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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“Agency”)  
Board of Directors (“Directors”) will hold a  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
at 3:00 P.M. on Monday, January 23, 2023  
virtually via ZOOM.**

To participate in the Board of Directors meeting via Zoom, please access:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87474400434?pwd=Q01mU0JQT20vdGJqRzN0Wi9UdXArQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 874 7440 0434 | **Passcode:** 551503

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**MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER 3:00 P.M.**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. Adoption of Alternative Teleconferencing Requirements Under AB 361**

**Motion**

Previously, the Board has made the requisite findings under AB 361 by resolution. Legal counsel has advised that the Board may instead make these requisite findings verbally to streamline consideration and reduce staff time. Further, legal counsel has confirmed that this new approach is consistent with the law and similar to action taken by other public agencies. Accordingly, legal counsel recommends that the Board make the finding that the necessary conditions continue to exist authorizing the Board to meet via teleconference under AB 361’s alternative teleconferencing requirements.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON 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.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion**

**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. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

**6a. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion**

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the November 17, 2022, Regular Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors meeting. A meeting cancellation notice was emailed to the Board of Directors and interested parties list as well as posted on the Mound Basin GSA website regarding the December 15, 2022, Regular Board of Directors meeting.

**6b. Approval of Warrants**

**Motion**

The Board will consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices.

**6c. Monthly Financial Reports**

**Information Item**

The Board will receive monthly profit and loss statements, and balance sheets for the months of November and December 2022.

**7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Directors will provide updates on matters not on the agenda.

**8. REVIEW OF MEETING TELECONFERENCING RULES**

**Information Item**

Agency Attorney Alex Dominquez will provide a presentation and discuss the new teleconference rules under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

**Information Item**

The Executive Director will provide an informational update on non-GSP activities since the previous Board meeting.

**10. MOTION ITEMS**

**10a. Agency Officer Appointments and Required Bond**

**Motion**

The Board will consider appointing a chair, vice chair/secretary and a treasurer to serve during the calendar year 2023. The Board will also provide direction concerning obtaining a bond for the Treasurer. Appointment of an Agency representative (chair) by United Water Conservation District will be announced at its Regular Board of Directors meeting on February 8, 2023.





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**MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.  
via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

**MINUTES**

**DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Michael (Mike) Mobley, Chair  
Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper, Vice-chair/Secretary  
Arne Anselm, Treasurer  
James (Jim) Chambers

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Conner Everts

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director  
Kris Sofley, Substitute Clerk of the Board

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Burt Handy  
Mohammed Hasan, UWCD

**CALL TO ORDER 1:01 p.m.**

Chair Mobley called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Mobley led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL**

The Clerk of the Board called roll. Four of the five Directors were present (Anselm, Chambers, Cooper, and Mobley); Director Everts was absent.

**3. Adoption of Alternative Teleconferencing Requirements Under AB 361**

**Motion**

Following discussion, on motion of Director Anselm, seconded by Director Chambers, the Board made the determination that, due to continuation of the Governor's Executive Order and the imminent risk to health and safety, the Board will continue with the previous teleconferencing determination under AB 361, on the following roll call vote: Four ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Mobley); none opposed; one absent (Everts). Motion carried 4/0/1.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

Chair Mobley asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion**

Executive Director Bondy advised the Board that a staff report had been revised but it did not affect the agenda.

Director Chambers moved Agenda approval; Seconded by Director Cooper. Roll call vote: Four ayes (Chambers, Anselm, Cooper, and Mobley); none opposed; one absent (Everts). Motion carried 4/0/1.

## 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. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

### 6a. **Approval of Minutes**

#### **Motion**

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the October 20, 2022, Regular Board of Directors meeting.

### 6b. **Approval of Warrants**

#### **Motion**

The Board will review the warrant payment registry for previously paid invoices and consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices.

### 6c. **Monthly Financial Reports**

#### **Information Item**

The Board will receive monthly profit and loss statements and balance sheets for the month of October 2022.

Motion to approve all Consent Calendar items, Director Cooper; Seconded by Director Chambers. Roll call vote: Four ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Cooper, Mobley); none opposed; one absent (Everts). Motion carried 4/0/1.

## 7. **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Mobley stated that since he was not re-elected to the United Water Conservation District (UWCD) Board, this would be his last meeting with the Mound Basin GSA and that a new representative from UWCD would be appointed to the Mound Basin GSA. Director Chambers thanked Chair Mobley for his leadership and efforts in guiding the Board through the past five years with a steady hand. Director Cooper echoed that sentiment. Mr. Bondy also thanked Chair Mobley for his work in getting the GSA formed and the GSP approved. There were no other updates provided by the Directors.

## 8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

### **Information Item**

Executive Director Bryan Bondy reviewed the staff report regarding updates on Agency activities since the last Regular Board of Directors meeting. He mentioned that there were no administrative or legal updates and proceeded to provide a financial update stating that January through July 2022 invoices were due October 1 and as of late October, two entities were still unpaid, representing approximately \$11,000 in revenue. He has requested financial staff send statements to the delinquent rate payers.

Mr. Bondy stated that the GSP is still under review by DWR, who has two years from January 2022 to approve the plan. The last grant invoice for approximately \$106,000 was approved by DWR early in the month and he expects payment to be received in a month or two. He added that the grant "close-out" report was submitted in April and is waiting to be approved.

