



CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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AGENDA

June 25, 2020

Agenda for a meeting of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Standing Advisory Committee to be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 3:00 PM. ***Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and resulting suspension of certain components of the Brown Act per Executive Order Nos. N-25-20 and N-29-20, this meeting will be a remote-only meeting.*** To hear the session live call +1 (872) 240-3412, 711642709# or logon to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/711642709> to view meeting materials.

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Update on SAC Membership
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Groundwater Sustainability Plan
 - a. Update on Monitoring Network Implementation
 - b. Report on Coordination with Counties
 - c. Report on Public Comments to DWR
7. Groundwater Sustainability Agency
 - a. Report of the Executive Director
 - b. Board of Directors Agenda Review
 - c. Report of the General Counsel
8. Items for Upcoming Sessions
9. Committee Forum
10. Public comment for items not on the Agenda

At this time, the public may address the Committee on any item not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.

11. Correspondence

12. Adjourn

Placeholder for Draft Minutes



TO: Standing Advisory Committee
Agenda Item No. 6

FROM: Brian Van Lienden, Woodard & Curran

DATE: June 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Issue

Update on the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Recommended Motion

None – information only.

Discussion

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) consultant Woodard & Curran's (W&C) GSP update is provided as Attachment 1.

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update

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May-Jun Accomplishments

- ✓ Selected consultant and conducted County coordination meetings for groundwater levels monitoring
- ✓ DWR Approved applications for well installation by Technical Support Services
- ✓ Responded to DWR questions on GSP information
- ✓ Performed ET analysis for groundwater extraction fee hearing
- ✓ Developed CBGSA newsletter



TO: Standing Advisory Committee
Agenda Item No. 6a

FROM: Brian Van Lienden, Woodard & Curran

DATE: June 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Update on Monitoring Network Implementation

Issue

Update on Monitoring Network Implementation.

Recommended Motion

None – information only.

Discussion

An update on Cuyama basin monitoring network implementation is provided as Attachment 1.

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Update on Monitoring Network Implementation

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Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Groundwater Levels Monitoring

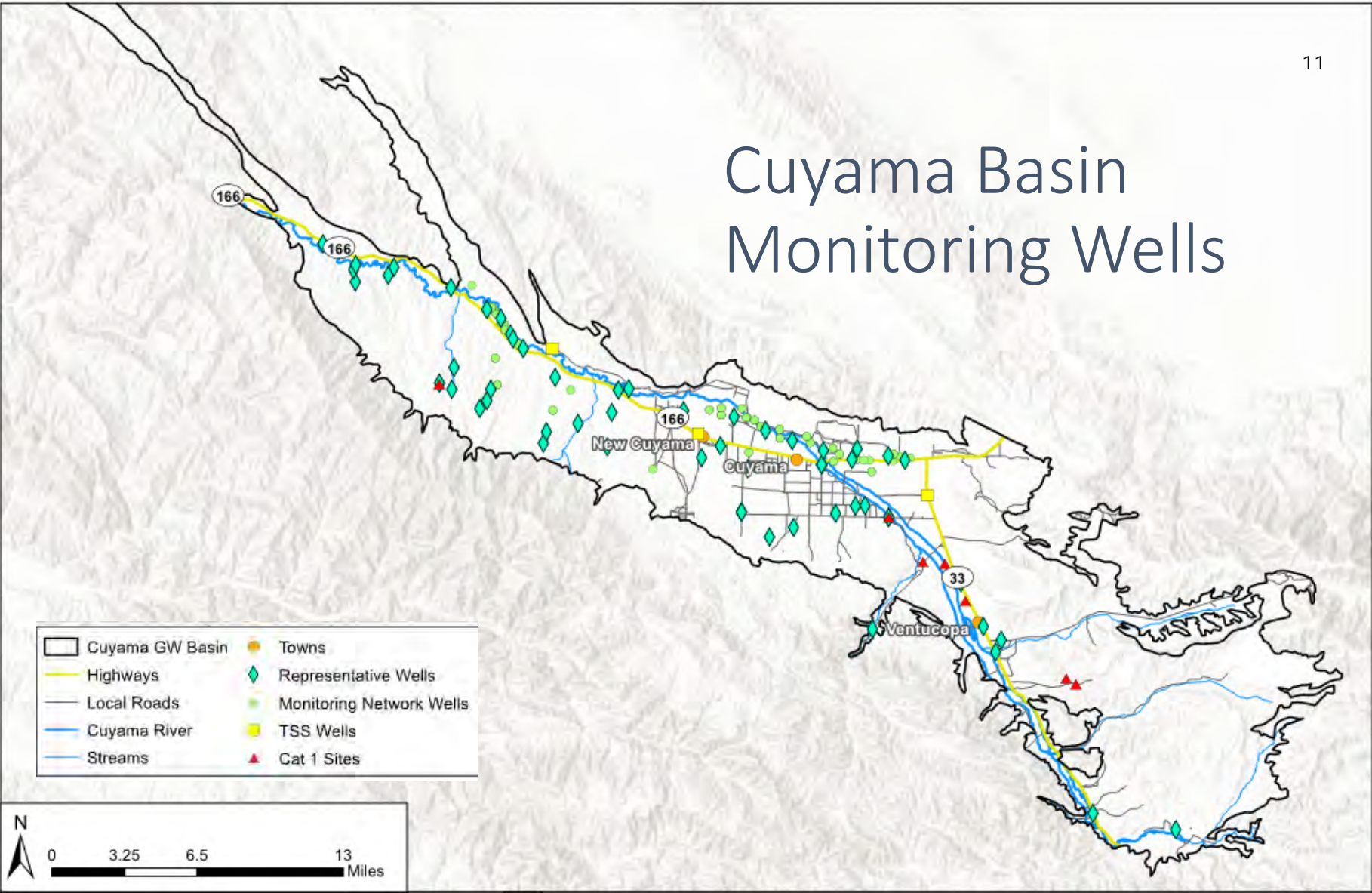
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Groundwater Levels Monitoring Network Implementation

