

MINUTES

Owens Valley Groundwater Authority

Board Members:

INDIAN CREEK-WESTRIDGE CSD	Luis Elias	BIG PINE CSD	BryAnna Vaughan
COUNTY OF MONO	Rhonda Duggan	LONE PINE PAIUTE SHOSHONE TRIBE	Mel Joseph
CITY OF BISHOP	Karen Kong	OWENS VALLEY COMMITTEE	Mary Roper
COUNTY OF INYO	Dan Totheroh		

April 8, 2021

The Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. via videoconference.

1. Pledge of allegiance

The Chairperson led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Public Comment

The Chairperson opened up public comment and there was no one wishing to address the Board of Directors.

3. Introductions

The Board introduced themselves with no alternates in attendance.

4. Approval of minutes from the March 11, 2021 Board meeting

The Chairperson requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting. Motion to approve by Rhonda Duggan, seconded by Dan Totheroh. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias – Y, Rhonda Duggan – Y, Karen Kong – Y, Dan Totheroh - Y, BryAnna Vaughan – Y, Mel Joseph - Y, Mary Roper - Y . Motion passed 7 Yes.

5. Board Member Reports

Rhonda Duggan stated she took a tour of the Owens Dry Lake with GBSPCD officer Phil Kiddoo which was very informative; and Mono is preparing for fishing season opener with really increased traffic already. BryAnna Vaughan stated the BPCSD put water conservation efforts in approximately four years ago and have kept them and would promote that everyone conserve water.

6. OVGA staff reports

a. Financial Report

Laura Piper, Inyo County Water Department provided the financial report and stated the OVGA cash balance is \$147,174.99; expenses were \$16,699.25 to the consultant, staff costs \$18,767.23, and advertising costs of \$597.52; a grant reimbursement was received that will be reflected on next meetings financial report; and stated the audit was received and there were no findings and would be presented at a future meeting for review.

7. Stakeholder engagement update

Dr. Steinwand stated he reached out to the four tribes in the Owens Valley; the Item #10 arose out of the meeting with Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribe; gave a presentation to the Bishop Tribal Council and was recommended to work with the Owens Valley Indian Water Commission; a meeting is scheduled with the Environmental Director of the Fort Independence Tribe in April; comments of the stakeholder outreach will be provided to the Board in a memo.

8. Consideration of final 2021-2022 OVGA budget

Dr. Steinwand presented the proposed final 2021-2022 OVGA budget. The Chairperson requested a motion to approve the 2021-2022 OVGA budget. Motion to approve by Dan Totheroh, seconded by Mary Roper. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias –

Y, Rhonda Duggan – Y, Karen Kong – Y, Dan Totheroh - Y, BryAnna Vaughan – Y, Mel Joseph - Y, Mary Roper - Y . Motion passed 7 Yes.

9. Adopt First Amendment to the OVGA Conflict of Interest Code

John Vallejo stated at the February meeting the proposed Conflict of Interest Code was presented; there was a 45 day comment period for public and staff; and is presented today for the Boards approval. The Chairperson requested a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Code. Motion to approve by Luis Elias, seconded by Karen Kong. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias – Y, Rhonda Duggan – Y, Karen Kong – Y, Dan Totheroh - Y, BryAnna Vaughan – Y, Mel Joseph - Y, Mary Roper - Y . Motion passed 7 Yes.

10. Discussion of Owens Lake Management Area

Dr. Steinwand stated this item was requested at the last meeting as a follow up from a discussion with the Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribal staff and Chairperson; requesting further discussion on jurisdictional and environmental issues. He provided a PowerPoint presentation with review on the items requested; discussed the three management areas; and a review of LADWP's proposed groundwater development project. Mel Joseph stated the issue is LADWP wants to water bank on LADWP property between the Owens Lake bed and the reservation; they are aware the GSP cannot regulate because it's outside of their jurisdiction, they feel the GSP should monitor the water banking for potential contamination of aquifers and environmental degradation on the adjoining lands. Sally Manning stated the presentation made her wonder if State Lands can regulate groundwater independent of the GSP and Inyo County; she stated the tribe submitted comments on LADWP's proposed pumping of this well; and you can't pump a new area and expect no impacts. Nancy Masters stated it's the first time she's heard about the water banking by LADWP in the south county in this area; Dr. Steinwand stated it's in the conceptual stage. The Board and staff discussed this item in detail. Sally Manning stated LADWP's project is to water bank excess water.

