



# CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY SPECIAL STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Committee Members

Brenton Kelly (Chair)	Jake Furstenfeld	Mike Post
Brad DeBranch (Vice Chair)	Joe Haslett	Vacant
Louise Draucker	Roberta Jaffe	Vacant

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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 (Kelly) (1 min)
2. Roll Call (Kelly) (1 min)
3. Pledge of Allegiance (Kelly) (2 min)
4. Update on SAC Membership (Kelly) (3 min)
5. Approval of Minutes (Kelly) (3 min)
6. Groundwater Sustainability Plan
  - a. Update on Monitoring Network Implementation (Van Lienden) (10 min)
  - b. Report on Coordination with Counties (Beck/Blakslee) (10 min)
  - c. Report on Public Comments to DWR (Beck/Blakslee) (5 min)
7. Groundwater Sustainability Agency
  - a. Report of the Executive Director (Beck) (3 min)
  - b. Board of Directors Agenda Review (Beck) (3 min)
  - c. Report of the General Counsel (Hughes) (3 min)
8. Items for Upcoming Sessions (3 min)
9. Committee Forum (3 min)
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 (3 min)

12. Adjourn (3:53 p.m.)

# Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Standing Advisory Committee Meeting

APRIL 30, 2020, 4:00 P.M.

## Draft Meetings Minutes

**PRESENT:**

- Kelly, Brenton – Chair
- DeBranch, Brad – Vice Chair
- Haslett, Joe
- Jaffe, Roberta
- Post, Mike

**ABSENT:**

- Draucker, Louise
- Furstenfeld, Jake

**1. Call to Order**

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) Chair Brenton Kelly experienced connection issues and Vice Chair DeBranch called the SAC to order at 4:08 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Hallmark Group Project Coordinator Taylor Blakslee called roll of the Committee (shown above).

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Chair DeBranch.

**4. Update on SAC Membership**

CBGSA Executive Director Jim Beck reported that the SAC is working to identify candidates to fill two vacancies since Jose and Leticia Valenzuela let the SAC know they appreciated serving on the SAC but would no longer be able to do so. These two vacancies will first be attempted to be filled by members of the Hispanic community.

Since the SAC Members serve staggered three-year terms, staff drew SAC names at random to determine their initial terms. The vacancies were given a one-year term for their initial appointment. The following were the results of the poll:

<i>One-Year Term:</i>	<i>Two-Year Term:</i>	<i>Three-Year Term:</i>
1. Vacant	1. Furstenfeld	1. Kelly
2. Vacant	2. Jaffe	2. DeBranch
3. Draucker	3. Post	3. Haslett

## 5. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair DeBranch opened the floor for comments on the February 27, 2020 CBGSA SAC meeting minutes.

### MOTION

Committee Member Post made a motion to adopt the February 27, 2020 CBGSA SAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Jaffe. A roll call vote was made and passed.

AYES:	Committee Members DeBranch, Haslett, Jaffe, Kelly, and Post
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Committee Members Draucker, Furstenfeld

Committee Member Haslett requested, going forward, the minutes be provided midway through the SAC and Board meetings since the CBGSA meets every other month.

## 6. Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Mr. Van Lienden provided an update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) activities including the schedule and March through April 2020 accomplishments, which is included in the SAC packet.

### a. Update on Monitoring Network

#### i. Groundwater Levels Monitoring

Mr. Van Lienden provided an update on the groundwater levels monitoring network that the Board authorized the set up and monthly levels for roughly 100 wells. Mr. Van Lienden let the SAC know Phase 1 (set up of 40 wells) is included in their current task order and they hope to make headway on this.

Committee Member Jaffe asked what the firm selection process is for the monitoring network consultant and Mr. Blakslee let her know that proposals are due next week, and staff would provide a comparison for the Board.

#### ii. Groundwater Quality Monitoring

Mr. Van Lienden let the SAC know that staff planned to setup the groundwater quality network with similar tasks to the water levels network, where the water quality well number is roughly 60.

Committee Member Joe Haslett asked what time of year they planned to take TDS samples. He said water quality changes throughout the year, for example when rainwater is introduced to the groundwater and suggested taking the sample at the same time each year for groups of wells.

#### iii. Subsidence Monitoring

Mr. Van Lienden reported that after investigation the cost of subsidence monitoring as performed by USGS and since subsidence is not a significant issue in Cuyama, staff recommends utilizing a free service provided by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to track and report on subsidence.

