

**Recommend Approval of a Resolution
Forming the Santa Clarita Valley
Groundwater Sustainability JPA and
Executing a Services Agreement**

Board of Directors Meeting
August 7, 2018
Item 6.1

Background

- The Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) formed by MOU May 24, 2017
- MOU provided interim governance
- SCV-GSA Board directed staff to develop a JPA agreement to:
 - Provide more efficient governance
 - Assure the GSP is completed in timely manner
- SCV-GSA Board endorsed the idea of SCV Water providing administrative and technical services through the adoption of GSP



Joint Powers Authority

- SCV-GSA Joint Power Authority
 - Creates a new public entity separate from its member agencies
 - Terminates the existing MOU
- JPA will have powers to exercise any and all common powers of its members reasonably related its purpose
 - Adopt rules and regulations, develop the GSP, distribute water, recharge water, assess fees, enter into contracts, issue debt, etc.
 - Form special project committees

JPA Governance

- Seven member Board of Directors
 - Four appointed by SCV Water
 - One each appointed by:
 - City Council of the City of Santa Clarita
 - County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
 - Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36
- Appoint Officers - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
- Appoint Standing Committees – Finance, Planning, Executive, etc.



JPA Governance - Continued

- A quorum of the seven member Board is four directors
- Voting
 - Unless otherwise specified, affirmative vote is 4 directors
 - Supermajority is 5 directors
 - Unanimous is 7 directors

JPA Governance - Continued

Supermajority voting required for	Unanimous voting required for
Adoption of GSP	Addition of new members to the JPA
Amendments to bylaws	Rescission of the JPA Agreement terminating the SCV-GSA
Approval of annual budget	Creating Special Project Agreement
Adoption of extraction fees	
Adoption of taxes, fees or assessments subject to Proposition 218	
Decision to initiate or settle litigation	
Approval of agreements between SCV-GSA and any member	



Funding Sources

- 1) Assess fees on individual pumpers; and/or
- 2) Seeking Grant Funding for a portion of costs; and/or
- 3) Rely on member agencies' voluntary advances or contributions

SCV-GSA Board preference are options 2 and 3 above.

Estimated SCV-GSA Budget

Budget Summary	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	Total
Table 1 Total SCV Water Staff	\$ 23,000	\$ 230,000	\$ 224,000	\$ 229,000	\$ 186,000	\$ 892,000
Table 2 Total Consultant Services	\$ 125,000	\$ 765,000	\$ 415,000	\$ 295,000	\$ 220,000	\$1,820,000
Total Estimated Staff and Consultant	\$ 148,000	\$ 995,000	\$ 639,000	\$ 524,000	\$ 406,000	\$2,712,000
Revenue For GSP Development						
Estimated Grant Reimbursement		\$ 118,125	\$ 163,125	\$ 57,375	\$ 24,750	\$363,375
Member contributions	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$400,000
Additional SCV Water Contributions	\$ 68,000	\$ 796,875	\$ 395,875	\$ 386,625	\$ 301,250	\$1,948,625
Total Revenue for GSP Development	\$ 148,000	\$ 995,000	\$ 639,000	\$ 524,000	\$ 406,000	\$2,712,000
Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

SCV-GSA Revenues

- Proposition 1 Grant
- Member Contributions (\$20,000 per year per member)
- SCV Water Voluntary Contributions
 - SCV Water 95% of M&I use; 70% basin wide
 - Failure to complete GSP by deadline will result in a loss of local control of groundwater resources



SCV-GSA/SCV Water Services Agreement

- SCV Water provides administrative services consistent with SCV Water policies and procedures
- Creates separate SCV-GSA accounts
- SCV Water administers Proposition 1 Grant
- SCV Water contracts with all consultants necessary to prepare Groundwater Sustainability Plan



Recommendation

- The Water Resources and Watershed Committee recommends
 - That the Board adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement forming the Joint Powers Authority, and
 - Authorize the General Manager to execute a services agreement with the SCV-GSA