11. Direction to staff to submit a project for Tri-Valley groundwater model development to the IRWMP for consideration in the next round of Proposition 1 IRWM funding

Dr. Steinwand stated the IRWMP has a competitive grant program through Prop 1 funding; there is no obligation to have a project added to a list for future consideration; He is requesting approval to put this project on the eligibility list and this would be helpful to the data gaps with the GSP. Wendy Sugimura stated initially Mono County brought this to the TVGMD to see if they had interest in putting this project on the eligibility list of which they were opposed too; and felt they could not take on pursuing a grant. Holly Alpert provided information on the process of the grant; eligibility list; and when the funding is expected. Tony Morgan stated OVGA has the ability to bundle other needs under this grant such as new monitoring wells if necessary as well. Peter Stickells stated Wendy summed up well the Tri Valley Board meeting discussion; the Tri-Valley considers it their authority to apply for this grant and not the OVGA. The Board and staff discussed this item in detail. Alisa Ellsworth wanted to add the perspective that although they respect the legislative authority of the TVGMD they really have admitted they don't have the ability to manage their groundwater resources and the Ca Dept. of Fish & Wildlife believes there is an immediate threat to Fish Slough through groundwater pumping and they would support moving forward with this grant. Carol Ann Mitchell stated the TVGMD is awaiting a decision on their request to have their GSA status reinstated and that uncertainty affected the Tri-Valley Board's decision. Dr. Steinwand stated we are waiting on a information in writing from DWR regarding the matter. The Chairperson requested a motion to approve the submittal of a project for Tri-Valley groundwater model development to the IRWMP for consideration. Motion to approve by Dan Totheroh, seconded by Mary Roper. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias – Y, Rhonda Duggan – N, Karen Kong – Y, Dan Totheroh - Y, BryAnna Vaughan – Y, Mel Joseph - Y, Mary Roper - Y . Motion passed 6 Yes, 1 No.

12. Discussion regarding future agenda items

Dr. Steinwand stated a member of the State Lands Commission offered to have a future agenda item to explain the jurisdictional issues and address questions on how pumping will be handled; stated there may not be a need to have a meeting until the administrative draft of the GSP is available; and there is no pressing business at this time. Dan Totheroh requested an update on Indian Wells Valley, runoff forecast and snowpack. Edie Trimmer asked if the LADWP pumping plan will impact the areas governed by the OVGA and is that something that needs to be on the agenda. Dr. Steinwand stated there is no formal involvement for the OVGA regarding the pumping plan.

13. Adjourn

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3:31 pm.

COUNTY OF INYO

Budget to Actuals with Encumbrances by Key/Obj

Ledger: GL

As Of 7/13/2021

Object	Description	Budget	Actual	Encumbrance	Balance	
Key: 621601 - OVGA-OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER						
Revenue						
4301	INTEREST FROM TREASURY	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00
4498	STATE GRANTS	311,284.00	0.00	0.00	311,284.00	0.00
4599	OTHER AGENCIES	249,195.00	0.00	0.00	249,195.00	0.00
Revenue Total:		564,479.00	0.00	0.00	564,479.00	
Expenditure						
5129	INTERNAL COPY CHARGES	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
5155	PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,500.00	2,473.00	0.00	27.00	98.92
5263	ADVERTISING	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
5265	PROFESSIONAL & SPECIAL	314,834.00	0.00	0.00	314,834.00	0.00
5291	OFFICE, SPACE & SITE RENTAL	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
5311	GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSE	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
5539	OTHER AGENCY	104,470.00	0.00	0.00	104,470.00	0.00
5901	CONTINGENCIES	13,290.00	0.00	0.00	13,290.00	0.00
Expenditure Total:		440,594.00	2,473.00	0.00	438,121.00	
621601	Key Total:	123,885.00	(2,473.00)	0.00	126,358.00	