**iv. Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems**

Mr. Van Lienden reported that the GSP stated six piezometers would be installed to track groundwater dependent ecosystems. However, to accommodate budget issues and to plan appropriately, staff recommended identifying the location for piezometers and pricing out costs in the upcoming fiscal year. Committee Member Post recommended partnering with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife since they own a fenced area of riparian habitat. Mr. Beck thanked Committee Member Post for the information and let him know staff will include that in the identification process.

Committee Member Jaffe commented that there are GDEs not only in the western end of the basin and asked if they will be considered. Mr. Van Lienden said that even though the GSP specifically called the western portion of the basin out as an area of need, staff will be considering the need basin-wide.

**b. Update on Newsletter**

CBGSA Outreach Consultant Mary Currie from the Catalyst Group reported that the newsletter is in the review process and reports on the GSP submittal, Prop 68 award, implementation phase, and how to access the updated draft fee report. She commented that the Recreation Center may not be distributing their newsletter due to COVID-19 and suggested posting the newsletter on the CBGSA website. Committee Member Jaffe suggested reporting on the DWR comment deadline via a postcard and notice on the Cuyama Strong Facebook page. Mr. Blakslee reported that an update on the comment period was sent to all parcel owners when the extraction late notices were sent. Committee Member Jaffe asked if staff could distribute a reminder to stakeholders. Committee Member Post suggested using the Facebook pages and Ms. Currie said she would coordinate with Committee Member Furstenfeld on getting messages out.

**7. Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

**a. Report of the Executive Director**

Mr. Beck reported that staff would be meeting with the counties to discuss how they are integrating SGMA with the county processes. He reported that we will be meeting with each of the four counties and will report back on this next month.

**b. Board of Directors Agenda Review**

Mr. Beck provided an overview of the May 6, 2020 CBGSA Board of Directors meeting agenda which was provided in the SAC packet.

**c. Report of the General Counsel**

Nothing to report.

**8. Items for Upcoming Sessions**

Nothing to report.

**9. Committee Forum**

Nothing to report.

**10. Public comment for items not on the Agenda**

Nothing to report.

**11. Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

**12. Adjourn**

Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

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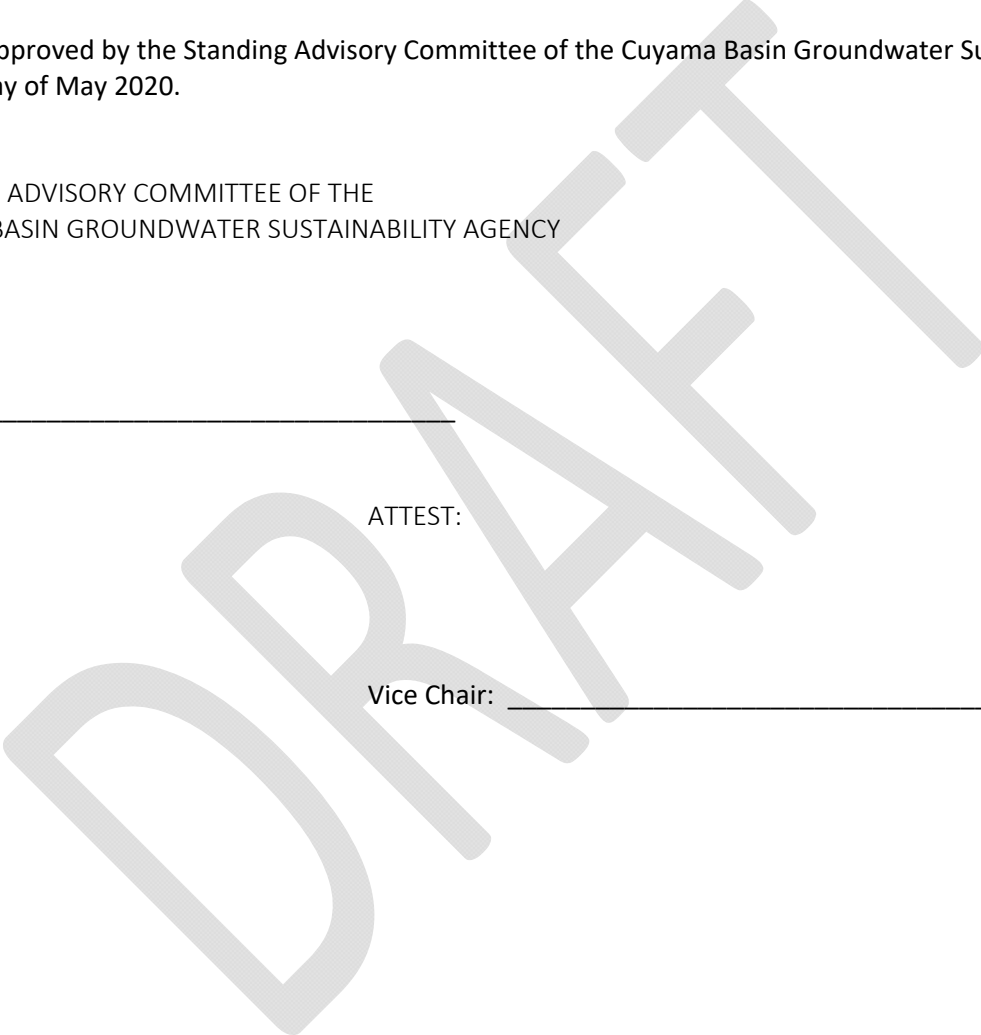
Minutes approved by the Standing Advisory Committee of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE  
CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Vice Chair: \_\_\_\_\_





