that the model is extended by one year for each annual report; whereas, the work referred to by Director Kentosh was an update to the model calibration.

Director Kuebler asked when the annual report is due. Executive Director Bondy said April 1.

Director Kuebler moved approval of Intera, Inc. Work Order No. 16. Seconded by Director Kaiser.

Voice Vote: J. Tribo - Y B. Kuebler – Y J. Kentosh - Y E. Ayala -Y
P. Kaiser - Y J. Palmer-Y

Directors Absent: V. Sedgwick

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Executive Director Bondy noted that Director Sedgwick notified him of her intent to resign from the UVRGA Board. She will be taking a new job in northern California working on forest issues.

Chair Tribo called for a five minute break at 1:45 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 1:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board went into closed session at 1:50 p.m. Conference with Legal Counsel; Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)).

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

The Board returned to open session at 2:40 p.m.

Agency Counsel reported that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The next scheduled Board meeting is Thursday, September 10, 2026.

Action: _____

Motion: _____

J. Tribo_ B. Kuebler_ J. Kentosh_ E. Ayala_ P. Kaiser_ J. Palmer_

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

DATE: September 3, 2026
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Carrie Troup C.P.A., Treasurer
SUBJECT: Approve Financial Report for August 2026

July 2026 UVRGA Balance \$ 102,353.08

August 2026 Activity

Revenues/ Credits:

Extraction Fees	\$ 713,217.12
Total Revenues/Credits	<u>\$ 713,217.12</u>

Checks, Electronic payments, Transfers:

2756	Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc.	July Services	\$ 9,790.37
2757	Carrie Troup, CPA	July Services	\$ 3,901.90
2758	Rincon Consultants, Inc.	July Services	\$ 18,397.70
EFT	FedEx	Shipping	<u>\$ 38.75</u>

Total Expenditures Paid & To Be Paid \$ 32,128.72

August 2026 UVRGA Total Funds Ending Balance¹

Ventura County Treasury Investment Pool (VCTIP)	\$ 494,679.15
Bank of Sierra	<u>\$ 783,441.48</u>
Total Cash Balance	<u><u>\$ 1,278,120.63</u></u>

Notes:

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.

VCTIP balance reflects most recent Fair Market Value adjustment released by the County of Ventura

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B. Kuebler____ J. Palmer____ J. Kentosh____ P. Kaiser____ J. Tribo____ E. Ayala____

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August 28, 2026

bbondy@uvrgroundwater.org
Bryan Bondy, Executive Director
Upper Ventura River GA
202 W. El Roblar Dr.
Ojai, CA 93023

Re: **2026-2027 Legal Rates**

Dear Mr. Bondy:

Aleshire & Wynder is proud of our association with Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide legal services to the Agency.

Our Agreement with Agency allows our rates to be adjusted annually. Rates and amounts shall be increased based on the change in the CPI-U in the most recent month, which is May 2026. The amounts will be rounded up to the nearest dollar for the next twelve (12) month period. Such adjustment shall not be lower than zero percent (0%) and no more than five percent (5%). The 2026-2027 fiscal year rates will be increased by three-point six percent (3.6%). Adjustments will be as follows:

	3.6%
<u>Transactional Services</u>	
Partners /Of Counsel	\$ 308.00
Associates	\$272.00
Document Clerk	\$ 93.00
Paralegal/Law Clerk	\$ 122.00

Under the Agreement these rates will be adjusted effective July 1, 2026.

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We again wish to express our gratitude for the opportunity to provide work to the Agency. Please let us know if you have any questions.

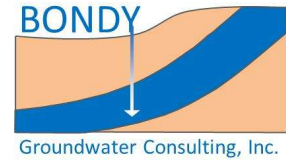
Very truly yours,

ALESHIRE & WYNDER, LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith Lemieux", is positioned above the printed name.

Keith Lemieux

KL: AO



September 3, 2026

Board of Directors
Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency
202 W. El Roblar Dr.
Ojai, CA 93023

RE: Annual Fee Review

Dear Directors,

Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc. (BGC) thanks you for the ongoing opportunity to serve Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency (UVRGA). As you may be aware, the professional services agreement between BGC and UVRGA provides for annual review of billing rates for reasonable increases reflecting market trends. Billing rate updates become effect on the contract anniversary (October).

