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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) will hold an **Executive Committee Meeting** from **4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** on **Friday, December 7, 2012** in the **Atlantic Conference Room**, Main Plaza Level of the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration Building, at **800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California**.

FCGMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

December 7, 2012

Members: Chair Lynn Maulhardt
Co-Chair Charlotte Craven

- A. **Call to Order**
- B. **Introductions**
- C. **Public Comment** - Audience members may speak about FCGMA-related matters not on today's Agenda.
- D. **Minutes** – Approve the minutes from the November 12, 2012 Executive Committee meeting.
- E. **Las Posas Basin-Specific Groundwater Management Plan (LPBSGMP) Comment Letter** – Continue discussion of the FCGMA's comment letter to the Las Posas User's Group regarding the LPBSGMP.
- F. **Adjourn the Executive Committee Meeting** – Adjourn until the next Executive Committee meeting, to be scheduled at a later date.

NOTICES

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency's (FCGMA) Executive Committee meeting held **Monday, November 12, 2012** in the Public Works Agency Conference Room 346 at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura California.

A. Call to Order – The meeting commenced at 3:30 p.m.

B. Introductions – In attendance were: (1) Lynn Maulhardt, FCGMA Executive Committee Chair; (2) Charlotte Craven, FCGMA Executive Committee Co-Chair; (3) Jeff Pratt, PWA, Executive Officer; (4) Gerhardt Hubner, WPD, Deputy Director; (5) Kathleen Riedel, WPD, Groundwater Specialist; (6) Jessica Rivera, FCGMA Clerk of the Board; (7) Henry Graumlich, Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD); (8) Susan Mulligan, CMWD; (9) Robert Eranio, Crestview Mutual Water Company (CMWC) and Chair of the Las Posas Users Group (LPUG) Voting Panel; (10) Carol Schoen, Zone Mutual Water Company; (11) Steve Nash, Oxnard resident; and (12) Don Hauser, (CMWD).

C. Public Comments

Mr. Robert Eranio, CMWC, noted that he would not be able to attend the FCGMA Operations Committee meeting, scheduled for November 14, 2012, due to a scheduling conflict. He provided comments regarding the Domestic Flowmeter Exemption Update item to be discussed at that meeting, mentioning it may be best to bring the item before the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG), rather than the Meter Committee.

Mr. Jeff Pratt, FCGMA Executive Officer, responded it may be a policy discussion, which Agency staff could take to the Board for direction.

Chair Maulhardt informed Agency staff to place the item on an FCGMA Executive Committee meeting agenda, if it was decided to be a policy discussion. Mr. Gerhardt Hubner, WPD, Deputy Director, responded he would inform the Operations Committee of the discussion and have the Operations Committee decide as to which Committee would proceed with that item.

D. Minutes

No questions, comments or changes related to the minutes from the September 21, 2012 Executive Committee meeting were made. Chair Maulhardt made the motion to approve the minutes, and Co-Chair Craven seconded the motion.

E. Las Posas Basin-Specific Groundwater Management Plan (LPBSGMP) Comment Letter

Ms. Kathleen Riedel, WPD, Groundwater Specialist, reviewed key issues regarding the plan, as referenced in the FCGMA's comment letter. She reported one issue as being water quantity versus water quality; noting that in the previous version of the plan, the reported issue was quantity, but has since changed to quality. Other items discussed included: (1) the shallow aquifer; (2) the deep aquifer; (3) salt intrusion; (4) pressure; (5) brackish groundwater; and (6) the percentage of discharge from the City of Simi Valley.

Chair Maulhardt commented that if the inclusion of the discharge from the City of Simi Valley were to be removed, then the group would be facing a water quantity issue. He discussed the plan out to 2035 and gave examples. Ms. Susan Mulligan, CMWD, agreed and stated if County Waterworks District (CWWDD) were to build a desalter, using a significant quantity of water, the group would be facing a similar water quantity issue.

Chair Maulhardt inquired as to how well permits would be issued, and Ms. Mulligan explained, noting it could result in adjudication if applications were denied.