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

June 25, 2020



# Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

## Groundwater Levels Monitoring

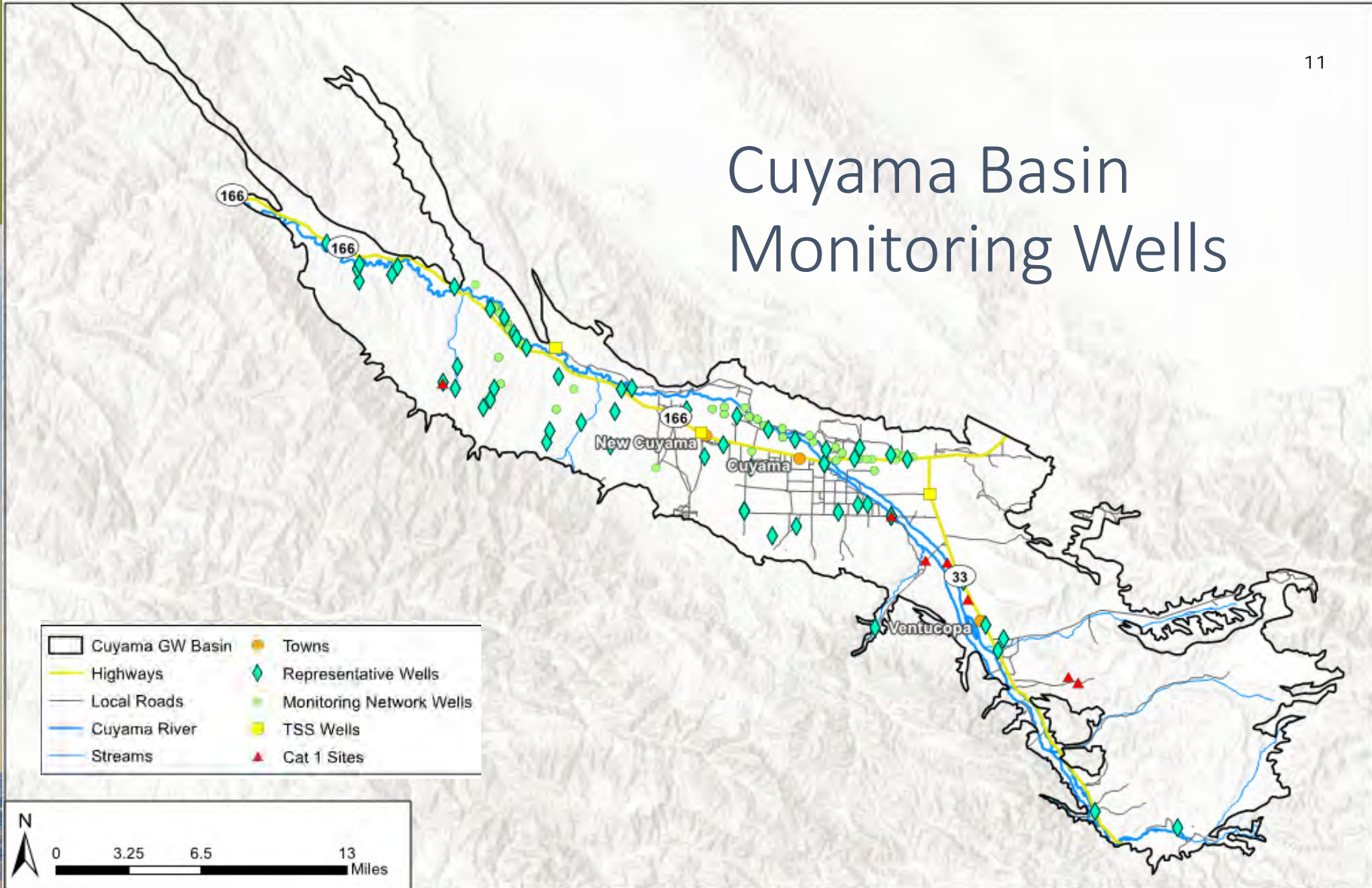
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# Groundwater Levels Monitoring Network Implementation