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DR									
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GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD20603A Job:2937411	OH	06/10/21	02937411	0.00	0.00	0.00
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GL 621601-4301	INTEREST	2ND QRT 20/21 INTEREST	JE	03/08/21	02870655	0.00	866.84	1,893.97
GL 621601-4301	INTEREST	3RD QRT 20/21 INTEREST	JE	04/19/21	02897691	0.00	399.70	2,293.67
*****Total *OBJT 4301		INTEREST FROM TREASURY	CR			0.00	2,293.67	2,293.67
GL 621601-4498	JA20052	CR121950:I#2	JE	06/27/21	02968811	0.00	123,708.05	123,708.05
GL 621601-4498	JA20052	CR123416:I#3	JE	06/27/21	02968811	0.00	129,727.61	253,435.66
GL 621601-4498	JA20052	CR124555:I#4&5	JE	06/27/21	02968811	0.00	51,369.15	304,804.81
*****Total *OBJT 4498		STATE GRANTS	CR			0.00	304,804.81	304,804.81
GL 621601-4599	JE37035	20/21 INYO OVGA CONTRIBUTION	JE	07/22/20	02728031	0.00	75,513.66	75,513.66
GL 621601-4599	CR119092	I#3 OVGA GSP CONTRIBUTION	CR	07/22/20	02728577	0.00	52,859.66	128,373.32
GL 621601-4599	JE37069	I#3 OVGA GSP DEVELOPMENT	JE	07/29/20	02733834	0.00	22,654.00	151,027.32
GL 621601-4599	CR119368	I#3 WESTRIDGE/INDIAN CREEK	CR	08/05/20	02739981	0.00	22,654.00	173,681.32
GL 621601-4599	CR119566	I#3 20/21 OVGA-MONO CO 2020-21	CR	08/18/20	02749131	0.00	75,513.66	249,194.98
*****Total *OBJT 4599		OTHER AGENCIES	CR			0.00	249,194.98	249,194.98
GL 621601-5155	GS200710060	GOLDEN STATE PI ACCT#OWENVAL	OH	09/01/20	02759412	2,494.90	0.00	2,494.90
GL 621601-5155	2122 PREPAID	UA414926:GOLDEN STATE RISK MAN	JE	07/08/21	02957191	2,473.00	0.00	4,967.90
*****Total *OBJT 5155		PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE	DR			4,967.90	0.00	4,967.90
GL 621601-5263	70243	INYO REGISTER, CUST#01110862	OH	07/28/20	02733181	165.40	0.00	165.40
GL 621601-5263	8660	THE SHEET INC INYO COUNTY WATE	OH	03/16/21	02875609	280.00	0.00	445.40
GL 621601-5263	13646	SIERRA READER INYO COUNTY WATE	OH	03/19/21	02878154	317.52	0.00	762.92
*****Total *OBJT 5263		ADVERTISING	DR			762.92	0.00	762.92
GL 621601-5265	042420	FECHTER & COMPA 18/19 AUDIT OV	OH	10/30/20	02796227	2,275.00	0.00	2,275.00
GL 621601-5265	244576	DANIEL B STEPHE INVO CO PROJ#D	OH	11/12/20	02803602	78,259.75	0.00	80,534.75
GL 621601-5265	6607	ALPEN ARTE OVGA WEBSITE DESIG	OH	11/24/20	02811282	10,800.00	0.00	91,334.75
GL 621601-5265	245042	DANIEL B STEPHE INVO CO PROJ#D	OH	11/30/20	02812959	36,818.00	0.00	128,152.75
GL 621601-5265	111220	FECHTER & COMPA 18/19 AUDIT OV	OH	12/10/20	02819778	2,316.00	0.00	130,468.75
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GL 621601-5265	245844	DANIEL B STEPHE INVO CO PROJ#D	OH	01/07/21	02834074	37,882.50	0.00	235,372.95
GL 621601-5265	246495	DANIEL B STEPHE INVO CO PROJ#D	OH	02/24/21	02863578	31,211.50	0.00	266,584.45
GL 621601-5265	246871	DANIEL B STEPHE INVO CO PROJ#D	OH	03/17/21	02876138	11,892.50	0.00	278,476.95
GL 621601-5265	247008	DANIEL B STEPHE INVO CO PROJ#D	OH	03/17/21	02876138	4,326.25	0.00	282,803.20
GL 621601-5265	6200 0221	INYO REGISTER, ACCT#0006200	OH	03/17/21	02876457	480.50	0.00	283,283.70
GL 621601-5265	247611	DANIEL B STEPHE INVO CO PROJ#D	OH	04/29/21	02905264	4,452.50	0.00	287,736.20
GL 621601-5265	248080	DANIEL B STEPHE APR21 INYO P#D	OH	05/26/21	02925039	1,535.00	0.00	289,271.20
*****Total *OBJT 5265		PROFESSIONAL & SPECIAL SERVICE	DR			289,271.20	0.00	289,271.20
GL 621601-5539	JE37592	OVGA-BOARD STAFF JUL-SEP20	JE	10/15/20	02787152	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
GL 621601-5539	202101	MONO COUNTY JUL-SEP 2020 OVGA	OH	11/03/20	02798240	5,673.75	0.00	8,673.75
GL 621601-5539	JE38067	JUL-SEPT2020 STAFF OVGA BOARD	JE	12/14/20	02821410	9,223.69	0.00	17,897.44
GL 621601-5539	202102	MONO COUNTY 10/20-12/20 MONO C	OH	02/18/21	02859888	2,184.00	0.00	20,081.44
GL 621601-5539	JE38701	OCT-DEC20 OVGA INVO STAFF	JE	03/18/21	02876914	18,767.23	0.00	38,848.67
GL 621601-5539	JE38924	Q3 20/21 OVGA LEGAL SVCS	JE	04/14/21	02894983	4,500.00	0.00	43,348.67
GL 621601-5539	JE38925	Q2 20/21 OVGA LEGAL SVCS	JE	04/14/21	02894983	4,500.00	0.00	47,848.67
GL 621601-5539	202103	MONO COUNTY JAN-MAR 2021 STAFF	OH	04/28/21	02904334	4,161.00	0.00	52,009.67