Chair Maulhardt expressed concerns that the supply noted in the LPBSGMP was predicated based upon "if" statements and the timeline was not stretched out far enough. He inquired as to what role the GMA should play to close the loopholes and obtain closure on the lynch pin of water quality versus water quantity. In addition to this, Chair Maulhardt again noted his concerns regarding the approval of well permits. Both Mr. Pratt and Ms. Mulligan confirmed the scheduling of the allocation of the brackish groundwater would be secured within a year.

Ms. Carol Schoen, Zone Mutual Water Company, commented work was being done to develop an export policy. She agreed with Ms. Mulligan's concerns regarding the desalter project, stating she wanted to be sure water was not being moved out of Las Posas [i.e. pulling water out of the Las Posas Basin (LPB) and disbursing it to other cities, as previously mentioned by Ventura County Waterworks District during an LPUG meeting]. The group discussed this in further detail before shifting the discussion to the authority of the GMA.

Chair Maulhardt commented the GMA was the regulatory agency, and would be required to review all plans and/or policies to aid in the process before the Board could proceed with reviewing and/or adopting a plan.

Mr. Pratt commented on the consensus process of the LPUG Voting panel, and Mr. Robert Eranio, CMWC and Chair of LPUG Voting panel, explained that issues, not technical in nature, were brought before the group. He stated when everyone agreed on a decision, a consensus was reached; however, if unable to reach a consensus, a call for a vote from the seven (7) members of the LPUG Voting panel was then requested.

Chair Maulhardt inquired as to how many pumpers were in the Las Posas Basin, and Mr. Eranio stated there were approximately 335 wells in the Las Posas basin, with about 60% of these pumpers in attendance at the LPUG meetings. Chair Maulhardt stated that the majority vote at LPUG does not have any legal "legs" and further stated LPUG would need to include the other 40% of the Las Posas pumpers in their decision-making process to ensure a consensus is being reached.

Ms. Mulligan stated they could not accomplish all the concerns within the GMA letter, and inquired if the Board would adopt the LPBSGMP without everything from the letter being

completed. Chair Maulhardt stated the LPBSGMP would need to have specific time and decision-making metrics that would carry them through any issues that may arise. He stated he would rather see a Phase I with: (1) a checklist of items to be done; (2) a fundamental agreement on brackish groundwater and overdraft issues; and (3) a mechanism in place for peer review for a funding mechanism. He continued stating the LPBSGMP was a great document; however, it was not yet a plan.

Chair Maulhardt further noted the GMA staff recognized the issues and time constraints; however, the Committee would need to review the FCGMA's letter with the LPBSGMP before they could make any recommendation. Co-Chair Craven stated the timeline seemed to be fine, as the document could be revised within the next 5 years. Chair Maulhardt stated his concern was the key factors and/or lynch pin issues were not identified until further down within the current timeline in the document.

Mr. Eranio inquired of the lynch pins Chair Maulhardt was referring to, as he believed they had already been addressed. Ms. Mulligan confirmed the issues were being addressed in phases towards the end of the LPBSGMP. Chair Maulhardt responded the issues had not been addressed with the FCGMA Executive Committee and further stated policy decisions needed to be made and brought before the Board to help the process along. He would like to see a timeline to resolve the 3-5 key lynch pin issues, noting then a plan could possibly be set in place. He mentioned having 4-5 policy decisions within the next year.

Mr. Eranio asked for clarification if the issues needed to be answered before the document could be adopted, and Chair Maulhardt stated funding, brackish groundwater and export issues were among the key issues that needed to be resolved within the first year.

Ms. Mulligan noted that as part of the plan, Calleguas was making commitments and concessions with respect to Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR) operations, and that if the GMA were to not adopt the plan, some pumpers might be concerned.


Mr. Eranio suggested holding a meeting with Henry Graumlich, Susan Mulligan, Gerhardt Hubner, Jeff Pratt and Kathleen Riedel, to prioritize the issues, and Chair Maulhardt agreed stating the goal would be to bring the key lynch pins to the Board before the end of the year. Mr. Graumlich noted that it would be helpful to have examples that met the GMA staff's criteria for a groundwater plan and requested that GMA staff provide copies of existing groundwater plans, which met their standards.

Chair Maulhardt adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 5:10 p.m., with the direction that GMA staff meet with Mr. Robert Eranio, Mr. Henry Graumlich and Ms. Susan Mulligan to discuss key lynch pin issues, and to schedule a follow-up Executive Committee meeting in December 2012.

