

CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
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LAS POSAS USERS GROUP

Calleguas Municipal Water District Boardroom

Thursday, December 15, 2011

***** NOTE MEETING DATE CHANGE *****

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. Introductions and Public Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda
2. Meeting Notes for November 30, 2011
3. GMA Ordinance Code Update
4. Prop 84 Planning Grant Proposal Update
5. LPUG Advisory Structure – Planning Committee Update
6. Arroyo Simi / Las Posas Percolation Study Results (*Tentative Item*)
7. Management Plan – Continue Discussion of Sections 5.2 – 5.4
8. Recap of 2011 Basin Planning Progress & 2012 Tasks & Schedule
9. Future Agenda Items, Announcements, and Meeting Adjournment

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**LAS POSAS USERS GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
November 30, 2011**

A meeting of the Las Posas Users Group was held at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 in the Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas MWD) Boardroom located at 2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, California.

Call to Order – Bryan Bondy, Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. The attached sign-in sheet lists those in attendance.

1. Public Comments – Dale Zurawski, Farm Bureau of Ventura County, provided an update on the Ventura County Agricultural Irrigated Lands Group educational classes. Their website: www.farmbureau.com offers more information.
2. Review of Meeting Notes for November 16, 2011 – The group received the draft meeting notes for November 16, 2011 for review. The group accepted the meeting notes as presented.
3. Calleguas MWD Aquifer Storage and Recovery Operations Update: Susan Mulligan, Calleguas MWD, provided a presentation on the ASR Operations. Ms. Mulligan provided Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's scheduled shutdown dates for 2012 and discussed Calleguas MWD's plan to inject before shutdowns. Ms. Mulligan updated the group on the ASR groundwater elevation monitoring program, specifically the recent installation of water level probes in USGS and VCWWD No. 1 wells in the East Las Posas sub-basin. Ms. Mulligan also stated that Calleguas MWD is currently preparing annual reports for the ASR project for the years 2007 through 2010.
4. Prop. 84 Planning Grant Proposal Update – Mr. Bondy updated the group about the potential Proposition 84 planning grant opportunity through the Watershed Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC). Mr. Bondy stated that the Fox Canyon GMA and Calleguas MWD prepared a joint \$120,000 grant proposal for the "Las Posas Basin Salinity Management and Water Supply Augmentation Project – Engineering Optimization Study". The proposed study would determine the most cost effective system of wells, desalters, and transmission infrastructure to produce saline groundwater, treat it, and distribute it to users in the Las Posas Basins. The study would be primarily focused on addressing the needs of agricultural pumpers in the basin and would be designed to compliment similar studies being undertaken by Waterworks District No. 1. The Calleguas Creek Watershed Steering

Committee selected the project and ranked it number one (out of two projects) on November 16. The next step is to compete against projects from other watersheds at the December 14, 2011 WCVS Steering Committee meeting. If selected, applications to the State would be due in February, with project selection and funding in mid-2012. Mr. Bondy asked for letters of support and would send out a draft letter for the group to use as a template. Mr. Bondy requested the letters by December 7th.

5. LPUG Advisory Structure: Planning Committee Update – Mr. Bondy provided an update on the Advisory Structure – Planning Committee. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6. The committee is designated to make recommendations to the broader LPUG. The committee includes Robert Eranio, John Orr and Carol Schoen. Mr. Bondy will assist the subcommittee.
6. FCGMA Ordinance Code Changes – *Note: See attached on-screen notes taken during the meeting for further information.* Mr. Bondy reminded the group that the hearing to consider the GMA Ordinance Code changes is scheduled for December 7. Mr. Bondy reminded the group that the remaining concerns mostly pertain to legacy language. The primary concern was 10-year well permit terms and permit renewals and this issue have been addressed.

Mr. Bondy discussed an e-mail received following the last LPUG meeting from an LPUG member. The e-mail reiterates several concerns previously heard and expresses several new concerns. The concerns and LPUG discussion are summarized below.

- a. “Safe yield” and “Overdraft” definitions. These terms and how they are defined have implications beyond the Las Posas Basin that need to be considered by the broader GMA constituency. The recommendation is to remind the GMA Board that the terms are not correct and recommend that the GMA take the lead updating these definitions.
- b. Poorly drafted legacy language (esp. sections 4.2.1.3.3 & 4.2.1.3.4). Some grammar improvements have been made throughout the ordinance. The above-referenced sections proved to be more difficult than anticipated to update, because the current meaning of these sections is not clear and because these sections touch on groundwater export issues that are yet to be considered by LPUG. Sections 4.2.1.3.3 & 4.2.1.3.4 will be essentially left alone for now, pending LPUG discussion of export issues.
- c. Recitals & findings refer to draft BSMP. GMA staff is aware of this issue and Agency Counsel is developing a solution.

- d. Grandfathered purveyors and exports need to be addressed now in this ordinance update. Groundwater export issues are an item of future discussion by LPUG and are not addressed in this GMA Ordinance Code revision.

Several members of the group expressed a desire to make it clear to the GMA Board that LPUG's planning process is an ongoing one, with many items remaining on the "to do" list. There needs to be continued understanding and support by the GMA.