- **Feb 6, 2019** – Board approves the Groundwater Monitoring section of the GSP which specifies that the CBGSA will perform monthly monitoring for the 100 wells in its monitoring network.
- **Jul 10, 2019** – Board adopts the FY 19-20 budget which includes roughly \$30,000 for water level monitoring set up and \$30,000 for water quality monitoring set up.
- **Dec 4, 2019** – Board executes Task Order 7 with Woodard & Curran where they request to combine the budget authorization for water levels and quality (combined total of \$60k) to focus on setting up the monitoring network for levels.
- **March 4, 2020** – Board approves phased approach for groundwater levels monitoring well set up and for doing manual monitoring of groundwater levels in first year

Cuyama Basin Monitoring Wells



Groundwater Levels Monitoring Network Implementation – Status Update


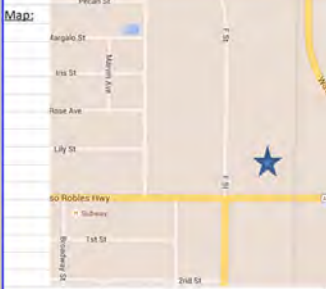
- Manual monitoring of existing wells (100 wells)
 - Board approved selection of Provost & Pritchard in May
 - Coordination meetings conducted with counties
 - Well information and data templates developed
 - Well validation/data collection by P&P beginning this week

Monitoring Well Information Sheet



Local Well ID	Smith #1	State Well Number	11W25515A01	Important notes: fence gate is not locked, but arrange chain to lock closed.
Well Depth (ft)	400	Casing Material	Steel	
Screen Top	200	Date Constructed	2/15/1978	
Screen Bot	400	Casing Diameter	6"	
Latitude	38.97913	Date Surveyed	4/5/1995	
Longitude	-121.37269	Well Type	Industrial	
RP Elev	108.5	Well Completion Report	5555555	
GS Elev	107.00			
Well Owner Information	Name	Joe Smith	Email	joe@smith.com
	Phone	555-555-5555	Address	5555 Fifth Street, Wasco, CA 55555
Well Monitoring Contact Point	Name	Joe Smith	Email	joe@smith.com
	Phone	555-555-5555	Address	5555 Fifth Street, Wasco, CA 55555
Initial Measurement	Depth to Water	50 feet		
	Groundwater Surface Elevation	58.5 feet		

Location Description:
In the Town of Wasco. Two block north of Highway 43 on east side of F Street.

Map:



Site Photos:



RP location

Groundwater Levels Monitoring Network Implementation – Status Update

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- Installation of new wells by DWR Technical Support Services
 - Application approved by DWR in May
 - Waiting on next steps from DWR
- Installation of Transducers with DWR Category 1 grant funding
 - CEQA documentation completed and provided to DWR for review
 - Well validation/landowner agreement process will commence once DWR finishes review

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Other Cuyama Basin Monitoring in FY 2020-21

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Groundwater Quality Monitoring Network Implementation – FY 2020-21

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- GSP monitoring plan calls for TDS monitoring at 64 wells
- Monitoring network setup:
 - Coordination with existing monitoring entities and well owners
 - Field validation - collect similar information to GW levels wells
- A single TDS measurement to be taken at each well during setup
- Evaluate options for monitoring network modifications, including:
 - Manual measurement vs instrumenting
 - Monitoring well density and data gaps

Subsidence Monitoring in FY 2020-21

- GSA will continue with current monitoring, including DWR Altamira dataset (see right)
- No installation of new equipment unless existing data shows an issue

