Minutes of the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting May 7, 2020

The second meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee of the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin was called to order by Jeff Davis, General Manager of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, at 9:00 am on Thursday, May 7, 2020. The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Members of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee participating included Stan Houghton of High Valleys Water District, John Covington of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and Robert Taylor of the US Forest Service. Also participating were Cheryle Stiff of the SGPWA and Terry Erlewine and Kait Palys of Provost & Pritchard.

Jeff Davis made introductory remarks, including providing a reason for the 11-month gap since the previous meeting. He explained that the original intent of stakeholder meetings was to hold them at major milestones when where would be definite progress to report, but that there have been no major milestones since the last meeting, and so he decided that a meeting should be held anyway. This meeting was originally scheduled in March, but had to be postponed due to the global pandemic and then brought online due to the difficulty in staging an in-person meeting. He then reviewed the first meeting and the purpose of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, and introduced Terry Erlewine of Provost & Pritchard, who is the consultant developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Mr. Erlewine presented a PowerPoint that included a review of the June 2019 meeting, a summary of work to date, key issues for the GSP, and next steps. He included a schedule that shows completion of the GSP well ahead of the prescribed date of January 2022, a summary of the modeling work to date, a brief summary of Chapter 2 of the GSP (including a discussion of groundwater dependent ecosystems), a discussion of management areas, and other items in development. The key issues identified were management areas, the computer model, the water budget, and the overall basin setting.

He identified the next steps as: continuation of model development, development of a water budget, definition of sustainable management criteria, definition of a representative monitoring network, identification of projects and management areas, and continuation of coordination with stakeholders and interested parties.

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee members asked a number of questions and participated in an active discussion on the presentation.

The group decided to meet on a periodic basis as opposed to meeting at milestones, and the next meeting was set for Thursday, August 6.