BGC proposes a cost-of-living adjustment to the labor rate consistent with the Los Angeles area consumer price index (CPI) percentage change for the 12-month period ending July 2026. The 12-month CPI percentage change was 3.4%. The proposed increase raises the professional service rate from \$234.50/hr to \$242.50/hr. (rounded to the nearest half dollar).

Please note that I am offering this proposed rate increase in accordance with a Board-approved contract on my own behalf and on behalf of my company BGC. Though BGC is under contract as a consultant to the UVRGA, I am not submitting this letter in my capacity as consultant or independent contractor to UVRGA, and do not offer it as any form of advice or recommendation. The UVRGA Board of Directors should exercise its independent judgment as to the appropriateness of the rate increase and consult third parties as it sees fit.

Please contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Bondy".

Bryan Bondy, PG 7676, CHG 821
President
Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc.

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 8

DATE: September 10, 2026

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 reportable activity.
2. Financial:
 - a. Five past due notices for private well extraction fees for the January through June 2026 period were sent in late August. The total amount of past due extraction fees is \$3,691.36.
3. GSP Implementation:
 - a. GSP Periodic Evaluation: The Executive Director reviewed a second draft of the periodic evaluation document. A public draft was posted to the UVRGA website in early September.
 - b. Well Registration and Flowmeter Compliance:
 - i. UVRGA has been tracking two unregistered wells:
 - One well (04N23W03F01S), was determined unlikely to be used to extract more than two acre-feet per year of groundwater. In accordance with Ordinance No. 4, the registration requirement for this well was waived by the Executive Director.
 - The other well (04N23W32G01S), is known to be active and the owner is continuing to accrue civil penalties at \$100/day for failure to register the well. As of August 31 2026, this well owner has accrued \$58,700 in civil penalties. The Executive Director followed up on August 24, 2026 with a 14-day deadline to submit a completed registration form.
 - c. Monitoring Networks:
 - i. Visual monitoring of the Ventura River flow extents continued in August. River flow remained discontinuous.
 - ii. Surface water flow measurements were made at the Camino Cielo, Upper Confluence, Lower Confluence, and Upper Foster locations in late August.

Flows measured in late *July* were as follows:

- Camino Cielo: 14.4 cubic feet per second (cfs)
- Upper Confluence: 20.8 cfs
- Lower Confluence: 21.6 cfs
- Upper Foster Park: 12.7 cfs
- Foster Park (USGS): 12 cfs

- iii. Surface water quality and stage monitoring is ongoing.
- iv. The fish stranding and mortality survey for the dry season scheduled for July 27, 2026 was completed. One large, isolated pool in the Confluence Aquatic Habitat Area was observed with hundreds of fish and bullfrog tadpoles observed. No special status species were observed.
- v. The habitat and snorkel surveys scheduled for July 30, 2026 were completed. No special status species were observed.
- vi. Riparian GDE imagery collected in July were processed and uploaded to the webmap. Three areas were noted in the Confluence GDE area where *Arundo* appears to be increasing.
- vii. No optional tasks or contingency for the water year 2026-2027 field monitoring services contract have been authorized¹.

4. Outreach and Coordination:

- a. Ventura River Watershed Council (VRWC): No reportable activity.
- b. Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWAVC): No reportable activity.
- c. Small GSA Coalition: The coalition met to coordinate lobbying efforts and finalize comments on guidelines for the next round of Sustainable Groundwater Management Grants.
- d. Adjudication: The Executive Director spent approximately 8 hours during August on adjudication-related items.

5. Correspondence: None

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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

¹ The Board's approval of Rincon Consultants Work Order No. 14 for water year 2026-2027 field monitoring services calls for Board notification following Executive Director authorization of any optional tasks or contingency funds.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable

Action: _____

Motion: _____

J. Tribo_ B. Kuebler_ J. Kentosh _ E. Ayala _ P. Kaiser _ J. Palmer _

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

DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Environmental Stakeholder Director Nomination Process

SUMMARY

Vivon Sedgwick recently resigned from her position at Ojai Valley Land Conservancy (OVLC) creating a vacancy in the Environmental Stakeholder Director seat on the UVRGA Board of Directors.