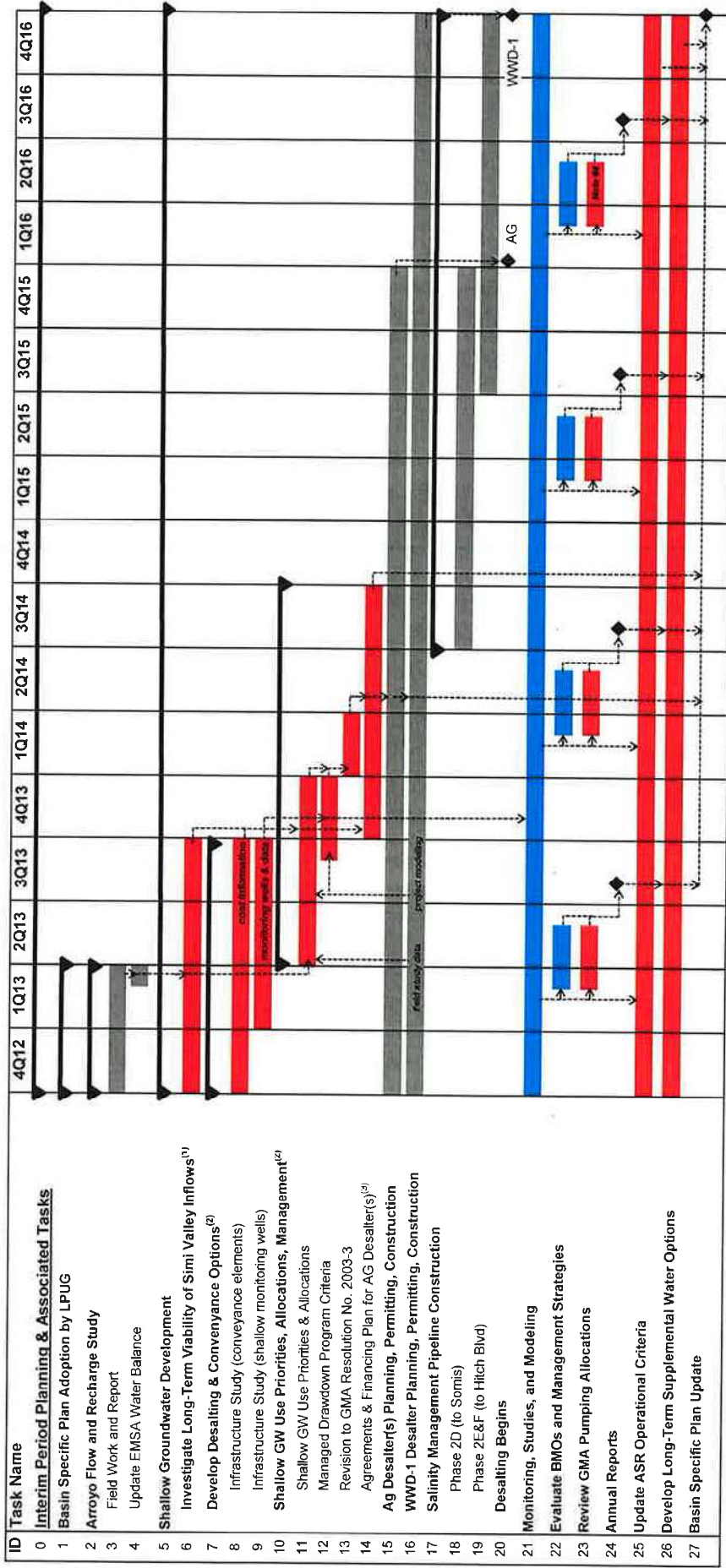
F. Adjourn the Executive Committee Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by:



Jessica Rivera
Clerk of the Board



- Notes:
1. Subcommittee review of the technical, regulatory, water rights, and cost aspects of maintaining inflows from Simi Valley. Develop an agreement(s) with Simi Valley for continuation of flows, as needed or as desired.
 2. "Infrastructure" subcommittee to oversee this task.
 3. LPUG desires to meet the Plan goals by developing basin-wide, local, or user-specific projects that collectively achieve operational yield of the sub-basins and/or manage and improve water quality. Agreements and any financing plan depends upon the suite of proposed projects.
 4. If changes to GMA pumping allocation programs are proposed, additional steps would be required to obtain GMA approval of proposed changes.