Once approved, the final check for retention in the amount of approximately \$76,000 should be received by the Agency. He also mentioned that he is working with Kennedy/Jenks on finalizing the application for the GSP implementation grant. Mr. Bondy said that he is waiting for a final report on the monitoring wells and the transfer of well ownership from DWR.

Director Chambers thanked Mr. Bondy for pushing on the grant money and asked about analysis of water quality. Mr. Bondy said that samples from three wells have been taken by UWCD staff involved in the monitoring work. He also said the wells have auto water level recording devices and that some wells will be sampled annually for water quality.

Informational item. No further questions or comments were offered by the Directors.

No public comments were offered.

## 9. MOTION ITEMS

### 9a. Updated Board of Directors Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2023

#### Motion

Executive Director Bondy reported that Jackie Lozano had polled the Directors for their preferences on meeting dates for 2023. The majority preferred the third Monday of each month for Mound Basin GSA Board meetings, except for the month of December, which will be on the third Thursday due to the holiday. Director Anselm thanked everyone for being accommodating.

Executive Director Bondy added that the first two meetings of 2023 are eligible for remote participation but as of the last day of February, the Governor will have rescinded the emergency Executive Order so March will revert to standard Brown Act compliance for remote meeting participation.

There were no questions from the Directors or further comments.

No comments or questions were offered by the public.

Motion to approve the proposed Monthly Meeting Calendar dates for 2023 as presented, Director Anselm; Seconded by Director Chambers. Roll call vote: Four ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Cooper, Mobley); none opposed; one absent (Everts). Motion carried 4/0/1.

### 9b. Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 Implementation Grant Application

#### Motion

Executive Director Bondy provided a summary of the draft Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 Implementation Grant Application. Executive Director Bondy answered questions from Director Chambers about monitoring well locations. Director Chambers offered to assist with working with landowners for the next well site.

No further questions or comments from the Directors.

No comments or questions were offered by the public.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-09, as prescribed by DWR, authorizing the Executive Director to file an application for a SGM implementation Round 2 Grant,

Director Anselm; Seconded by Director Cooper. Roll call vote: Four ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Cooper, Mobley); none opposed; one absent (Everts). Motion carried 4/0/1.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Mobley polled the Directors for any future agenda items. Director Chambers asked Director Cooper if the City has any updates on their wells. Director Cooper said the City is waiting for a variable frequency drive and chiller to startup well Mound 3, which have been delayed due to supply change issues. Well Mound 3 is expected to startup in about one month. She added that well Victoria 2 was drilled at the Government Center and is expected to be brought on-line in about one year.

**ADJOURNMENT 1:29 p.m.**

Chair Mobley adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m. to the next Regular Board of Directors meeting on December 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. or call of the Chair.

I certify that above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting of November 17, 2022.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper, Vice Chair/Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kris Sofley, Substitute Clerk of the Board



**Motion Item No. 6(b)**

**DATE:** January 23, 2023  
**TO:** Board of Directors and Executive Director  
**FROM:** Ambry Tibay, UWCD  
**SUBJECT:** Warrant Registers for December 2022 and January 2023

**SUMMARY:**

The Board will receive and review the monthly warrant registers for the Mound Basin GSA.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

UWCD accounting staff has prepared the December 2022 and January 2023 warrants based on the Mound Basin GSA payables and is recommending approval. All expenditures are in accordance with the Board approved budget and have been reviewed by the Executive Director.

**FISCAL SUMMARY:**

Not applicable.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Warrant Register for December 2022  
Attachment B - Warrant Register for January 2023

Action: _____
Motion: _____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> : _____
A.Anselm: _____ J.Chambers: _____ B.Cooper: _____ C.Everts: _____



Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
**Check Detail**  
December 1 - 14, 2022

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Original Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	11468	12/14/2022	A.J. Klein, Inc T. Denatale, B. Goldner	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-2,564.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11469	12/14/2022	Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-1,867.49
Bill Pmt -Check	11470	12/14/2022	Kennedy/Jenks Consultants	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-12,363.75
Bill Pmt -Check	11471	12/14/2022	United Water Conservation District	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-1,033.48
					<hr/> -17,828.72

Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Check Detail

January 1 - 18, 2023

Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Original Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	11472	01/10/2023	Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc		10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-1,400.62
Bill Pmt -Check	11473	01/10/2023	United Water Conservation District		10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-725.23
Bill Pmt -Check	11474	01/18/2023	INTERA Incorporated		10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-1,375.00
						<hr/> -3,500.85



**MoundBasin**  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

**Information Item No. 6(c)**

**DATE:** January 23, 2023  
**TO:** Board of Directors and Executive Director  
**FROM:** Ambry Tibay, UWCD  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Financial Reports

**SUMMARY**

The Board will receive the monthly financial reports for the Mound Basin GSA.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

UWCD accounting staff has prepared financial reports based on the Mound Basin GSA revenue and expenses for the months of November and December 2022.