COUNTY OF INYO
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCES

AS OF 06/30/2021

		Claim on	Accounts Receivable	Loans Receivable	Prepaid Expenses	Accounts Payable	Loans Payable	Deferred Revenue	Computed Fund Balance	Encumbrances	Fund Balance Undesignated
		Cash 1000	1100,1105,1160	1140	1200	2000	2140	2200			
WDIR - WATER											
6272	OVGA-OWENS VALLEY	410,279			2,473				412,752	309	412,443
WDIR	Totals	410,279			2,473				412,752	309	412,443
Grand Totals		410,279			2,473				412,752	309	412,443

Groundwater Sustainability Plan Management Actions and Projects

OVGA Special Meeting

July 22, 2021

**Aaron Steinwand
Owens Valley Groundwater Authority**



GSP Development Steps



Science: Describe the Basin

Institutional Setting: Plan Area, Water Supply

Data Compilation & Data Management System

Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model

Water Budget (Historical, Current, and Projected)

Policy: Set Groundwater Monitoring and Goals for the Basin

Develop Monitoring Plan

Define Undesirable Results for this Basin

Set Sustainability Criteria (SMC)

Implementation Components: Steps the OVGA can undertake to manage the Basin

Projects and Management actions to Achieve Sustainability (Regulations)?

Future Budget and Financing (Fees, Member Contributions?)

SGMA Sustainability Indicators



Sustainability Indicator		Needed for Owens Valley Basin?
 Lowering GW Levels	Consistent Lowering of Groundwater Levels	Yes
 Reduction of Storage	Reduction of Groundwater Storage	Yes
 Surface Water Depletion	Depletion of Connected Surface Water	Yes
 Sewater Intrusion	Seawater Intrusion	No
 Degraded Quality	Degraded Water Quality	Yes
 Land Subsidence	Land Subsidence	Yes

GOAL - sustainable groundwater conditions within 20 years

Proposed Management Areas for the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin



GSP Management Actions and Projects



1. Well Registration and Reporting Ordinance
2. Well Permit Review Ordinance
3. Increase groundwater level monitoring network
4. Tri-Valley groundwater model development
5. Additional Activities:
 - Provide assistance acquiring state or federal funding
 - Develop pumping program to stabilize water levels in Tri-Valley Groundwater Management Area
 - Owens Lake Groundwater Development Project



GSP Management Actions and Projects

Tri-Valley Management Area

Sustainability Indicator	Goal	Management Action or Project	Required Action	Timeline	Triggers	Notes
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Table Explanation

Grouped by Management Area: Some actions apply Basin wide; All jurisdictional issues set aside for now.

Management actions are linked to Sustainability Indicators

Goal: Rationale behind the sustainable management criteria (SMC). "Goal" is shorthand for these tables.

Required Action: What the Board will need to do to

Timeline: Short = 1-2 years
Medium = 3-4 years
Long ≥ 5 years

Trigger: Event that starts implementation

Tri-Valley Management Area

Sustainability Indicator	Goal	Management Action or Project	Required Action	Timeline	Triggers	Notes
Lowering of Water Levels, Reduction in Storage	Stabilize Declining Water Levels	Set SMC minimum threshold at the anticipated groundwater elevation in 2030 and measurable objective at the level measured in January 2015.	Include in approved GSP	Short	N/A	
		Establish supply well registration and reporting	Well Registration and Reporting Ordinance	Short	GSP adoption	Information is necessary to fill data gap and to maintain the OVGA database
		Review new permits for water supply wells. Regulate production if necessary to ensure water levels remain within SMC	Well Permit Review Ordinance (de minimus excluded)	Short	GSP adoption	Information necessary to maintain OVGA database. Hydrology staff or contractor required.
		Increase groundwater level monitoring network	Land access agreements for monitoring existing wells or new monitoring well installation	Short	GSP adoption	Information is necessary to fill data gap. Dependent on grant funding for new monitoring wells. Hydrology staff or contractor required

