

# AGENDA

**SPECIAL BOARD AGENDA  
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
Castaic Lake Water Agency  
Board Room  
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350  
Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 4:00 P.M.**

## 1. REGULAR PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Public Comments – Members of the public may comment as to items not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this agenda may do so now or prior to each item as they arise. Please complete and return a comment request form to the Board Secretary. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Board’s presiding officer, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.) Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in Closed Session (if any) before they are considered by the Board must request to make comment at the commencement of the meeting at 4:00 P.M.
- 1.4 Acceptance of Agenda

**SCV-GSA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**PRESIDENT  
WILLIAM C. COOPER**

**VICE PRESIDENT  
BOB KELLAR**

**ADAM ARIKI  
B.J. ATKINS  
WILLIAM C. COOPER  
MITCH GLASER  
GARY MARTIN**

**SECRETARY  
CHERYL FOWLER**

## 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 \* Approve Minutes of October 16, 2017 Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

## 3. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

- 3.1 \* Adopt a Resolution Granting a SCV-GSA Member Agency Authority to Submit an Application for Proposition 1 Grant Funding on Behalf of the SCV-GSA

## 4. CONSIDER POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SET NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

- \* Indicates attachment
- ◆ To be distributed

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency – October 16, 2017

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) was held at the City of Santa Clarita, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA 91355, at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 16, 2017. A copy of the Agenda is inserted in the Minute Book of the Agency preceding these minutes.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Directors Adam Ariki, B.J. Atkins, Jerry Gladbach (Alternate Director), Mitch Glaser, Bob Kellar, and Gary Martin.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** William Cooper.

Also present: Keith Abercrombie, Retail Manager SCWD; Mike Alvord, Assistant General Manager NCWD; Jeff Barry, GSI Consultant; Thomas Bunn, NCWD General Counsel; Joe Byrne, CLWA General Counsel; Steve Cole, General Manager, NCWD; Lauren Everett, Consultant Kennedy/Jenks ; Cheryl Fowler, acting Board Secretary; Dirk Marks, Water Resources Manager CLWA; Robert Newman, City of Santa Clarita; Ken Petersen, General Manager VWC; Valerie Pryor, Assistant General Manager CLWA; Rick Viergutz, Principal Water Resource Planner CLWA; and members of the public.

Steve Cole, NCWD General Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. A quorum was present.

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There was general public comment and public comment on Items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.

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The Board members introduced themselves to the public.

Upon motion of Director Gladbach, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Agenda was approved by the following voice votes (Item 1.4):

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Glaser	Yes
Director Atkins	Yes	Director Kellar	Yes
Director Cooper (Absent)		Director Martin	Yes
Director Gladbach (Alternate)	Yes		

Steve Cole, NCWD General Manager, announced the next item of business was Agenda Item 2.1, the election of Board President and Vice President and conducted the election of officers.

Steve Cole, NCWD General Manager, called for nominations for the position of Board President.

Director Martin nominated Director Cooper. There were no further nominations.

By motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Gladbach and carried by a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nos and 1 Abstain, Director Cooper was elected to the position of President of the Board.

Steve Cole, NCWD General Manager, then called for nominations for the office of Board Vice President.

Director Martin nominated Director Kellar. There were no further nominations.

By motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Gladbach, and carried by a voice vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nos, Director Kellar was elected to the position of Vice President of the Board.

Director Cooper (in absentia) and Director Kellar then assumed the offices of President and Vice President. Vice President Kellar continued the balance of the meeting.

Upon motion of Director Atkins and seconded by Director Martin, Cheryl Fowler was appointed as Board Secretary by the following voice votes: (Item 2.1)

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Glaser	Yes
Director Atkins	Yes	Director Kellar	Yes
Director Cooper (Absent)		Director Martin	Yes
Director Gladbach (Alternate)	Yes		

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Rick Viergutz presented an overview of the Groundwater Sustainability Act: Purpose, Responsibilities and Authorities. (Item 3.1)

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Joe Byrne, CLWA General Counsel, gave an overview of Joint Powers Authority.

Upon motion of Director Gladbach, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board authorized staff to move forward and work together on the development of a Joint Powers Authority to serve as a permanent structure for the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency by the following voice votes. (Item 3.2)

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Glaser	Yes
Director Atkins	Yes	Director Kellar	Yes
Director Cooper (Absent)		Director Martin	Yes
Director Gladbach (Alternate)	Yes		

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Rick Viergutz provided an overview of Item 3.3.

