

Agenda

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Yuima Municipal Water District

Monday, May 9, 2016 2:00 P.M.
34928 Valley Center Road, Pauma Valley, California
Remote Location: 4331 E. Hohman Circle, Akron, Ohio 44319
for Director Watkins phone in.

Bill Knutson, President
Ron W. Watkins, Vice President
Terry Yasutake, Secretary/Treasurer

Roland Simpson, Director
Laney Villalobos, Director

AGENDA TOPICS

2:00 - 2:05 P.M. 1. **Roll Call** – Determination of Quorum.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Approval of Agenda** – At its option, the Board may approve the agenda, delete an item, reorder items and add/or an item to the agenda per the provisions of Government Code §54954.2.

4. **Public Comment** – This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters of interest within the Board’s jurisdiction that are not listed on the agenda. The Brown Act does not allow any discussion or action by Board or staff on matters raised during public comment except; 1) to briefly respond to statements made or questions posed; 2) ask questions for clarification; 3) receive and file the matter; 4) if it is within staff’s authority, refer it to them for a reply; or 5) direct that it be placed on a future board agenda for a report or action. Inquiries pertaining to an item on the agenda will be received during deliberation on that agenda item. No action can be taken unless specifically listed on the agenda (Government Code §54954.3)

2:05-2:08 P.M. **I. ACTION/DISCUSSION**

1. Public Hearing to Consider Yuima Municipal Water District Electing to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for those portions of the San Luis Rey Valley Groundwater Basin underlying its jurisdictional boundaries.

Summary: A public hearing will be held to accept public comments regarding the adoption of a resolution electing to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code § 10720-10736.5) (the “Act”). The Act authorizes a local agency overlying a groundwater basin to serve as the groundwater sustainability agency for that basin. The District overlies *portions* of the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Basin (designed as groundwater basin Number 9-7 by the California Department of Water Resources) which is located in San Diego

County. The District intends to become the groundwater sustainability agency for the *portions* of the above-referenced sub basin that the District overlies and is interested in working cooperatively with other agencies overlying the basin considering formation of a GSA within the Basin Boundaries.

1-A. Proposed Resolution Declaring its Intention to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for those portions of the San Luis Rey Valley Groundwater Basin underlying the District's boundaries.

Recommendation: That the Board consider adopting the Proposed Resolution and file the Notice of Intent with the Department of Water Resources.

2:45 - 2:50 P.M. **II.** **OTHER BUSINESS**

2:50 - 2:55 P.M. **III.** **ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in the Board meeting, please contact the General Manager at (760) 742-3704 at least 48 hours before the meeting to enable the District to make reasonable accommodations. The meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. The time listed for individual agenda items is an estimate only. Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members of the Yuima Municipal Water District Board of Directors regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection during normal business hours in the office of the General Manager located at 34928 Valley Center Road, Pauma Valley.



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors
From: Lori A. Johnson, General Manager
Date: May 5, 2016

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution 1672-16 to become a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA).

SUMMARY

By adopting this resolution, Yuima Municipal Water District elects to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) over those portions of the San Luis Rey Valley Groundwater Basin, namely the Pauma Valley Groundwater Sub-Basin underlying its jurisdictional boundaries. By adopting this resolution, the Board further directs staff to submit the notice of election and the application to become a GSA to the Department of Water Resources within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the resolution.

ANALYSIS

In September, 2014, Governor Brown signed three bills collectively known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). SGMA mandates that all high and medium priority basins must be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) or coordinated GSPs (Water Code Section 10720.7(b)). The San Luis Rey Valley Groundwater Basin is a medium priority basin requiring the formation of a GSA by June 2017.

By adopting this resolution, Yuima elects to become a GSA for the portions of the basin it overlies. The notice of elections and application must be submitted to the DWR within (30) days of the adoption of the resolution. If complete, it will be published for ninety (90) days on the DWR website. A local agency does not automatically become a GSA once the ninety (90) days have lapsed if there are competing applications.

FISCAL IMPACT: Becoming a GSA will have long-term, ongoing fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution NO. 1672-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
YUIMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**ELECTING TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FOR PORTIONS OF THE PAUMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUB-BASIN,
A SUB-BASIN OF THE SAN LUIS REY VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN
(DWR BASIN 9-7)**

WHEREAS, in September 2014 the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law, with an effective date of January 1, 2015 which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is, among other goals, to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins and sub-basins defined by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide specified local agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723(a) authorizes a local agency with water supply, water management or local land use responsibilities overlying a groundwater basin to elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Rey Groundwater Basin has been designated by DWR as a medium priority basin; and

WHEREAS, the Yuima Municipal Water District (District) is a local agency as defined under the SGMA, overlying portions of the Pauma Valley Groundwater Sub-basin, and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.2 of the SGMA requires that a GSA consider the interest of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the District to work cooperatively with other water agencies, the County of San Diego, all beneficial users of groundwater, applicable stakeholders and with community interests as may be appropriate, to manage the Pauma Valley Groundwater Basin in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723(d) provides that a local agency “that elects to be a groundwater sustainability agency shall submit a notice of intent to the Department of Water Resources”; and

WHEREAS California Water Code Section 10723.8 requires that a local agency, electing to serve as a GSA, notify DWR within 30 days of the local agency’s election to become a GSA authorized to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a basin; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Water Code Section 10723(b) and Government Code Section 6066, a notice of public hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation regarding the District's intent to consider becoming a GSA for portions of the Pauma Valley Groundwater Sub-basin; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on May 9, 2016 to consider the adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, becoming a GSA supports this District's ongoing efforts to conduct groundwater management in the region and to ensure water supply sustainability within the area served by the District;'

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the District to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Yuima Municipal Water District as follows:

1. Yuima hereby elects to be the GSA for underlying areas of the Pauma Valley Groundwater sub-basin within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District.
2. Staff is directed to submit to DWR, within thirty (30) days of the approval of this Resolution, the notice and supporting documentation required by Water Code sections 10723(d), 10723.8(a) and any other materials required by SGMA to support the District's formation of a GSA.
3. The Board President and/or the General Manager shall begin discussions with other local agencies, and with the County of San Diego in order to begin the process of developing groundwater sustainability plans for the Basin and to develop a plan for the District, or a joint plan with other groundwater sustainability agencies in which the District might join, in consultation and close coordination with other local agencies, as contemplated by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of YUIMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT held May 9, 2016 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

W. D. Knutson, President

ATTEST:

Terry Yasutake, Secretary