**BACKGROUND**

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

Not applicable.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. November and December 2022 Profit/Loss Statements
- B. November and December Balance Sheets

**Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**  
**Profit & Loss Budget Performance**  
 July through November 2022

	<u>Jul - Nov 22</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>			
40001 · Groundwater Extraction Fees	0.00	365,800.00	0.00%
47000 · Other Revenue			
47001 · Late Fees	1,227.39		
<b>Total 47000 · Other Revenue</b>	<u>1,227.39</u>		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,227.39</u>	<u>365,800.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<u>1,227.39</u>	<u>365,800.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
52200 · Professional Services			
52240 · Prof Svcs - IT Consulting	136.82	1,050.00	13.03%
52250 · Prof Svcs - Post GSP Adoption	15,618.21	98,373.79	15.88%
52270 · Prof Svcs - Accounting	1,693.10	9,480.58	17.86%
52275 · Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd	3,102.86	5,097.09	60.88%
52280 · Prof Svcs - Executive Director	5,809.99	18,375.00	31.62%
<b>Total 52200 · Professional Services</b>	<u>26,360.98</u>	<u>132,376.46</u>	<u>19.91%</u>
52500 · Legal Fees			
52501 · Legal Counsel	4,724.00	12,000.00	39.37%
<b>Total 52500 · Legal Fees</b>	<u>4,724.00</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>39.37%</u>
53000 · Office Expenses			
53010 · Public Information	0.00	1,325.00	0.00%
53020 · Office Supplies	49.58	210.00	23.61%
53026 · Postage & Mailing	270.89	650.00	41.68%
53070 · Licenses, Permits & Fees	0.00	1,100.00	0.00%
53110 · Travel & Training	140.56	500.00	28.11%
<b>Total 53000 · Office Expenses</b>	<u>461.03</u>	<u>3,785.00</u>	<u>12.18%</u>
53111 · Office Expenses - Other	0.00	300.00	0.00%
53500 · Insurance			
53510 · Liability Insurance	5,498.63	5,361.30	102.56%
<b>Total 53500 · Insurance</b>	<u>5,498.63</u>	<u>5,361.30</u>	<u>102.56%</u>
70000 · Interest & Debt Service			
70120 · Interest Expense	216.31	1,238.00	17.47%
70130 · Principal Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total 70000 · Interest &amp; Debt Service</b>	<u>216.31</u>	<u>1,238.00</u>	<u>17.47%</u>
81000 · Contingency - Non Capital Expen	0.00	21,006.08	0.00%
82000 · Capital Expenditures			
82001 · Capital Project Expenditures	0.00	41,694.17	0.00%
82002 · Contingency - Capital	0.00	4,169.42	0.00%
<b>Total 82000 · Capital Expenditures</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>45,863.59</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>37,260.95</u>	<u>221,930.43</u>	<u>16.79%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-36,033.56</u></u>	<u><u>143,869.57</u></u>	<u><u>-16.79%</u></u>

**Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**  
**Profit & Loss Budget Performance**  
 July through December 2022

ATTACHMENT A

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52275 · Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd	3,452.93	5,097.09	67.74%
52280 · Prof Svcs - Executive Director	6,276.86	18,375.00	34.16%
<b>Total 52200 · Professional Services</b>	<u>28,450.82</u>	<u>132,376.46</u>	<u>21.49%</u>
52500 · Legal Fees			
52501 · Legal Counsel	4,724.00	12,000.00	39.37%
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53000 · Office Expenses			
53010 · Public Information	0.00	1,325.00	0.00%
53020 · Office Supplies	51.57	210.00	24.56%
53026 · Postage & Mailing	272.60	650.00	41.94%
53070 · Licenses, Permits & Fees	0.00	1,100.00	0.00%
53110 · Travel & Training	172.87	500.00	34.57%
<b>Total 53000 · Office Expenses</b>	<u>497.04</u>	<u>3,785.00</u>	<u>13.13%</u>
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<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>39,386.80</u>	<u>221,930.43</u>	<u>17.75%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-38,159.41</u></u>	<u><u>143,869.57</u></u>	<u><u>-17.75%</u></u>

**Balance Sheet**

As of November 30, 2022

	<u>November 2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
10000 · Bank of the Sierra	411,106.14
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>411,106.14</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	194,860.42
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>194,860.42</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>605,966.56</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>605,966.56</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
20000 · Accounts Payable	17,828.72
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>17,828.72</u>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
20001 · Advance from City of Ventura	0.00
20510 · Interest Payable	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>17,828.72</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	17,828.72
<b>Equity</b>	
32000 · Retained Earnings	624,171.40
Net Income	-36,033.56
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>588,137.84</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>605,966.56</u></u>

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

	<u>December 2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · Bank of the Sierra	404,435.50
Total Checking/Savings	<u>404,435.50</u>
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	183,702.34
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>183,702.34</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>588,137.84</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>588,137.84</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	2,125.85
Total Accounts Payable	<u>2,125.85</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
20001 · Advance from City of Ventura	0.00
20510 · Interest Payable	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>2,125.85</u>
Total Liabilities	2,125.85
<b>Equity</b>	
32000 · Retained Earnings	624,171.40
Net Income	<u>-38,159.41</u>
Total Equity	<u>586,011.99</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>588,137.84</u></b>

**New Teleconferencing Rules Under AB 2449**

Less than a quorum of Directors may participate remotely for either of the following reasons:

A. For “just cause”

IF YOU:	THEN:
A. Need to care for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner; OR	<p>You <u>must</u>:</p> <p>(1) Notify the Board of your need to participate remotely at earliest opportunity, including at the beginning of a meeting; AND</p> <p>(2) Provide general description of circumstances.</p> <p><u>Limit</u>: Can only participate remotely for “just cause” <b>2 times per year</b>.</p>
B. Have a contagious illness; OR	
C. Have a physical or mental disability; OR	
D. Are traveling while on District business or business on behalf of another state or local agency	