Upon motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Atkins and carried, the Board approved staff's recommendation and adopted Resolution No. GSA 2017-01 granting a SCV-GSA Member Agency authority to submit an application for Proposition 1 grant funding on behalf of the SCV-GSA, by the following voice votes. (Item 3.3):

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Glaser	Yes
Director Atkins	Yes	Director Kellar	Yes
Director Cooper (Absent)		Director Martin	Yes
Director Gladbach (Alternate)	Yes		

**RESOLUTION NO. XXXX**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AUTHORIZING  
THE CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF  
OF THE SGV-GSA FOR “EARLY COMPONENTS OF THE SCV-GSA GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN” AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA FOR A 2017 SGWP GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE SCV-GSA UNDER THE  
CONDITION THAT PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT, THE MEMBERS  
DEVELOP A COST SHARE AGREEMENT TO FUND THE GRANT COST SHARE AND  
APPLICATION COSTS**

**WHEREAS**, Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA), along with its regional partners Newhall County Water District, Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, the Santa Clarita Water Division, the City of Santa Clarita, and the County of Los Angeles (each a “member” and collectively the “members”) jointly formed the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on May 24, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOU identifies that the parties agree to cooperate and coordinate in pursuing State grant and loan funding opportunities that may apply to carrying out the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in the basin; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2017 the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) named the SCV-GSA as the exclusive GSA in the Santa Clarita Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires that the SCV-GSA develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP); and

**WHEREAS**, DWR is administering the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program, using funds authorized by Proposition 1, to encourage sustainable management of groundwater resources that support SGMA; and

**WHEREAS**, the State released the “Final Proposal Solicitation Package For Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Projects” (PSP) and proposals are due by November 13, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, a second grant application period, if grant money is still available, is anticipated during June 2018 through August 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant application process includes many requirements and considerations including: a) the SCV-GSA adopt a resolution affirming that a member of the GSA is authorized to submit the grant application and execute a grant agreement on behalf of the SCV-GSA, b) the application identify the total local cost share that will be committed to the proposal, and c) the grant program requires a minimum local cost share of 50% of total proposal cost; and

**WHEREAS**, because the SCV-GSA has not developed a budget, the grant application will require that the GSA member who applies on behalf of the SCV-GSA commit to providing the minimum local cost share of 50% of the total proposal cost; and

**WHEREAS**, CLWA is willing to apply for the grant funds and make the necessary commitments on behalf of the SCV-GSA; and

**WHEREAS**, the total project cost to fund “Early Components of the SCV-GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan” is currently estimated at \$500,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the short term cost to develop the grant application is estimated to be \$50,000 and includes consultant development of grant required scopes, schedules and budgets for work products and development of the grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOU provides the procedure for sharing of grant related cost recovery and the members have agreed in concept to provide said financial support; and

**WHEREAS**, On October \_\_, 2017 SB 634 was passed providing that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency shall be the successor agency to CLWA beginning on January 1, 2018;.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors, the governing body of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, resolves and orders as follows:

1. Castaic Lake Water Agency is authorized by the SCV-GSA to submit a grant application on behalf of the SCV-GSA to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2017 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) (Water Code Section 79700 et seq.)
2. Castaic Lake Water Agency is authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the SCV-GSA to receive a grant for “Early Components of the SCV-GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan.”
3. The General Manager of the Castaic Lake Water Agency, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement on behalf of the SCV-GSA with the California Department of Water Resources under the condition that prior to execution of the grant agreement the members adopt a cost share agreement to fund the preparation of the GSP including reimbursement of grant cost matching funds.

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The Board discussed future agenda items. No future Agenda items were calendared. (Item 5).

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Upon motion of Director Atkins, seconded by Director Gladbach and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 PM by the following voice votes (Item 6):

Director Ariki	Yes	Director Glaser	Yes
Director Atkins	Yes	Director Kellar	Yes
Director Cooper (Absent)		Director Martin	Yes
Director Gladbach (Alternate)	Yes		

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Cheryl Fowler, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

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President of the Board

## **SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

November 6, 2017

**To:** SCV-GSA Board of Directors  
**From:** GSA Formation Work Group  
**Subject:** Adopt a Resolution Granting a SCV-GSA Member Agency Authority to Submit an Application for Proposition 1 Grant Funding on Behalf of the SCV-GSA

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At its October 16, 2017 Board Meeting, the Board of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) authorized Castaic Lake Water Agency to apply for a Proposition 1 grant on behalf of the SCV-GSA for preparation of portions of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The October 6, 2017 detailed staff report is attached hereto for reference. Since that time, staff and its consultant have identified additional costs associated with the preparation of the GSP and now seek authorization to apply for up to the Proposition 1 maximum grant amount of \$1,000,000.

