

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 4, 2022
To: Operations Committee
From: Kim Loeb, Groundwater Manager *KL*
Subject: Item E – Water Supply and Infrastructure Projects

Background

The FCGMA as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency has the authority and responsibility to achieve sustainable management of the groundwater basins under its jurisdiction through management actions and projects. Water supply and infrastructure projects were identified and added to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) lists of projects for the Las Posas Valley Basin, Oxnard Subbasin, and Pleasant Valley Basin by the Board at the January 26, 2022, and March 23, 2022, Board meetings. However, these projects need to be evaluated, ranked, and prioritized for funding and implementation.

The FCGMA Board tasked the Operations Committee to develop recommendations for the criteria, guidelines, and policies for vetting, adding, and prioritizing projects to be considered for funding and implementation. The funding may come from grants awarded to FCGMA and/or replenishment pumping fee(s) implemented by FCGMA. The Committee met on May 2, 2022, to begin this process. The Committee reviewed FCGMA's past processes to select projects for inclusion in the GSPs. The Committee reviewed the process conducted by the Committee in 2018 including the criteria for project evaluation and the checklist used for submittal by project proponents. Additionally, the Committee reviewed Department of Water Resources' (DWR's) 2021 evaluation criteria for application of Round 1 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) grant funds and the process by which these projects were selected. The Committee continued discussion at its August 1, 2022, meeting reviewing the previous GSP checklist in more detail. The Committee began discussion of criteria for ranking and prioritizing projects.

Draft Project Ranking

Building on the Committee's discussions and recommendations and experience with capital improvement plans (CIP), staff prepared the attached draft FCGMA Project Ranking criteria for project prioritization (attached as Item E-1). The goal is to develop project ranking criteria to objectively prioritize projects to be considered for FCGMA funding and implementation. Most of the draft criteria are ranked from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest). Yes-or-no criteria are ranked 1 (no) or 5 (yes). Staff recommends the Committee discuss the draft criteria to develop its recommendation to the FCGMA Board for project ranking. The Committee's recommended FCGMA Project Ranking criteria will be brought the full Board for discussion and if approved, used to match projects with funding opportunities as they come available.

Attachments: Item E-1 – Draft FCGMA Project Ranking