OR

B. In “emergency circumstances”

IF YOU:	THEN:
<p>Have an emergency, including:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A physical or family medical emergency that prevents you from attending in person</p> <p>“Emergency” for this reason is not defined other than this example</p>	<p>You <u>must</u>:</p> <p>(1) Request, at earliest opportunity (to allow posting on the agenda), to participate remotely; AND</p> <p>(2) Provide a written description (&lt; 20 words) of your emergency circumstance.</p> <p>The Board <u>must</u>:</p> <p>(1) Take action to approve the request; AND</p> <p>(2) Request general description (if not provided)</p> <p><u>Note</u>: If request does not allow sufficient time to place request on posted meeting agenda, Board may take action at beginning of meeting to add the request for approval to the agenda by majority vote.</p>

IF you participate remotely, you **MUST**:

- A. Publicly disclose at the start of meeting if any person 18 years or older is present in the room & your relationship to that person;
- B. Have both audio and visual on.

Regardless of reason (i.e., just cause or emergency circumstances), Directors **CANNOT** participate remotely for more than:

- A. 3 consecutive months; OR
- B. 20% of the regular Board meetings during the calendar year.





# MoundBasin

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

## Information Item No. 9

**DATE:** January 23, 2023  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Executive Director Update

### SUMMARY

The following are updates on Agency activities since the last Board meeting.

1. Administrative: No update.
2. Financial:
  - a. Invoices for the 2022-1 semi-annual period (January – June 2022) were issued in late August and were due October 1, 2022. As of December 12, 2022, all invoices were paid.
  - b. Invoices for the 2022-2 semi-annual period (August – December 2022) are scheduled to be mailed in March 2023.
3. Legal: No update.
4. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Implementation:
  - a. GSP: The GSP is under review by the Department of Water Resources.
  - b. GSP Development Grant:
    - i. Progress report and invoice no. 12 was submitted to DWR on April 25, 2022, and approved November 1, 2022. Payment in the amount of \$106,022.61 had not been received as of December 31, 2022 but is expected soon.
    - ii. The required grant closeout report and retention release request were submitted to DWR on April 25, 2022. Retention payment in the amount of \$75,792.14 is expected 1-2 months after DWR approval.
  - c. SGMA Implementation Grant:
    - i. The grant application was submitted on December 9, 2022.

- d. Groundwater Monitoring Well – DWR Technical Support Services (TSS): DWR is working on closing out the project and transferring custody of the wells to MBGSA. UWCD groundwater monitoring staff worked on adding the well to their monitoring schedule.
  - e. Shallow Groundwater Level Monitoring: Monitoring activities are ongoing by UWCD on behalf of MBGSA.
5. Miscellaneous: The Executive Director is coordinating with other small GSAs in the State to form a coalition to lobby the State for funding for small GSAs.
  6. Correspondence: A yearend accomplishments email was sent to the interested parties email list (Attachment A).

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

Receive an update from the Executive Director on activities since the previous board meeting.

**BACKGROUND**

Not applicable

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

Not applicable.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Year-end Accomplishments Email

**Bryan Bondy**

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**From:** Jackie Lozano <Jackiel@unitedwater.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2022 2:00 PM  
**To:** Jackie Lozano  
**Subject:** Mound Basin GSA 2022 RECAP

Dear MBGSA Interested Parties,

2022 was a pivotal year for Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MBGSA)! As we close out 2022, we would like to take a moment to briefly review MBGSA's 2022 accomplishments:

- Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Submittal: MBGSA submitted its initial [groundwater sustainability plan \(GSP\)](#) for the Mound Groundwater Basin to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for assessment in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Following GSP submittal, MBGSA immediately turned its attention to implementation:

- Annual Report: MBGSA completed its [first SGMA required annual report](#) covering the period ending September 30, 2021, and submitted the report to DWR in March 2022.
- Shallow Groundwater Monitoring Initiated: UVRGA expanded its field monitoring programs to begin tracking shallow groundwater levels near the Santa Clara River and its estuary. This project, in partnership with the City of Ventura, will provide data to further evaluate the effects of groundwater extraction on interconnected surface water and groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs).
- Monitoring Well Cluster Constructed: A cluster of monitoring wells of different depths was successfully constructed at the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility near Harbor Blvd. The monitoring well cluster will be used to monitor for seawater intrusion into the principal aquifers of the basin and to augment the shallow groundwater level monitoring program discussed above. The project was fully funded by the DWR through its Technical Support Services program, saving MBGSA ratepayers approximately \$750,000! Many thanks to DWR for completing this project!!!
- SGMA Implementation Grant Application: In December 2022, MBGSA applied for a \$3.8 Million SGMA implementation grant to fund most of the GSP implementation activities scheduled for the next several years.

As we look ahead to 2023, MBGSA is hopeful that DWR will award the SGMA implementation grant, as this will significantly reduce the financial burden on rate payers in the basin (we hope to hear back from DWR in spring 2023). MBGSA also looks forward to continuing implementation of the GSP and hopes that you will engage in our process. To learn more, please visit our website at <https://www.moundbasingsa.org/> and/or join us at our [next meeting](#).

MBGSA wishes you a very happy new year!

*We'll see you in 2023!!!*

Bryan Bondy, PG, CHG  
Executive Director  
Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency



## Motion Item No. 10(a)

**DATE:** January 23, 2023  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Agency Officer Appointments and Required Bond

### SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Board appoint a chair, vice chair/secretary, and a treasurer to serve during calendar year 2022. Appointment of an Agency representative (chair) by United Water Conservation District will be announced at its Regular Board of Directors meeting on February 8, 2023.