- **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


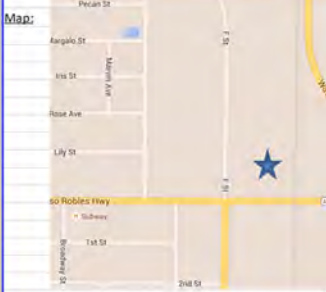
- Manual monitoring of existing wells (100 wells)
  - Board approved selection of Provost & Pritchard in May
  - Coordination meetings conducted with counties
  - Well information and data templates developed
  - Well validation/data collection by P&P beginning this week

### Monitoring Well Information Sheet



Local Well ID	Smith #1	State Well Number	11W25515A01	<b>Important notes:</b> fence gate is not locked, but arrange chain to lock locked.	
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		<a href="mailto:joe@smith.com">joe@smith.com</a>
	Phone	555-555-5555	Address		5555 Fifth Street, Wasco, CA 55555
Well Monitoring Contact Point	Name	Joe Smith	Email	<a href="mailto:joe@smith.com">joe@smith.com</a>	
	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

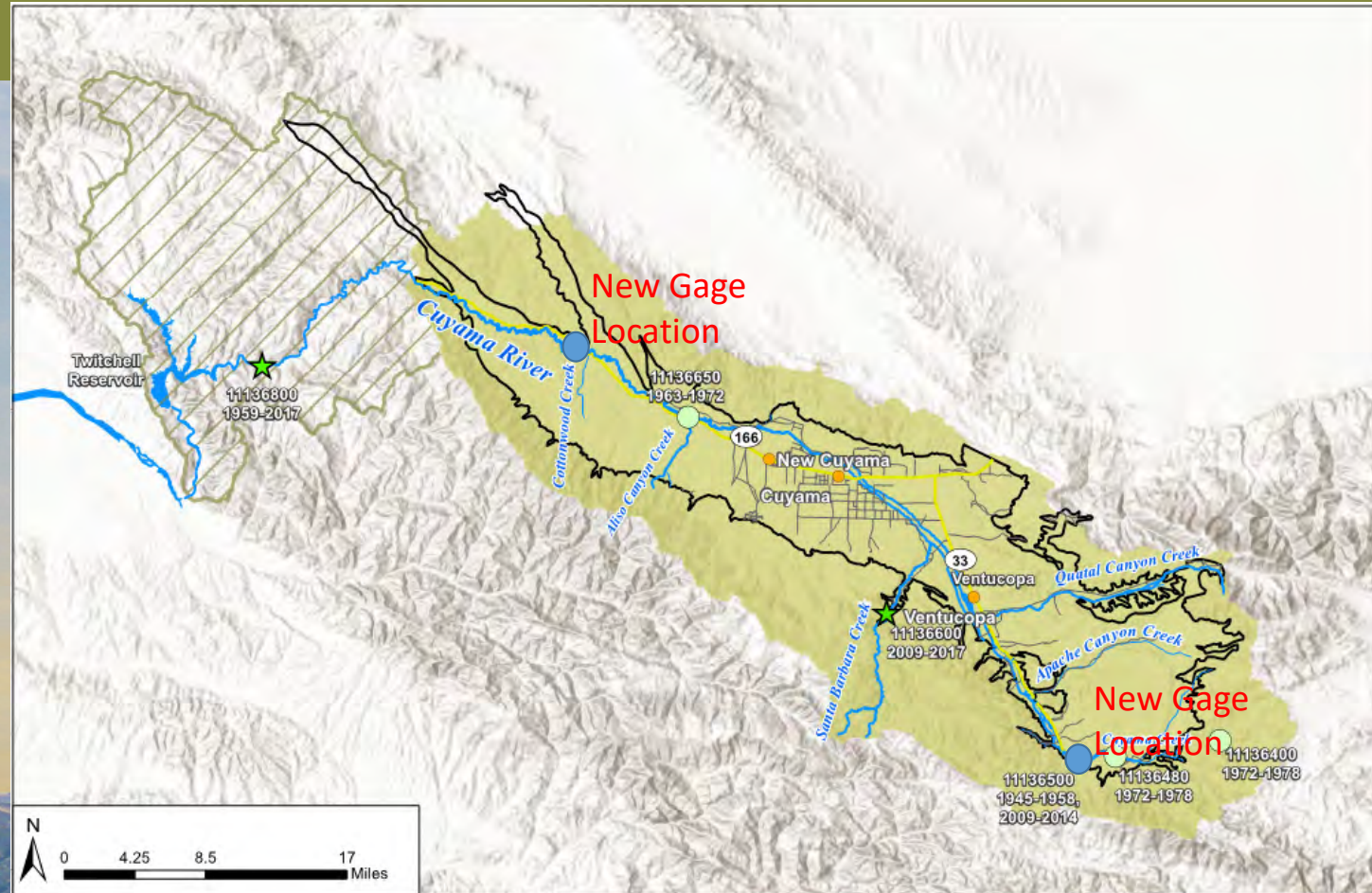
- GSA will continue with current monitoring, including DWR Altamira dataset (see right)
- No installation of new equipment unless existing data shows an issue