The joint powers agreement states that the Member Directors shall select the Environmental Stakeholder Director from qualified nominees submitted by environmental nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organizations. The joint powers agreement goes on to say that nominations shall be submitted to the Member Directors pursuant to a process determined by the Member Directors.

The Executive Director spoke with OVLC's Interim Executive Director who indicated that OVLC's new Executive Director is expected to begin work in September. The Interim Executive Director said OVLC is interested in filling the vacancy on the UVRGA Board and requested a month or two for the new Executive Director to get settled in before making a nomination.

The purpose of this item is to provide an opportunity for the Member Directors to discuss the nomination process and timing and provide direction to staff.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Provide direction concerning a process for submittal of nominations for appointment of the Environmental Stakeholder Director.

BACKGROUND

The joint powers agreement states that the Environmental Stakeholder Director shall be an active member of a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization which, at the sole discretion of the Member Directors, meets the following requirements: (i) is currently active within Ventura County; (ii) has an adopted budget; and (iii) has a mission that advances, or is furthered by, groundwater sustainability.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

Action: _____

Motion: _____

J. Tribo _ B. Kuebler_ J. Kentosh_ P. Kaiser _ J. Palmer _

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

DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: GSP Periodic Evaluation Workshop

SUMMARY

A presentation will be made that provides an overview of the draft GSP periodic evaluation. This is an opportunity for the Board, stakeholders, and general public to provide input on the GSP periodic evaluation process. The Board may provide feedback and/or direction to staff.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Receive a presentation providing an overview of the draft GSP periodic evaluation. Provide feedback and/or direction to staff, if desired.

BACKGROUND

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are required to perform a periodic evaluation of their GSP at least once every five years. The first periodic evaluation of the UVRGA GSP is due in January 2027.

The primary purpose of the GSP periodic evaluation is to communicate to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), interested parties, and the public the progress on GSP implementation. The periodic evaluation is the GSA's written assessment concerning GSP implementation during the evaluation cycle, which, in this case, is the first 5-years of GSP implementation.

The deliverable for the GSP periodic evaluation is a periodic evaluation report. In general, the scope of the report is to provide the following information for each key GSP section:

- What new information has been collected?
- What is the status of the components of the section? Describe any changes.
- Was there a recommended corrective action associated with the section? If so, explain how it was addressed.
- How have actions taken in the section informed changes in basin management?
- Is there a need to change this section of the GSP that would lead to a GSP Amendment? If so, which section has or will be revised in the GSP Amendment?

More details about the required content of the periodic evaluation report can be found in the relevant sections of the GSP Emergency Regulations (Attachment A).

FISCAL SUMMARY

Existing approvals include a GSP Periodic Evaluation workshop.

ATTACHMENTS

A. GSP Emergency Regulations Excerpt

Action: _____

Motion: _____

J. Tribo_ B. Kuebler_ J. Kentosh _ E. Ayala _ P. Kaiser _ J. Palmer _

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Item 11(a), Attachment A.

Section 356.4 of the GSP Emergency Regulations:

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 evaluation of the basin setting, measurable objectives, minimum thresholds, or the criteria defining undesirable results

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

DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: GSP Periodic Evaluation Draft Public Comment Period

SUMMARY

The draft GSP periodic evaluation has been posted to the UVRGA website for public review. The GSP periodic evaluation development schedule calls for 45-day public comment period, which staff recommends commencing on September 11, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Consider approving a 45-day public comment period for the draft GSP periodic evaluation commencing on September 11, 2026.

BACKGROUND

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are required to perform a periodic evaluation (PE) of their Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) at least once every five years. The first periodic evaluation of the UVRGA GSP is due in January 2027.

The primary purpose of the GSP periodic evaluation is to communicate to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), interested parties, and the public the progress on GSP implementation. The periodic evaluation is the GSA's written assessment concerning GSP implementation during the evaluation cycle, which, in this case, is the first 5-years of GSP implementation.

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FISCAL SUMMARY

Existing approvals include a GSP Periodic Evaluation comment process.

ATTACHMENTS

None

Action: _____

Motion: _____

J. Tribo_ B. Kuebler_ J. Kentosh _ E. Ayala _ P. Kaiser _ J. Palmer _