Pursuant to Government Code section 6505.1, a bond is required for the Treasurer. A \$5,000 bond was obtained in 2021 that expires in April 2023. Therefore, the staff requests renewal of the bond for an additional three-year term prior to expiration unless the Board determines that it would like to change the bond amount and term.

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Appoint a vice chair/secretary and a treasurer to serve during calendar year 2023.
2. Appoint a chair at the next Board of Directors meeting.
3. Confirm renewal of the existing Treasurer bond and term is sufficient or provide direction concerning obtaining a new bond.

### BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) Article 7, the Board of Directors shall select officers annually at the first Board meeting following January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Officers may serve for multiple consecutive terms, with no term limit. The 2022 Officers were as follows:

- Chair: Mike Mobley
- Vice Chair/Secretary: Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper
- Treasurer: Arne Anselm

Government Code section 6505.1, the JPA agreement §13.3, and the GSA Bylaws §4.4 require the Treasurer to post a bond for an amount determined by the GSA. The current Treasurer bond is \$5,000, expires in April 2023, and is up for renewal.

### FISCAL SUMMARY

Bonds have a nominal fee.

Action: _____
Motion: _____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> : _____
A.Anselm: _____ J.Chambers: _____ B.Cooper: _____ C.Everts: _____



# MoundBasin

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

## Motion Item No. 10(b)

**DATE:** January 23, 2023  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Stakeholder Engagement Plan Annual Review

### SUMMARY

The Executive Director is charged with performing annual reviews of the Agency’s Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) and presenting any recommended updates for Board consideration. Recommended updates to the SEP are included in Attachment A. This year’s proposed updates focus on updating the SEP to reflect the fact that the Agency has transitioned from GSP development to GSP implementation.

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approve the Stakeholder Engagement Plan update.

### BACKGROUND

The Stakeholder Engagement Plan was adopted by the Board on October 18, 2018. The plan states that the plan will be updated annually.

### FISCAL SUMMARY

Stakeholder Engagement Plan reviews and updates are included in the Agency’s annual budget.

### ATTACHMENT

A. Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan Update

Action: _____ Motion: _____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> : _____ A.Anselm: _____ J.Chambers: _____ B.Cooper: _____ C.Everts: _____
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**STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN**  
**MOUND BASIN**  
**(4-004.03) VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**  
**(SGMA) PROGRAM**

**PREPARED BY THE MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER**  
**SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

**UPDATED AND ADOPTED ~~OCTOBER 21,~~**  
**2021 JANUARY 23, 2023**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

This Stakeholder Engagement Plan (Engagement Plan) summarizes the strategies to educate and involve stakeholders (those individuals and representatives of organizations who have a direct stake in the outcome of the planning process) and other interested parties in the ~~preparation and implementation, assessment, and updating~~ of ~~a-the~~ Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Mound Basin – Department of Water Resources (DWR) Basin No. 4-004.03 (Figure 1). ~~This GSP will be prepared in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which was signed by Governor Brown in September 2014 and became effective January 1, 2015.~~

SGMA provides a framework to regulate groundwater for the first time in California’s history. SGMA’s intent is to strengthen local management of specified groundwater basins that are most critical to the state’s water needs by regulating groundwater and land use management activities. SGMA also aims to preserve the jurisdictional authorities of cities, counties and water agencies within groundwater basins while protecting existing surface water and groundwater rights. Additionally, SGMA requires and directs GSAs to encourage active involvement of stakeholders and interested parties in the process to sustainability manage the basin.

The Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MBGSA or Agency), a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), was formed by three local agencies: County of Ventura (County), City of San Buenaventura (City), and United Water Conservation District (UWCD). There was extensive stakeholder engagement during that process. The governing board consists of one representative from each of those agencies plus two stakeholder directors representing environmental and agricultural interests. The GSA is responsible for developing ~~and implementing~~ GSP for the Mound Basin to achieve long-term groundwater sustainability. ~~This The GSP will was be prepared in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which was signed by Governor Brown in September 2014 and became effective January 1, 2015 and was adopted by MBGSA on November 18, 2021. Additionally, SGMA requires and directs GSAs to encourage active involvement of stakeholders and interested parties in the process to sustainability manage the basin.~~

# 2 PURPOSE

The purpose of the outreach activities described in this Engagement Plan is to encourage the active involvement of individual stakeholders and stakeholder organizations, and other interested parties in the ~~development and implementation, assessment, and updating~~ of the GSP for the Mound Basin. ~~This GSP is required under SGMA to be completed no later than January 31, 2022.~~ The projects and management actions necessary to implement the GSP could affect individuals and groups who have a stake in ensuring the basin is sustainably managed as required by SGMA.

In an effort to understand and involve stakeholders and their interests in the decision- making and activities, the MBGSA ~~has prepared~~ and regularly updates this Engagement Plan to encourage broad, enduring and productive involvement during the GSP development and, now, –the implementation phases. This Engagement Plan ~~will assist~~ the MBGSA in providing timely information to stakeholders and receive input from interested parties ~~during GSP development~~. This Engagement Plan ~~will identify~~ stakeholders who have an interest in groundwater in the Mound Basin, and recommends outreach, education, and communication strategies for engaging those stakeholders ~~during the development and implementation of the GSP~~. The plan also includes an approach for evaluating the overall success of stakeholder engagement and education of both stakeholders and the public. In consideration of the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the basin, this Engagement Plan has been developed pursuant to California Water Code Section 10723.2. Additionally, this Engagement Plan has been developed to encourage the



active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the Mound Basin, in accordance with GSP Regulations Section 354.10.

