

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SALINAS RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING (BMP) COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Richard Ortiz, Chair
Claude Hoover
Deidre Sullivan
Silvio Bernardi

David Bunn, Public Member
Don Chapin, Public Member
Dennis Sites, Public Member

TIME: 8:30 am
DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 2015
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Board Room
893 Blanco Circle
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 755-4860

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
(Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker on matters within the jurisdiction of the Agency not listed on this agenda. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and make statements on agenda items as the Committee considers them.)
3. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2014.**
The Committee will consider approval of the Minutes of the above-mentioned meeting.
4. **CONSIDER RECEIVING A REPORT ON THE PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN FOR THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT.**
The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires a Public Outreach Stakeholder Process. Staff will present the current version of the Public Outreach Process.
5. **CONSIDER RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON THE CASGEM COMPLIANCE EFFORTS**
Staff will present an update on the Agency's efforts to become CASGEM compliant.
6. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**
The Committee will discuss and determine details for its next meeting.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL SALINAS RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN (BMP) COMMITTEE**

Richard Ortiz, Chair
Claude Hoover
Deidre Sullivan

Silvio Bernardi
Don Chapin, Public Member
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TIME: 11:45 a.m.
DATE: Wednesday, January 21, 2015
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency
Board Room
893 Blanco Circle
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MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** @ 11:45 a.m. by Committee Chair Richard Ortiz.

Members present: Director Richard Ortiz, Director Silvio Bernardi, Director Claude Hoover,
Public Member David Bunn

Members absent: Director Deidre Sullivan, Public Member Don Chapin and Public Member
Dennis Sites

A quorum was established

2. **Public Comments**

Charlie Hossem of Delicato Vineyards commented that it is important to come up with clear definitions of “ground water” and “surface water” and that now is the opportunity to do so.

3. **Approve the Minutes of the BMP Committee meetings held on December 10, 2014**

Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members Claude Hoover and David Bunn, the Committee approved the Minutes of the BMP meetings held on December 10, 2014.

4. **Groundwater Sustainability Act**

The Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRA) presented the second in a series of web seminars on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Presenters included representatives from the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Department of Water Resources, the Consensus Building Institute and the law firm Downey Brand. The title of the webinar is, “First Steps – Forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Governance, Interested Parties, State Agency Roles.”

5. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

There will be another webinar, the third in this series, occurring on February 25, 2015. The Committee members suggested holding the webinar separate from the BMP meeting so that other Board members could attend without violating the Brown Act. This issue will be discussed at the upcoming Board of Directors meeting to be held on January 26, 2015.

6. Adjournment @ 1:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Alice Henault

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – BMP COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE:	February 11, 2015	AGENDA ITEM:	
AGENDA TITLE:	Consider receiving a report on the public outreach plan for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act		
Consent ()		Action (X)	
Information ()			
SUBMITTED BY:	ROBERT JOHNSON	PREPARED BY:	Robert Johnson
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DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION:		February 23, 2015	

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Receive a report on the public outreach plan for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

SUMMARY:

The recently-enacted Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) is complex legislation that changes how groundwater will be managed in California. Due to the complexities within the legislation, a public outreach process is required to inform stakeholders and the general public about the changes that will come about as a result of SGMA implementation.

DISCUSSION:

In September 2014, Governor Brown signed into law the SGMA, which took effect on January 1, 2015. This act is complex, and clean-up language is expected, however in the meantime, entities that would be required to implement the SGMA need to embark on a series of steps to meet a timeline where the clock is already ticking.

Because of the intricacies and complexity of the SGMA, one of the necessary steps is a Public Outreach Plan (POP). The Monterey County Board of Supervisors (MCBOS) directed the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) to develop and implement a POP related to the SGMA, and provide regular updates.

The proposed POP would have at least two phases. The first phase would consist of a number of general information meetings open to all who are interested. The first wave of these meetings has already occurred. They were:

- Agency Board of Directors Special Meeting – January 21, 2015
- Greater Monterey County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Regional Water Management Group meeting – January 21, 2015
- Growers-Shippers Association Water Committee meeting - January 27, 2015.

Other meetings within the Salinas Valley (Soledad, King City, North County) are currently being contemplated.

The next phase of the POP would be open to the public also, though more directed at entities

eligible to become or be a part of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) which is called for in the SGMA. An entire basin, or each subbasin needs to have a GSA that is responsible for managing the respective basin towards sustainability. These meetings would have professional facilitation, which is offered by California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and/or the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

Once these two phases are completed, it was anticipated that additional focused meetings would occur to develop and complete the structure of the resulting GSA. The resulting entity would get the MCBOS' endorsement to become the GSA and inform DWR, before June 2017.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Monterey County Counsel's office as well as the Monterey County Resource Management Agency has been involved in the discussions regarding the SGMA and how it relates to Monterey County.

FINANCING:

The extent to which the SGMA will affect budget is unknown at this time. It is believed that the State would provide funding for the development of basin sustainability plans, and there would be fees and other revenues that would come from the enactment of the GSA. Therefore the financing of or from any activities related to the GSA are unknown at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:	YES (X)	UNKNOWN	NO ()
FUNDING SOURCE:	To be determined		
COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:			
ATTACHMENTS:	None		
APPROVED:			
	_____ General Manager		_____ Date

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – BMP COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE:	February 11, 2015	AGENDA ITEM:	
AGENDA TITLE:	Consider receiving an update on the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) compliance efforts		
Consent ()		Action (X)	
Information ()			
SUBMITTED BY:	HOWARD FRANKLIN	PREPARED BY:	Howard Franklin
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DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION:		February 23, 2015	

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Receive an update on the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring compliance efforts.

SUMMARY:

State Legislature amended the California Water Code with Senate Bill SBx7-6 on November 4, 2009, which resulted in development of the CASGEM program by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). In order to be CASGEM compliant, the Agency must submit groundwater elevation data from a network of wells distributed throughout ten of the thirteen groundwater basins in Monterey County, along with an approved monitoring plan for those basins. Participation in the CASGEM program is considered by DWR to be voluntary, but if the Agency does not comply with CASGEM, it will be ineligible for most State grant or loan funding.

DISCUSSION:

The Agency maintains a small network of dedicated monitoring wells but their number and distribution do not meet the requirements of CASGEM. Therefore, data from privately owned wells is necessary in order to achieve a density of data points that will be meet CASGEM standards. The Agency has requested 75 owners of 86 wells to voluntary participate in the CASGEM program. To date, the Agency has received permission to include approximately 20 privately owned wells into the CASGEM program.

Agency staff has also been in communication with staff from DWR regarding requirements for a CASGEM compliant Monitoring Plan. A draft Monitoring Plan was informally submitted for DWR review on January 30, 2015. DWR has responded to the draft with comments and suggestions, which the Agency will address in a final Monitoring Plan. Agency staff plans to submit the final Monitoring Plan by Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Department of Water Resources