The higher cost includes components not envisioned in the earlier cost estimate, including:

1. Field work to assess groundwater surface water interactions and developing criteria to assess undesirable results.
2. Development of a more detailed Department of Water Resources required data management system (DMS).
3. Implementing a more robust stakeholder engagement process.
4. Grant preparation and administration.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Costs to commence the grant funded work could be incurred as early as spring 2018. A cost estimate to complete the full GSP can be developed after the GSP is more fully scoped.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The GSA Formation Work Group recommends that the Board of Directors adopt the attached resolution that would allow for submission of the grant application with a total project cost of up to \$1,000,000 and execution of a grant agreement.

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Attachments



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### **PURPOSE**

- Provide an overview of the Proposition 1 funding opportunity and an approach to apply for a grant.
- Recommend approval of the attached resolution that would allow for submission of a grant application and execution of a grant agreement.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) forming MOU identifies that the parties will work together to seek grant funding. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has issued a Final Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Projects. This Proposition 1 grant opportunity can provide up to 50% funding for specific components, or potentially all components, of an applicant's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

Completed grant applications are due to DWR November 13, 2017, less than one month after the first meeting of the SCV-GSA. If all grant funding is not awarded as a result of this first application period, a subsequent application period is anticipated to be open during June 2018 through August 2018.

Because of this short timeframe and no assurance of round two funding being available, the GSA Formation Work Group initiated work in support of an application. The SCV-GSA has not yet established a source of revenue to meet the grant's minimum 50% matching obligation, the work group recommends a member apply for the grant on behalf of the SCV-GSA.

The PSP requires applicants submit a complete grant application that includes:

- Authorization and certification of eligibility (i.e. current Urban Water Management Plan, compliance with the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program, etc.)
- Project justification and description
- Work plan including description of how the requested funding for specific components will lead to the full GSP
- Budget, including cost share funding and total proposal cost
- Schedule

- Identification of and any Benefits to disadvantaged communities, economically distressed areas, and severely disadvantaged communities.

The PSP provides the opportunity for a GSA to apply for funding all or a portion of work required to develop a GSP. As the detailed work plan for the GSP has not yet been developed, the approach recommended by the Formation Work Group is to focus on (1) updating and enhancement of the groundwater modeling tools, (2) updating of water quality management plans, (3) conducting studies that address groundwater operations on groundwater dependent ecosystems and adjoining GSAs, (4) facilitation of public involvement, and (5) grant administration.

#### Anticipated Activity Leading Up to the Application and Grant Agreement Execution Deadlines:

CLWA has contracted with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants and GSI Water Solutions, Inc. to develop an application and detailed scope of work for those portions of the GSP work plan that can be identified at this time. As part of assembling required information for the grant application, it would be beneficial for the SCV-GSA to hold a brief workshop to present the grant application approach, identify where potential grant funded components connect to required GSP components, and to describe at a high level the required GSP components and approaches to completing the GSP.

We anticipate that if a grant award is provided to the SCV-GSA, it would be provided in December 2017. We anticipate that as soon as January 2018 or February 2018, DWR would seek to execute a grant agreement. CLWA has indicated a willingness to apply for the grant on behalf of the SCV-GSA, but it is not in a position to front the full minimum 50% cost share for all the parties to the MOU. Therefore, prior to execution of a grant agreement, the parties to the MOU must identify their cost share for the grant in order for CLWA to execute the grant agreement.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The short term cost to develop the grant application is estimated to be \$50,000 and includes consultant development of grant required scopes, schedules, and budgets for work products and development and submittal of the grant application.

The total cost of GSP components identified in the grant application is currently estimated at \$500,000. Costs to commence the grant funded work could be incurred as early as spring 2018. A cost estimate to complete the full GSP can be developed after the GSP is more fully scoped.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The GSA Formation Work Group recommends (1) approval of the attached resolution that would allow for submission of the grant application and execution of a grant agreement, and (2) direct Formation Work Group members hold a workshop support the grant application effort in advance of submitting the grant application.

RDV

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