### 3 GENERAL INFORMATION

The following personnel will serve as contacts for the public during GSA formation and GSP preparation.

#### 3.1 Clerk of the Board

For general information about MBGSA and the GSP status, contact:

Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board, (805) 525-4431, email [jackiel@unitedwater.org](mailto:jackiel@unitedwater.org).

#### 3.2 Executive Director

MBGSA's Executive Director will be available for stakeholders and the public seeking specific detailed information about the GSP, contact:

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director, (805) 212-0484, email  
[bryan@moundbasingsa.org](mailto:bryan@moundbasingsa.org) [bryan@bondygroundwater.com](mailto:bryan@bondygroundwater.com).

### 4 OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

MBGSA ~~will~~ will implement the following outreach activities to maximize stakeholder involvement during the development of the GSP and will continue throughout ~~SGMA-GSP~~ implementation.

#### 4.1 Public Notices

To ensure that the general public is apprised of local activities and allow stakeholders to access information, SGMA specifies several public notice requirements for GSAs. Refer to Table 1 in Appendix A for a summary of statutory requirements. Three sections of the California Water Code require public notice before establishing a GSA, adopting (or amending) a GSP, or imposing or increasing fees:

- Section 10723(b). “Before electing to be a groundwater sustainability agency, and after publication of notice pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code, the local agency or agencies shall hold a public hearing in the county or counties overlying the basin.” In accordance with California Water Code Section 10723(b), the following was noticed to the public: On June 22, 2017, the MBGSA held a public hearing to consider becoming a GSA for the Mound Basin. The public hearing was noticed in the *Ventura County Star* in accordance with Government Code Section 6066.
- Section 10728.4. “A groundwater sustainability agency may adopt or amend a groundwater sustainability plan after a public hearing, held at least 90 days after providing notice to a city or county within the area of the proposed plan or amendment. ...” A public hearing notice was printed in the *Ventura County Star* on November 3, 2021 in accordance with Government Code Section 6066 prior to adopting the GSP. Public notices will be printed in the *Ventura County Star* or other appropriate publication prior to holding public hearings for any future GSP amendments.
- Section 10730(b)(1). “Prior to imposing or increasing a fee, a groundwater sustainability agency shall hold at least one public meeting, at which oral or written presentations may be made as part of the meeting....(3) At least 10 days prior to the meeting, the groundwater sustainability agency shall make available to the public data upon which the proposed fee is based.” ~~In accordance with California Water Code Section 10730(b)(1), the following~~

~~was noticed to the public: On August 23, 2018, the MBGSA held a public hearing to consider establishing a groundwater extraction fee. The public hearing was noticed in the *Ventura County Star* in accordance with Government Code Section 6066 and data upon which the fee is based was posted to the MBGSA website and mailed to all entities on the interested parties list prior to the meeting. Public hearing notices have been printed in the *Ventura County Star* in accordance with Government Code Section 6066 prior to adopting groundwater extraction fees each year.~~

- Future noticing will occur as required by SGMA.

## 4.2 Stakeholder Identification

Pursuant to Water Code Sections 10723.8(a)(4) and 10723.2, the Agency will consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing a GSP.

MBGSA ~~has~~ engaged stakeholders ~~in the~~ during development of the Agency to serve as the GSA. For example, during development of the joint powers authority agreement (“JPA Agreement”) forming the Agency, the signatory members held numerous public meetings to discuss important terms to be included in the JPA Agreement. The signatory members also held multiple stakeholder outreach meetings to engage and educate stakeholders within the Mound Basin about the SGMA requirements the JPA Agreement, and the Agency’s intention to form a GSA for the Mound Basin. In addition to the Agency’s public outreach efforts, it also designated two seats on its five-seat Board of Directors for Stakeholder Directors: one seat is reserved for an Agricultural Stakeholder Director and one seat is reserved for an Environmental Stakeholder Director.

The Agency plans to continue its practice of seeking broad stakeholder engagement in management of the Mound Basin’s groundwater resources as it ~~undertakes the process to develop and implement the Plan for the Mound Basin over the next several years~~ implements the GSP.

SGMA mandates that a GSA establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding ~~plan~~ GSP preparation and implementation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents. The MBGSA compiled a list of interested persons for this purpose that ~~will has been be~~ maintained since the initial ~~throughout the~~ GSA formation ~~and GSP development phases~~ efforts. ~~An initial list of~~ The list of stakeholders and interested parties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:
  - 1) Agricultural well owners - There are agricultural users of groundwater operating on land overlying the Basin. To account for these users’ interests, the Agency designated a seat on its five-member governing board to be filled by an Agricultural Stakeholder Director. The Agricultural Stakeholder Director ~~will be~~ is appointed from nominations received by the Mound Basin Ag Water Group (MBAWG) or the Ventura County Farm Bureau. The Agricultural Stakeholder Director is responsible for engaging the Basin’s agricultural users of groundwater and representing their interests before the Agency.
  - 2) Domestic well owners - There are no domestic wells ~~overlying in~~ the Basin.
  - 3) Industrial well owners - Two industrial wells have been identified in the basin: Saticoy Lemon Association (lemon packing facility cooperative) and Ivy Lawn Cemetery Association. Given Saticoy Lemon Association’s ties to agriculture, the Agricultural Stakeholder Director ~~will be~~ is responsible for engaging this stakeholder. The Executive Director ~~will be~~ is responsible for engaging Ivy

Lawn Memorial.