Tri-Valley Management Area

Sustainability Indicator	Goal	Management Action or Project	Required Action	Timeline	Triggers	Notes
Lowering of Water Levels, Reduction in Storage	Stabilize Declining Water Levels	Develop groundwater model for Tri-Valley/Fish Slough management area	Grant agreement	Short or Long	Grant Funding Awarded	Dependent on grant funding. Necessary to fill data gap
		Provide assistance acquiring state or federal funding for projects to improve groundwater use efficiency or conservation	Resolution	Medium	SMC Minimum Threshold hit Grant Funding Opportunity	Conducted by or in cooperation with TVGWMD and Inyo-Mono IRWMP Program
		If efficiency gains have not addressed the declining water levels, based on the model and monitoring, develop a pumping program to stabilize water levels by 2030 and attain the measurable objective by 2042	GSP amendment	Long	SMC Minimum Threshold hit Groundwater Model Completed	Dependent on groundwater model completion and could require an additional 1-2 years to prepare

Tri-Valley Management Area

Sustainability Indicator	Goal	Management Action or Project	Required Action	Timeline	Triggers	Notes
Surface Water Depletion	Stabilize Fish Slough Spring Discharge	Set SMC minimum threshold at 0.1 cfs and measurable objective at 0.5 cfs for Fish Slough Northeast spring	Include in approved GSP	Short	N/A	
		Develop groundwater model for Tri-Valley/Fish Slough management area	Grant agreement, letters of support for other grant applicants	Short or Long	SMC Minimum Threshold hit Grant Funding Awarded	Dependent on grant funding. Necessary to fill data gap
		If a pumping effect is determined from monitoring or the model, develop a pumping program or other contingency measures (e.g. wells) to stabilize pumping effect on the spring at the SMC management objective	GSP amendment	Long	Completed groundwater model	
		If a pumping effect is determined, seek or support grant opportunities for agricultural water use efficiency or multi-benefit land repurposing	Grant Agreement or letters of support for grant applicants	Long	Board Direction	Conducted by or in cooperation with TVGWMD and IRWMP

Tri-Valley Management Area

Sustainability Indicator	Goal	Management Action or Project	Required Action	Timeline	Triggers	Notes
Surface Water Depletion	Stabilize Fish Slough Spring Discharge and GDE	Identify recharge sources supporting GDEs in Tri-Valley and support land management that enhances or maintains recharge	Letters of Support Land Access Agreement for monitoring	Long	Completed groundwater model Expanded water level monitoring	Additional monitoring equipment (e.g. flow gauges or monitoring wells) or imagery would require funding
Subsidence	Prevent subsidence	Set SMC minimum threshold of 0.3 ft and measureable objective based on average water level and 0 ft of subsidence	Include in approved GSP	Short	N/A	
		Monitor water levels. Monitor ground elevation utilizing publicly available remote sensing methods	None	Short	Board Direction	Hydrology staff or contractor required to analyze data and report findings
Water Quality	Track Water Quality	Continue data acquisition from ongoing monitoring programs or studies	None	Short	GSP adoption	Staff time to maintain database

Owens Valley Management Area

Sustainability Indicator	Goal	Management Action or Project	Required Action	Timeline	Triggers	Notes
Lowering of Water Levels, Reduction in Storage, Surface Water Depletion	Maintain Water Levels	Set SMC minimum threshold in the GSP at lowest GW elevation during 2012-2016 drought and management objective at the average elevation from 2001-2010	Include in approved GSP	Short	N/A	
		Establish supply well registration and reporting	Well Registration and Reporting Ordinance	Short	GSP adoption	Information is necessary to fill data gap and to maintain database
		Review new permits for water supply wells. Regulate production if necessary to ensure water levels remain within SMC	Well Permit Review Ordinance (de minimus excluded).	Short	GSP adoption	Information necessary to maintain database. Hydrology staff or contractor required.
		Acquire or develop groundwater model for the Owens Valley management area	TBD	Medium	Board Direction Grant Funding Awarded	
		Provide assistance acquiring state or federal funding for projects to improve groundwater use efficiency or conservation	Resolution	Medium	Grant Funding Opportunity	Conducted in cooperation with Inyo-Mono IRWMP