## DWR Altamira Dataset Screenshot



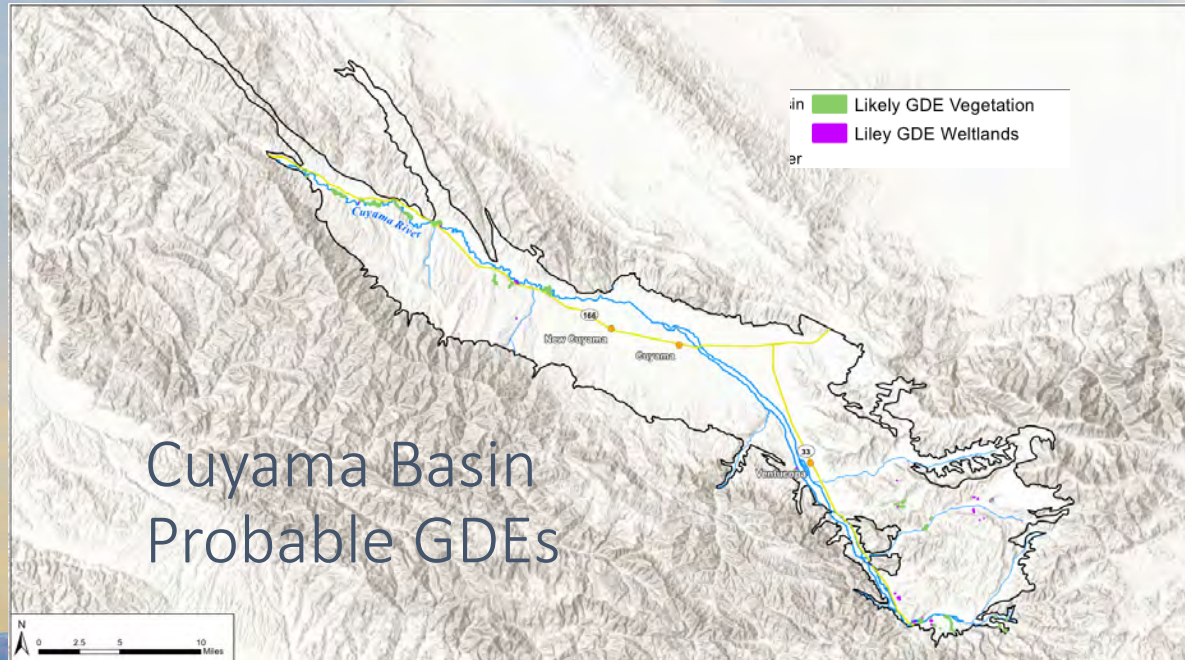
# Stream Gage Implementation – FY 2020-21

- 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. <b>GSA to monitor?</b> 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

June 25, 2020

# 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

## Board of Directors

**Derek Yurosek** Chair, Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Lynn Compton** Vice Chair, County of San Luis Obispo  
**Das Williams** Santa Barbara County Water Agency  
**Cory Bantilan** Santa Barbara County Water Agency  
**Glenn Shephard** County of Ventura  
**Zack Scrivner** County of Kern

**Paul Chounet** Cuyama Community Services District  
**George Cappello** Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Byron Albano** Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Jane Wooster** Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Tom Bracken** Cuyama Basin Water District

## Standing Advisory Committee

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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  
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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