Mr. Bondy will address the issues discussed and seek FCGMA board approval of the ordinance on December 7, 2011.

7. Discuss Basin Plan – Section 4.5 & Chapter 5 – Note: See attached on-screen notes taken during the meeting for further information. Mr. Bondy opened the discussion by stating that he is beginning to prepare a final draft of the BSMP. Mr. Bondy solicited comments, particularly on the BSMP figures.

Mr. Bondy reviewed the potential principles of the deep aquifer pumping allocation system, as described in Section of the 5.2.2.2 of the preliminary draft BSMP.

8. Future Agenda Items, Announcements, and Meeting Adjournment:

Wednesday, December 14, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Calleguas MWD Boardroom [***Subsequently changed to Thursday, December 15, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Calleguas MWD Boardroom.***]

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Linda Laney, Calleguas MWD and Bryan Bondy, FCGMA

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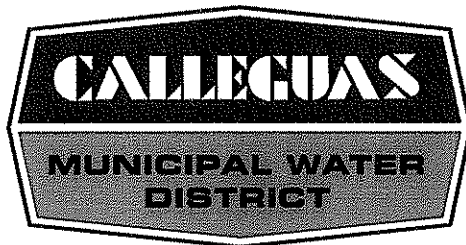
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LAS POSAS USERS GROUP

DATE: November 30, 2011

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

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LPUG – 11/30/2011

On-screen notes

Would like to see definitions clarified for overdraft and safe yield.

Caution that this is a GMA-wide matter and trying to fix these definitions may slow adoption of this ordinance which we need.

If the definitions are wrong or unclear, it could jeopardize our BSMP, especially when we start talking about allocations in a few months.

Plan goals do not refer to safe yield or overdraft so we do not have to rely on these definitions to make our plan work.

We do not need a finding of overdraft in order to have a basin management plan. The words “overdraft” and “safe yield” have legal implications. Zone is trying to resolve those legal implications but it will take time.

Having terms which affect the entire GMA is not fair to the pumpers in the other basins. They need to consult with counsel and consider the implications of the changes.

In the definition in the state manual it talks about “all waters” and in this definition it doesn’t. We need to better understand the implications of what waters are included, most notably the water from the Arroyo Simi.

If GMA legal staff says “don’t tackle it now” and John feels the same, maybe we should leave the definitions alone for now.

We all want the end product to be correct. It may be worth the time and effort to make it so.

The premise of the GMA was overdraft and the fact that in the Las Posas plan there is no mention of overdraft, what is the justification for doing that? To make a legal argument we need a problem statement.

The BSMP goals create the need: "Maintain a reliable GW supply of a quality suitable to the needs of the pumpers by implementing the most cost effective and equitable institutional and physical solutions available." We need not rely on a finding of overdraft or reference to the term "safe yield."

Proposal is not to touch the definitions now. Bryan should explain the concern about the definitions to the GMA Board. This is the practical approach.

There was general agreement on this approach, but there was a desire to encourage the GMA to fix these definitions on a GMA-wide basis.

GMA needs to be encouraged to get outside water rights counsel to review these matters.

There is a concern about GMA getting outside counsel getting mixed up in the works. Better that we make recommendations ourselves. We trust each other.

Legacy language

Bryan & John tried to fix the language. GMA counsel wanted to leave it the same.

We haven't talked about exports enough. We are putting a 4 AF/ac cap on users in the basin but not putting limits on water being exported. It may or may not be a problem. We don't know. We could leave the language alone, but we need to put "exports" on our "to do" list so we can understand this and manage it if it's a problem.

Now we have an urgency because Ordinance D expires. What will be the urgency for GMA to consider definitions of exports?

This group will drive the process. The GMA Board has been supportive of this process.

To get it done, Bryan has to be assigned to the process and GMA has to support it.

Part of the report to the GMA Board on this ordinance change should be that certain items are "to do"s. It needs to be in the minutes that this is an ongoing process.

There is another drafting point: 4.1.1 suggests that the LPBSMP is in place and it isn't.

Agency counsel says we can submit a draft for now. There is concern that we haven't all agreed on the language.

The implications of having the plan in draft form are that somebody applies for a new well permit and GMA staff has to use the plan to decide whether the well is consistent.

In 4.2.1 there is discretionary approval. But what about replacement wells?

4.2.1.3.5 It does not interfere with BMOs and it is not in a new location, so it should be approved.

4.2.1.1 says that you can't replace a well drilled after 1988. Change language to "as of January 1, 2012."

What about when you have lost production and gpm goes down? If you increase AF/yr then that is a problem.

Grandfathering of exports is not being addressed in this ordinance change.

Review of BSMP5.2.2.2 Deep aquifer allocations

Be careful about a market based approach. WE don't want to get in a situation where it's a better deal to fallow your land.

In Sta Paula basin the market based approach are ad-hoc. What are we thinking here? Formalized or ad-hoc?

Does irrigation efficiency go away under a resource based allocation?
The group needs to decide.