DWR Altamira Dataset Screenshot



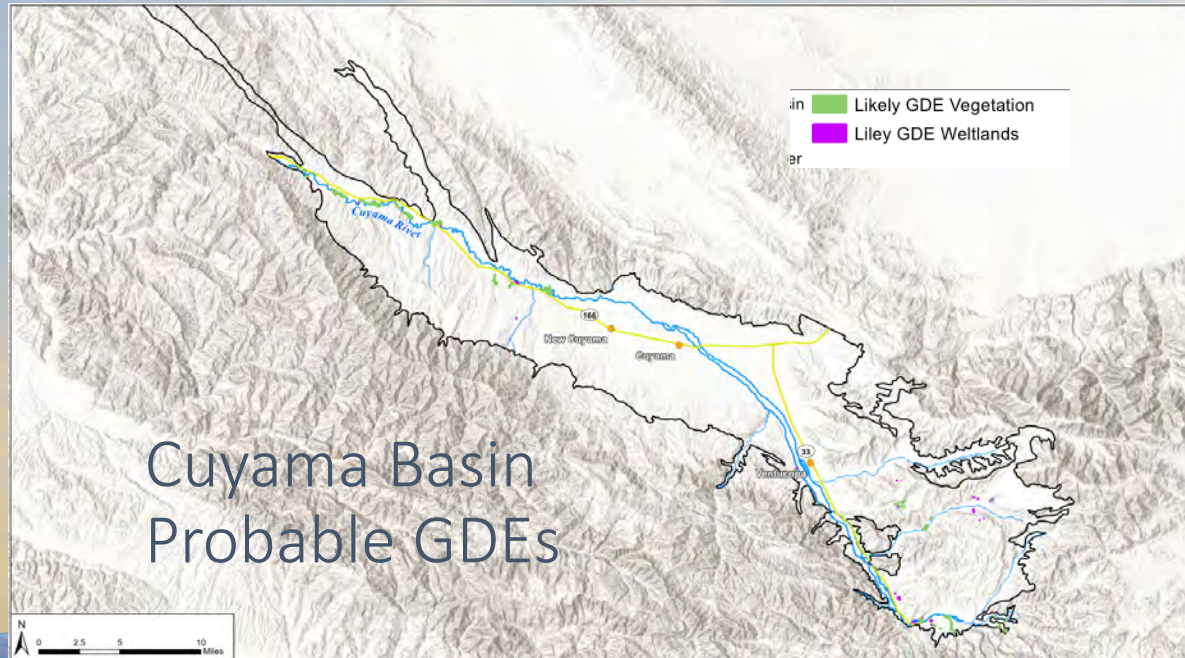
Stream Gage Implementation – FY 2020-21

- 2 new streamflow gages will be installed by USGS using Category 1 grant funding from DWR
- Locations approved by the Board are shown to the right



GDE Monitoring Implementation – FY 2020-21

- GSP recommended installing piezometers near GDE locations, especially in western portion of basin
- FY 2020-21 budget calls for analysis to identify promising locations for installation of piezometers in FY 2021-22





TO: Standing Advisory Committee
Agenda Item No. 6b

FROM: Jim Beck, Executive Director

DATE: June 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Report on Coordination with Counties

Issue

Report on discussions with Cuyama Basin county representatives.

Recommended Motion

Staff is looking for Board direction on including relevant information on the CBGSA website for new well permittees.

Discussion

Staff met with representative from the four counties in the Cuyama Basin to discuss coordination between the counties and the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Agenda items included:

- Monitoring network
- Well permit noticing
- County ordinances
- Integration with County planning efforts (General Plan amendments)

A matrix summarizing the position of the four counties on the above agenda items is provided as Attachment 1.

CBGSA / COUNTY SGMA COORDINATION

	Monitoring Network	New Well Permit Notification	County Ordinances (SGMA Related)	Integration with County Planning Efforts
San Luis Obispo	Determining monitoring program going forward. Still currently monitoring wells.	Willing to (1) send documentation to new well permittees, (2) add info on SLO website re: the Cuyama Basin. SLO to add CBGSA to list of jurisdictions to be notified of new well permits.	Out-of-County Export Ordinance (Ch 8.95). Exemption for 0.5 acre-feet.	Planning areas updated on as-needed basis. No updates planned for Cuyama planning area intersects (Carrizo, South County, North County). Conservation and Open Place amendment updated in 2015. Potentially review of Board resources assessment (every two years; next on in March 2021).
Santa Barbara	Transitioning monitoring to GSA.	New well permits posted on Environmental Health website by region. GSA to monitor? Willing to include information re: the CBGSA during application process.	None	Plan updated in sections. Potentially, Land Use, Conservation and Water sections to be sent for GSA once revised.
Ventura	Continue monitoring, GSA monitoring overlap of two wells.	Willing to provide courtesy notification with permit re: CBGSA.	None	2020-2040 Plan in-process (CEQA to adopt). High-level on SGMA. No CBGSA review needed at this point in process.
Kern		<i>Meeting Scheduled for June 24, 2020</i>		



TO: Standing Advisory Committee
Agenda Item No. 6c

FROM: Jim Beck, Executive Director

DATE: June 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Report on Public Comments to DWR

Issue

Report on the public comments submitted to the California Department of Water Resources regarding the Cuyama Basin GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Recommended Motion

None – information only.

