

**Minutes of the
San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting
November 10, 2020**

The fourth meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee of the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin was called to order by Lance Eckhart, General Manager of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, at 9:00 am on Tuesday, November 10, 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, Larry Ellis of the Banning Bench Community of Interest, and Robert Taylor of the US Forest Service. Also participating were SGPWA General Manager Lance Eckhart, Terry Erlewine and Kaitlyn Palys of Provost & Pritchard, Pakiza Chatha of the Department of Water Resources, and Jeff Davis of the SGPWA.

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

The minutes of the August 6 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Kait Palys of Provost & Pritchard began presenting a PowerPoint. She shared the presentation with Terry Erlewine, each leading various portions of the presentation. She began with a discussion of sustainable management criteria. She defined the terms “minimum thresholds”, “undesirable results”, “measurable objectives”, and “sustainability goals.” She then reviewed the proposed schedule for the sustainable management criteria portion of the GSP. A brief discussion of adaptive management ensued, and how that could be used in the future to manage sustainable management criteria.

Terry Erlewine summarized the work to date on the model of the subbasin, and gave a status report. He noted that the model will be calibrated with 20 years of data—1998 through 2018. Robert Taylor of the US Forest Service asked how the effects of the Apple fire, which burned a substantial portion of the upper reaches of the subbasin, would be considered, since it occurred in 2020, outside of the calibration period. Terry Erlewine noted that the modeling team will have to consider this, and that it may be more useful to include that in a future five year update, since it would be difficult to include the potential effects at this time. He noted that it is likely that the fire will reduce consumptive use in the canyon portions of the subbasin, thus increasing inflows to the main portion of the subbasin. He also noted that the twenty year calibration period has been particularly dry, with only four years of above average precipitation; this could impact calibration as well. Nevertheless, calibration must be completed so that the GSP can move forward and meet the January 2022 deadline.

Kaitlyn then provided a summary of work on the Data Management System (DMS). She noted that a focus group has been formed that is meeting regularly to discuss what the DMS should look like. The focus group has discussed what would go into future annual reporting, as this will inform the DMS. She informed the group that data collection for the DMS will be ongoing, even after completion of the GSP. She then reviewed a proposed schedule for the DMS.

Kaitlyn and Terry then reviewed next steps in the process, noting a December 7 meeting of the working group and the objectives of both that meeting and the next Stakeholder Advisory meeting. They

reported that the model must be completed and calibrated before work can begin on the sustainable management criteria and other key parts of the GSP. They reviewed the project schedule, showing a public review draft of the GSP in October 2021.

The next meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee was set for Tuesday, January 26 at 9:00 am, likely also on Microsoft Teams.

Lance Eckhart adjourned the meeting at 10:29 am.