

**Minutes of the  
San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting  
August 6, 2020**

The third meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee of the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin was called to order by Jeff Davis, former General Manager of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, at 9:00 am on Thursday, August 6, 2020. The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Members of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee participating included John Covington of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians and Larry Ellis of the Banning Bench Community of Interest. Also participating were current SGPWA General Manager Lance Eckhart, and Terry Erlewine and Kait Palys of Provost & Pritchard. It was noted that due to the ongoing Apple fire, other members of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee may be unable to attend, notably Robert Taylor of the US Forest Service and possibly others. It was also noted that Mr. Eckhart will be gradually taking over responsibilities from Mr. Davis on SGMA issues for the Agency.

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Committee.

John Covington moved, seconded by Larry Ellis, to approve the minutes of the May 7 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

After introductions, Jeff Davis handed the meeting over to Lance Eckhart, who introduced Terry Erlewine of Provost & Pritchard, who is developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Subbasin. Mr. Erlewine reviewed the May 7 meeting, summarizing the four key issues discussed at that meeting—final development of management areas, model development approach, anticipated challenges with water budget development, and development of the Plan Area and Basin Setting chapters of the GSP.

Kait Palys of Provost & Pritchard summarized their work on sustainable management criteria, explaining the terms minimum threshold, undesirable results, measurable objectives, and operational flexibility. She explained that sustainable management criteria will be a critical element of the GSP. She presented a draft schedule for development of sustainable criteria, showing a first draft available in late October.

Terry Erlewine presented an update on model development, reviewing the history of the model from initial development by the USGS (of the Cabazon Storage Unit only) through expansion of the model by Woodard & Curran as part of the SGP IRWMP process, and including recent work by Interra (a subconsultant to Provost & Pritchard) to meld the two models and calibrate them. He also presented a draft schedule, showing a predictive model available in the September time frame, with projects and management actions able to be modeled in October. He noted how important the model is to many key components of the GSP.

Kait Palys then summarized ongoing work on the data management system, being developed by Houston Engineering, another subconsultant to Provost & Pritchard. She summarized a recent meeting of the GSP Working Group on this topic and pointed out that a subcommittee has been formed to work with Houston on specifics of the DMS. The draft schedule presented showed a Beta version of the DMS available for review in November.

Terry Erlewine then summarized the GSP development schedule, noting that the modeling has slipped due to additional work required, as has the DMS. However, the DMS is not on the critical path, so will have no impact on the final project schedule. He showed an administrative draft of the GSP available for review in July 2021 with a public draft published in October 2021. He noted that this should be sufficient to finalize the GSP by January 2022, the statutory deadline.

Mr. Erlewine then summarized the next steps, including:

- Getting started with the DMS working group subcommittee
- The next monthly meeting of the GSP Working Group, scheduled for August 25
- Ongoing work on the model
- DMS and SMC (Sustainable Management Criteria) development

Jeff Davis summarized the web site that has been developed for the GSP ([www.sgpgsas.org](http://www.sgpgsas.org)), noting that it had been down for some time but that now it is up and operational. He summarized the information that is posted to the site. John Covington asked if the list of stakeholders and the Stakeholder Outreach and Communication Plan could be added. Jeff Davis indicated that they would be added to the web site in the near future. Mr. Covington also suggested that the Outreach and Communication Plan be discussed at the next meeting of the GSP Working Group.

The date for the next meeting was set at November 10 at 9:00 am, hopefully in order to review the initial sustainable management criteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.