- 4) Other - The County of Ventura operates a well for landscape irrigation at the County Government Center. The County is represented on the Agency's Board of Directors.
- b) Municipal Well Operators - The Agency is a joint powers authority created by three local public agencies. One of the Agency's signatory members—the City of San Buenaventura operates municipal wells within the Basin and is represented on the Agency's Board of Directors.
- c) Public water systems
  - 1) Ventura Water (City of San Buenaventura)

The City of San Buenaventura is a signatory member to the JPA Agreement forming the Agency and is represented on the Agency's Board of Directors.
- d) Local land use planning agencies - Both the County of Ventura ("County") and the City of San Buenaventura have land use planning authority on land overlying the Basin. Both are signatory members to the JPA Agreement forming the Agency and are represented on the Agency's Board of Directors.
- e) Environmental - There are several environmental organizations dedicated to preserving and maintaining environmental values operating within the boundaries of the Basin. To account for these users' interests, the Agency designated a seat on its five-member governing board to be filled by an Environmental Stakeholder Director. The Environmental Stakeholder Director ~~will be~~ appointed from nominations received from local environmental nonprofit organizations supportive of the Basin's groundwater sustainability. The Environmental Stakeholder Director is responsible for engaging stakeholders within the Basin and representing environmental interests before the Agency.
- f) Surface Water Users There are no permitted or ~~licenses~~ licensed surface water diversions within the Basin.
- g) The federal government - No land overlying the Mound Basin is managed by the Federal Government.
- h) California Native American Tribes – There are no tribal trust lands located within the Basin. However, the Mound Basin lies within the traditional tribal territory of the Chumash. The Agency has contacted the tribal representative –to encourage engagement with MBGSA ~~will ensure that a Chumash representative is on the Agency's interested parties list, in order to receive notices of all Agency meetings and other stakeholder involvement opportunities.~~
- i) Disadvantaged communities - There are no disadvantaged communities served by private domestic wells or small community water systems located within the Basin. The City of San Buenaventura (City) serves the areas indicated by DWR as Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) and Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDACs). Outreach to DAC's ~~shall be~~ accomplished via bill stuffers or other means through the City's water department (Ventura Water), including materials provided in Spanish.
- j) Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater

elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency. The County is the designated California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (“CASGEM”) entity for the Basin. The County is a signatory member to the JPA Agreement forming the Agency and represented on the Agency’s Board of Directors.

- k) Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) - CMWD is a wholesale water agency that provides a portion of the potable water supplied by Ventura Water within the Basin. CMWD does not operate any facilities in the Basin. CMWD’s service area overlaps with a western portion of the Basin.

MBGSA ~~intends to~~has ~~work~~ed cooperatively with partner agencies, stakeholders, and interested parties to develop and now implement the GSP for the Mound Basin and will maintain a list of stakeholders and interested parties ~~to be included in the formation of the GSP.~~

A person can be added to the interested parties list by submitting an inquiry via the MBGSA website: <http://moundbasingsa.org/contact-us/> or by contacting the Clerk of the Board.

### 4.3 Integrated Regional Water Management

The Watershed Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) prepared an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan in 2006 and has been updated multiple times since. The Santa Clara River Watershed Committee, a sub organization of WCVC, is actively involved in the community on a wide range of issues affecting the watershed, including the Mound Basin. Since this group provides a forum for the discussion of issues that are important to the community, it is important for this group to be well informed ~~throughout GSP development~~about groundwater management in the Mound Basin. Representatives from the MBGSA attend ~~Council committee~~ meetings and provide ~~up to date information updates~~ and ~~hear receive~~ feedback from Council members.

### 4.4 Public Hearings/Meetings

#### 4.4.1 Planning Commission

~~As appropriate, Periodic~~ updates on SGMA implementation will be provided to the City of Ventura Planning Commission and the Ventura County Planning Commission and the public will be invited to listen.

#### 4.4.2 Public Meetings

Comprehensive stakeholder involvement ~~will include~~s regularly scheduled public meetings to aid in ~~developing and~~ implementing assessing, and updating the GSP. Logical subdivisions of the GSP will be the subject of public meetings to receive comments prior ~~to approval~~approving any updates. In addition to signing up to receive information about GSP ~~development~~implementation at the MBGSA webpage, interested parties may participate in the ~~development and~~ implementation of the GSP by attending and participating in public meetings (Water Code Section 10727.8(a)). Public meetings are generally held at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, California 93001. Future public meetings will generally be held at this location, although some meetings may be moved to other locations depending on meeting room availability. Each meeting will have a scheduled time for public comments. ~~While the California Governor’s Executive Stay at Home Order and the County of Ventura Health Officer Declared Local Health Emergency and Be Well at Home Order remain in effect, meetings will be held on-line. When appropriate, on-line meetings will include polling features to facilitate stakeholder input.~~ Information about upcoming meetings can be found on the MBGSA website: <http://moundbasingsa.org>.