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Subject: Proposed Revisions to Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Executive Committee Minutes of November 12, 2012

Dear Ms. Rivera,

The following proposed revisions are submitted by Calleguas Municipal Water District to better characterize its participation in the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Executive Committee meeting of November 12, 2012. All revisions refer to the discussion pursuant to Item E. Las Posas Basin-Specific Groundwater Management Plan (LPBSGMP) Comment Letter.

2nd paragraph

Chair Maulhardt commented that if the inclusion of the discharge from the City of Simi Valley were to be removed, then the group would be facing a water quantity issue. He discussed the plan out to 2035 and gave examples. Ms. Susan Mulligan, CMWD, agreed and stated if County Waterworks District (CWD) were to build a desalter, ~~it would cause an issue for the LPBSGMP as well~~ using a significant quantity of water, the group would be facing a similar water quantity issue.

4th paragraph

Chair Maulhardt expressed concerns that the supply noted in the LPBSGMP was predicated based upon "if" statements and the timeline was not stretched out far enough. He inquired as to what role the GMA should play to close the loopholes and obtain closure on the lynch pin of water quality versus water quantity. In addition to this, Chair Maulhardt again noted his concerns regarding the approval of well permits. Both Mr. Pratt and Ms. Mulligan confirmed the scheduling of the allocation of brackish groundwater would be secured within a year.

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Ms. Carol Schoen, Zone Mutual Water Company, commented work was being done to develop an export policy. She agreed with Ms. Mulligan's concerns regarding the desalter project, stating she wanted to be sure water was not being moved out of Las Posas (i.e. pulling water out

Ms. Rivera
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of Calleguas the Las Posas Basin (LPB) and disbursing it to other cities areas outside the LPB through the Calleguas system, as previously mentioned by CMWD Ventura County Waterworks District during an LPUG meeting). The group discussed this in further detail before shifting the discussion to the authority of the GMA.

13th paragraph

Ms. Mulligan noted that as part of the plan, Calleguas was making commitments and concessions with respect to ASR operations, and that if GMA were not to adopt the plan, some pumpers might be concerned. ~~expressed her concerns regarding the Aquifer Storage & Recover (ASR) project and Basin Management Objectives (BMOs). She felt other parties might begin to lose interest and pull out of the process.~~

14th paragraph

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Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at smulligan@calleguas.com or (805) 579-7115 if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Susan B. Mulligan
General Manager

November 7, 2012

Lynn E. Maulhardt, Chair
Executive Committee of the
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors



Las Posas Basin Specific Management Plan Coordination with the
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

Dear Lynn,

I recently received a GMA agenda stating the Board's Executive Committee will be considering GMA staff comments on the draft Las Posas Basin-Specific Management Plan. The Las Posas Users Group received GMA staff comments and discussed a general approach to responding to the comments at its October 10, 2012 meeting. The approach was affirmed and the group accepted the meeting notes on October 24, 2012.

As memorialized in the discussion notes for October 10, 2012: "The group reached consensus to move forward with completion of the draft plan recognizing that the GMA issues will remain issues to be addressed as the plan is implemented." The draft plan, when adopted by the Users Group, provides a consensus approach to addressing the issues necessary to resolve the concerns raised in the GMA staff letter. We appreciate and agree with many of the technical points raised by GMA staff and I can assure you they will be given the proper consideration due in the final revisions to the plan under review.

The Las Posas Basin Users Group believes the plan provides sufficient detail for the group to continue their work in a coordinated fashion even while not entirely meeting the GMA staff's many detailed concerns for legal certainty, infrastructure development, operations, contingencies, financing, in-stream uses, expansion of groundwater use, and climate change adaptation. As the Users Group continues its work, we anticipate there will be actions within the jurisdiction of the GMA Board's groundwater authority that will require coordination. We look forward to working cooperatively with staff to bring those issues to your Board and will be looking for your continued support in the development of this unique basin plan.

Sincerely,

Robert Eranio
Chair, Las Posas Users Group

Agency Staff Response Letter dated October 5, 2012 Regarding the Final Draft V.1 Las Posas Basin-Specific Groundwater Management Plan (LPBSGMP), Dated August 17, 2012

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