Discussion

The California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) public comment period ended on May 15, 2020. Seventeen comments were submitted to DWR via the SGMA GSP Portal website. A list of the commenters is provided as Attachment 1. To view the comments, please visit <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsp/all> and select the Cuyama Basin from the list.

Public Comments Submitted to DWR on the CBGSA GSP

No.	Commenter
1	Carson, Farmer
2	Bishop, James, P.G.; Central Coast Water Board Engineering Geologist
3	Blackshear, Sue; Cuyama Resident
4	Carlisle, Lynn; Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center Executive Director
5	Dobbin, Kristin; U.C. Davis Department of Environmental Science & Policy PhD Candidate
6	Draucker, Louise; Cuyama Resident
7	Elliott, Pamela; Cuyama Resident
8	Gliessmen, Stephen; Cuyama Resident and Farmer (co-signers: Roberta Jaffe, Brenton Kelly, Lynn Carlisle, Casey Walsh)
9	Gordus, Andy; California Department of Fish and Wildlife Regional Manager, Central Region
10	Jaffe, Roberta; Cuyama Resident and Farmer (co-signers: Steve Gliessmen, Brenton Kelly, Lynn Carlisle, Casey Walsh)
11	Kelly, Brenton; Cuyama Basin Resident and Farmer (co-signers: Robbie Jaffe, Steve Gliessmen, Casey Walsh, Lynn Carlisle)
12	Kelly, Brenton; Cuyama Valley Community Association (co-signers: CVCA Board - Meg Brown, Allison Mann, Pamela Baczuk, Alex Guerrero, Emily Johnson, Nicole Furstenberg Rodriquez)
13	Lukacs, Heather; Community Water Center
14	Mierzwa, Michael; California Department of Water Resources Division of Flood Management State Floodplain Manager
15	Redmond, Ruthie; The Nature Conservancy (submitted two-part comments)
16	Walsh, Casey; University of California Santa Barbara Professor of Anthropology

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Report on Public Comments to DWR on Cuyama Basin GSP

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Report on Public Comments to DWR on Cuyama Basin GSP

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- Period to provide comments to DWR on Cuyama Basin GSP closed on May 15
- 17 comments were provided to DWR on the GSP
- DWR will take these comments into account as it reviews the GSP



TO: Standing Advisory Committee
Agenda Item No. 7b

FROM: Jim Beck, Executive Director

DATE: June 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Board of Directors Agenda Review

Issue

Review of the June 25, 2020 Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Special Joint Board of Directors and Standing Advisory Committee meeting agenda.

Recommended Motion

None – information only.

Discussion

The June 25, 2020 Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Special Joint Board of Directors and Standing Advisory Committee meeting agenda is provided as Attachment 1 for review.



SPECIAL JOINT CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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Cory Bantilan Santa Barbara County Water Agency
Glenn Shephard County of Ventura
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. May 6, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting
5. Standing Advisory Committee Meeting Report
6. Groundwater Sustainability Plan

- a. Discussion on Evapotranspiration Analysis for FY 20-21 Groundwater Extraction Fee
 - b. Approval of Items for Management Area Delegation
 - c. Update on Monitoring Network Implementation
 - d. Approval of CBGSA Monitoring Network Access Agreement
 - e. Report on Coordination with Counties
 - f. Report on Public Comments to DWR
7. Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- a. Report of the Executive Director
 - b. Progress & Next Steps
 - c. Report of the General Counsel
8. Financial Report
- a. Authorize Daniels Phillips Vaughn & Bock to Perform the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Financial Audit
 - b. Execute Task Order No. 6 with the Hallmark Group for Executive Director Services for the Fiscal Year 20-21
 - c. Execute Task Order No. xx with Woodard & Curran for Technical Support Services for the Fiscal Year 20-21
 - d. Financial Management Overview
 - e. Financial Report
 - f. Payment of Bills
9. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee
10. Directors' Forum
11. Public comment for items not on the Agenda
At this time, the public may address the Board on any item not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.
12. Correspondence
13. Public Hearing – Groundwater Extraction Fee (6 p.m.)
14. Set a Groundwater Extraction Fee for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and Authorize Invoicing of Landowners
15. Adjourn