Owens Valley Management Area

Sustainability Indicator	Goal	Management Action or Project	Required Action	Timeline	Triggers	Notes
Subsidence	Prevent subsidence	Set SMC minimum threshold of 0.3 ft and measureable objective based on average water level and 0 ft of subsidence	Include in approved GSP	Short	N/A	
		Monitor water levels and for changes in ground elevation utilizing publically available remote sensing methods	None	Short	Board Direction	Hydrology staff or contractor required to analyze data and report findings
Water Quality	Track Water Quality	Continue data acquisition from ongoing monitoring programs or studies	None	Short	GSP adoption	Staff time to maintain database

Owens Lake Management Area

Sustainability Indicator	Goal	Management Action	Possible Board Action	Timeline	Triggers	Notes
Lowering Water Levels, Surface Water Depletion	Maintain Water Levels	Set SMC minimum threshold in the GSP at lowest GW elevation during 2012-2016 drought and management objective at the average elevation from 2001-2010.	Include in approved GSP	Short	N/A	
		Establish supply well registration and reporting	Well Registration and Reporting Ordinance	Short	GSP adoption	Information is necessary to fill data gap and to maintain the OVGA database
		Review new permits for water supply wells Regulate production if necessary to ensure water levels remain within SMC	Well Permit Review Ordinance (de minimus excluded).	Short	GSP adoption	Information needed. to maintain OVGA database. Hydrology staff or contractor required.
		Acquire or develop groundwater model for the Owens Lake management area		Medium	Board Direction	
		Participate in the Owens Lake Groundwater Working Group and the proposed regulatory entity to oversee the Master Project EIR and HMMMP provisions	MOU, GSP Amendment to include SMC for GDE/springs for the Master Project	Short and Long	Ongoing Master Project implemented	Hydrology staff or contractor required. Costs or fees associated with oversight could be negotiated with project proponent

Owens Lake Management Area

Sustainability Indicator	Goal	Management Action	Possible Board Action	Timeline	Triggers	Notes
Subsidence	Prevent subsidence	Monitor water levels and changes in ground elevation utilizing publically available remote sensing methods		Short	GSP adoption	For portion of management area outside the lakebed
		Participate in the proposed regulatory entity to oversee the LADWP Master Project EIR and HMMMP provisions	MOU, GSP Amendment to include SMC for the subsidence for the Master Project	Long	Master Project implemented	Hydrology staff or contractor required.
Water Quality	Track Water Quality	Continue data acquisition from ongoing monitoring programs or studies	None	Short	GSP adoption	Staff time to maintain database
		Participate in the Owens Lake Groundwater Working Group and the proposed regulatory entity to oversee the Master Project EIR and HMMMP provisions	MOU, GSP Amendment to include SMC for water quality for the Master Project	Short and Long	Ongoing Master Project implemented	Hydrology staff or contractor required. Costs or fees associated with oversight could be negotiated with project proponent



- Questions?:
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June 22, 2021

Owens Valley Groundwater Authority
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To the Board of Directors for the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority:

The Board of Directors for the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District ("TVGMD") requests that the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority ("OVGA") adjust the boundaries of the basin managed by OVGA to exclude the portion of the basin within the jurisdiction of TVGMD.

TVGMD, as the permitting authority for groundwater in the Tri-Valley area pursuant to California Water Code section 128-1 *et seq.*, is best situated to act as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"). As the Legislature recognized when it established the TVGMD in 1989, "[i]t is necessary, and in the best interests of the persons and property dependent upon and served by the groundwaters of the basins, that the Legislature create a *locally controlled* water district for the purpose of preserving the waters of the basins" Cal. Water Code App'x § 128-102 (emphasis added). The Legislature contemplated that the community in the Tri-Valley area would be best served by having a specifically constituted management entity made up of residents to manage the groundwater beneath them. In initially agreeing to the formation of the OVGA through a Joint Powers Agency, TVGMD did not intend, nor has it ever agreed, to abdicate its responsibilities and obligations to effectively manage groundwater within the Tri-Valley. Implementing a groundwater management plan as the GSA aligns with TVGMD's existing statutory responsibilities.

The Department of Water Resources has indicated that it will not confirm TVGMD's GSA status so long as there is any overlap in the management area with another existing GSA. As an alternative to disputing DWR's interpretation of SGMA, TVGMD requests that the OVGA redesignate its boundaries to exclude that portion of the GSA that extends into the TVGMD management area.

Sincerely,



Emily Fox

On Behalf of the TVGMD Board of Directors



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Inyo County Water Dept.