#### 4.4.3 Local Agency Meetings

To ensure their constituency is kept informed of ~~the progress of GSP development and implementation~~ progress, the Directors representing MBGSA member agencies, which consist of County of Ventura, City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District ~~have committed to providing~~ provide periodic updates during their regularly scheduled board meetings. These meetings offer a chance for the public to receive information and provide comment. Information about upcoming meetings is provided on the following agency websites, or by the means each agency currently meets its legal noticing requirements, whichever is appropriate:

<http://cityofventura.ca.gov>

<http://ventura.org> (Board of Supervisors)

<https://www.unitedwater.org/>

#### 4.5 Direct Mailings/Email

Public meetings and project information ~~will be~~ is disseminated through email, from the Agency office, or direct mail under special circumstances if requested. This communication ~~will provide~~ s information for the community, public agencies, and other interested persons/organizations about milestones, meetings, and the progress of GSP ~~development~~ implementation. Property owners with groundwater wells within the basin ~~are~~ have been notified via email and/or direct mailings about the establishment of an interested persons list and ~~given~~ the opportunity to receive future notices.

#### 4.6 Newsletters/Columns

Periodic GSP newsletters ~~will be~~ are developed and sent to the interested parties and posted on the website. Periodic updates may be provided to the *Ventura County Star* newspapers to advise, educate, and inform the public on SGMA implementation.

#### 4.7 MBGSA Website

Regular updates on the GSP ~~development and~~ implementation ~~will be~~ are provided on the MBGSA website. This information ~~will include~~ s maps, timelines, frequently asked questions, groundwater information, and schedules/agenda of upcoming meetings and milestones. This information ~~will be~~ is accessible on the MBGSA website: <http://moundbasingsa.org>. MBGSA staff ~~will update~~ s the website regularly and ~~invites~~ s users to request information or be added to the interested persons list. ~~In addition, general information about SGMA and groundwater conditions will be available on UWCD's website.~~

#### 4.8 Database

To distribute information about GSP development, an email list ~~has been compiled into a database~~ of interested persons and stakeholders is maintained. The database ~~will be~~ is updated regularly to add names of attendees at public meetings along with those requesting information via email or the through the MBGSA website.

#### 4.9 Tribal Engagement

There are no tribal trust lands located within the Basin. However, the Mound Basin lies within the traditional tribal territory of the Chumash. MBGSA ~~will inform the~~ contacted Tribal Elder, Julie Tumamait, and Tribal representative Walter Viar ~~throughout the~~ during GSP development ~~process and GSP implementation~~ to encourage tribal participation.

#### 4.10 Additional Opportunities

Additional opportunities for stakeholder participation (e.g., an advisory committee) will be considered as GSP ~~development~~ implementation progresses and as stakeholder interests evolve.

## 5 EVALUATION

To determine the level of success of the Engagement Plan, the MBGSA ~~will~~implements the following measures:

### 5.1 Attendance/Participation

A record of those attending public meetings ~~will be is~~ maintained ~~throughout the GSP development process~~. MBGSA ~~will~~utilizes sign-in sheets and requests feedback from attendees to determine adequacy of public education and productive engagement in the GSP ~~development and~~ implementation process. Meeting minutes ~~will are~~ also be prepared and ~~will be are~~ provided on the MBGSA website once approved.

### 5.2 Polling

Polls ~~will be are~~ used to determine how stakeholders are receiving notices about GSP status and meetings and if any stakeholder categories require additional outreach. Polls ~~will are~~ also be used to determine topics of most interest and the level of information that is desired for specific topics. Outreach methods ~~will be are~~ tailored based on polling responses.

### ~~5.3 Adherence to Schedule~~

~~Public participation in developing sustainable management criteria and projects and management actions for inclusion in the GSP is instrumental to the success of the GSP. Keeping these tasks on schedule will be an important indicator of stakeholder involvement. GSP development updates will be provided at each Regular Board of Directors meeting. A GSP development schedule will be developed and updated monthly.~~

### 5.4 Plan Update

This Plan will be updated ~~at least~~ annually.

## APPENDIX A

### TABLE 1

<i>During GSA Formation:</i>	
“Before electing to be a groundwater sustainability agency... the local agency or agencies shall hold a public hearing.”	Water Code Sec. 10723 (b)
“A list of interested parties [shall be] developed [along with] an explanation of how their interests will be considered.”	Water Code Sec. 10723.8.(a)(4)
<i>During GSP Development and Implementation:</i>	
“A groundwater sustainability agency may adopt or amend a groundwater sustainability plan after a public hearing.”	Water Code Sec. 10728.4
“Prior to imposing or increasing a fee, a groundwater sustainability agency shall hold at least one public meeting.”	Water Code Sec. 10730(b)(1)
“The groundwater sustainability agency shall establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents.”	Water Code Sec. 10723.4
“Any federally recognized Indian Tribe... may voluntarily agree to participate in the preparation or administration of a groundwater sustainability plan or groundwater management plan... A participating Tribe shall be eligible to participate fully in planning, financing, and management under this part.”	Water Code Sec. 10720.3(c)
“The groundwater sustainability agency shall make available to the public and the department a written statement describing the manner in which interested parties may participate in the development and implementation of the groundwater sustainability plan.”	Water Code Sec. 10727.8(a)
<i>Throughout SGMA Implementation:</i>	
“The groundwater sustainability agency shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater.”	Water Code Sec. 10723.2
“The groundwater sustainability agency shall encourage the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the groundwater basin.”	Water Code Sec. 10727.8(a)

FIGURE 1