Dear Chairperson Mitchell and Executive Manager Steinwand,

On February 17, 2021, the Department of Water Resources (hereafter Department) received a notice from the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District (Tri-Valley) to form a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) over portions of the Owens Valley Subbasin (Subbasin) of the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin (basin number 6-012.01). The Department has not posted Tri-Valley's notice and, as explained below, is unable to post the notice since there is already an exclusive GSA covering the entire subbasin. The purpose of this letter is to communicate to the parties how the Department views its role in these matters.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation

Water Code § 10723.8 promulgates how a local agency may file to become a GSA. The process involves a local agency filing a notice with statutorily prescribed information to the Department. Next, the Department posts all complete notices received. Assuming the submitting agency is not one deemed to be an exclusive local agency by the Legislature (see Wat. Code § 10723 subd., (c)), if after 90 days no other local agency submits a notification of intent to undertake groundwater management in all or a portion of the same area, then the decision to become a GSA takes effect and the agency is presumed to be the exclusive GSA for that area. A local agency deemed exclusive by statute is not subject to the 90-day waiting period. Once the decision to become a GSA takes effect, the GSA is presumed to be the exclusive GSA within the area of the basin within the service area of the local agency that the local agency is managing as described in its notice. (see Wat. Code § 10723.8 subd. (d).) Thereafter, another local agency cannot effectively file a notice to form a GSA in the area under management by the exclusive GSA.

The Department's role under Water Code section 10723.8 is largely ministerial. SGMA requires local agencies to notify the Department of their intent to form a GSA and requires the Department to post those notices if they are complete and otherwise comply with the law. The Department does not post notices that seek to manage areas of a basin that are already within the boundaries of an exclusive GSA as this would be inconsistent with the concept of exclusivity.

Formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the Owens Valley Subbasin

As it relates to the Owens Valley Subbasin, the Department understands that four local agencies decided to form four GSAs within the Subbasin. On March 15, 2017, Tri-Valley – a statutorily recognized exclusive local agency – filed to become and subsequently became the exclusive GSA for a portion of the Subbasin. On March 21, 2017, the County of Inyo filed to become and subsequently became the exclusive GSA for a portion of the Subbasin. On April 10, 2017, the City of Bishop filed to become and subsequently became the exclusive GSA for a portion of the Subbasin. And finally, On April 11, 2017, the County of Mono filed to become and subsequently became the exclusive GSA for a portion of the Subbasin. Thus, as of May 10, 2018, it was the Department's understanding that there were four exclusive GSAs in the Subbasin.

On May 10, 2018, the Department received a letter informing it that the four exclusive GSAs were rescinding their exclusivity status and combining to form a singular basin-wide exclusive GSA, the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA). The notice was accompanied by an exhibit which contained recitals from each of the four GSAs that generally stated, in part, the GSA:

- 1) ... hereby withdraws its status as the exclusively recognized GSA for those portions of the Basin within its jurisdictional boundaries; and
- 2) Consistent with Water Code section 10723.8(e), and concurrently with the OVGA notifying DWR of its intent to become a GSA for the entire Basin, Agency staff is directed to provide DWR written notification of its decision to withdraw its status as a GSA for the Basin...

The OVGA was formed via a joint powers agreement in accordance with Water Code section 10723.6.

On May 10, 2018, the Department posted the OVGA notice as there were no longer any exclusive GSAs within the jurisdiction the OVGA planned to manage, and the OVGA subsequently became the exclusive GSA for the Subbasin.

On June 27, 2018, one of the member agencies of the OVGA, Tri-Valley, declared its intention to withdraw from the JPA membership. On February 13, 2020, the OVGA board approved Tri-Valley's withdrawal.

On February 17, 2021, the Department received notice from Tri-Valley indicating its intent to form a GSA to manage the area over which it had previously been the exclusive GSA prior to the formation of the OVGA and the OVGA's successful posting of its notice to be the GSA over that area.

Because OVGA is the exclusive GSA over the area Tri-Valley filed to manage, the Department is unable to post Tri-Valley's February 17, 2021, notice. Although Tri-Valley is one of the local agencies that the Legislature deemed to be exclusive within its statutory boundaries, the law permits such agencies to opt out of that role. (see Wat. Code §§ 10723 subd. (c)(3); 10723.8 subd. (e).) When Tri-Valley joined in the formation of the OVGA and notified the Department that it was rescinding its notice to be an exclusive GSA for a portion of the basin, it waived the statutory exclusivity allowing OVGA, of which it was a member, to become the exclusive GSA for the basin.

The Department has had informal discussions with staff members of some of the member agencies of the OVGA and Tri-Valley to inform them of the Department's decision. In summary, since the OVGA remains the exclusive GSA over the area that Tri-Valley's notice proposes to manage, and since the OVGA has not withdrawn as the exclusive GSA over that area, the Department cannot post Tri-Valley's notice for an area over which OVGA is the exclusive GSA.

This letter was prepared based on information provided to the Department in the various notices and correspondence sent to the Department and the several discussions between Department staff and local parties. If you have any additional information or clarifications to the information presented or any other questions, please contact your local SGMA lead, Tim Ross, in DWR's Southern Region Office at Timothy.Ross@water.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Steven Springhorn

Steven Springhorn
Acting Deputy Director
Sustainable Groundwater Management Office

Cc:
Mark Nordberg
Timothy Ross

Laura Piper

From: Wong, Jennifer@DWR <Jennifer.Wong@water.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Aaron Steinwand
Cc: Ross, Timothy@DWR; Nordberg, Mark@DWR; Regmi, Anita@DWR
Subject: Response to Question Regarding GSP Submission and Prop 1 Grant Fulfillment

Hi Aaron,

DWR staff understand that the OVGA GSA has some concerns about successfully meeting the terms of the GSP Development and Implementation Plan task according to the Proposition 1 SGWP grant agreement. As a major deliverable for the agreement, DWR expects the OVGA GSA to adopt and submit "a Final Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to DWR by the date as specified per Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)." The agreement expects a single GSP for the Owens Valley Subbasin as presented in Exhibit A: Work Plan and Exhibit J: Project Location.

SGMA, per Water Code Section 10727(b), stipulates that a single plan covering the entire basin may be developed and implemented by a single GSA or multiple GSAs. The grant agreement expects a single GSP for the entire basin. However, if necessary, an amendment could be requested to:

- Add GSAs
- Add a GSP (if the OVGA and Tri-Valley do their own respective GSPs)
- Change the area covered by a GSP

The GSP must still cover the entire basin for the GSP to be evaluated by DWR (GSP Regulations section 355.2(a). If a portion of the Owens Valley Subbasin is not included in the adopted and submitted GSP (for example the Mono County portion of the subbasin), then it would not meet the evaluation criteria of section 355.4(a)(3) and the GSP would not be posted to the SGMA Portal.

Please let us know if you have further questions.

Jennifer

From: Aaron Steinwand <asteinwand@inyocounty.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 12:07 PM
To: Ross, Timothy@DWR <Timothy.Ross@water.ca.gov>
Cc: Wong, Jennifer@DWR <Jennifer.Wong@water.ca.gov>
Subject: Tri-Valley GSA follow-up

Hi Tim,

Thanks for getting DWR staff together to discuss DWR process for the Tri-Valley GSA request. Following the meeting, it occurred to me that DWR should notify the OVGA and Tri-Valley via letter what the process is and the steps being requested of the OVGA before you process the Tri-Valley request. I suggest that DWR document the process we discussed to avoid misunderstandings on our end.

Could Anita contribute her thoughts in the letter on the requirements for a complete GSP submission necessary to fulfill the grant? It would help staff prepare the staff report and recommendations to the OVGA if they consider whether to change the GSA boundary. If possible, have Anita provide a paragraph or two laying out the expectations and potential grant implications that we discussed e.g. not completing a plan for the entire basin or not having all GSA's in a basin approve a single GSP, or if coordinating agreements are lacking (I think those were the possibilities that were mentioned).

Call me if you want to discuss.

Aaron Steinwand
Water Director
Inyo County Water Dept.

Laura Piper

From: Ross, Timothy@DWR <Timothy.Ross@water.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 3:36 PM
To: Aaron Steinwand
Cc: Nordberg, Mark@DWR; Godwin, Timothy@DWR; Wong, Jennifer@DWR
Subject: GSP question

Hello Aaron,

Recently you asked us a question concerning the criteria for which DWR posts the submittal of a GSP with multiple GSAs. I hope this response provides you with the information you are seeking.

For a GSP submitted for a basin with multiple GSAs, DWR checks to see that the GSP covers the whole basin, that the notification of intent to adopt a GSP is dated 90 days or more prior to the adoption of the GSP, and that at least one GSA has provided documentation of adoption of the GSP. If all of these criteria are met, DWR will post the GSP for public review on the SGMA portal. At that time, DWR would consider the GSP to be submitted to DWR.

Thanks,
Tim

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