



**City of Greenfield
Arroyo Seco
Groundwater Sustainability Agency**
599 El Camino Real
Greenfield, CA 93927

**Meeting Agenda
May 28, 2019
4:00 P.M.**

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- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

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E. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be approved by one action of the Agency, unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received prior to the time Agency votes on the motion to adopt.

E-1. APPROVAL of the Minutes of the April 23, 2019 Meeting of the Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability

F. AGENCY BUSINESS

F-1. RECEIVE Groundwater Sustainability Agency Plan Update and Provide Staff Direction

- a. Staff Report
- b. Public Comments
- c. Agency Board - Comments / Review / Action

F-2. RECEIVE Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Agency General Manager's Status Report

- a. Oral Report
- b. Public Comments
- c. Agency Board - Comments / Review / Action

G. ADJOURNMENT

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**CITY OF GREENFIELD ARROYO SECO
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
MINUTES**

AGENCY MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2019

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Thorp, Vice Chair Griva, Board Members Rodriguez and Wood

Absent: Board Member Martinez

Staff: Interagency Attorney Cochran, General Manager Weeks, City Clerk Rathbun

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS ONLY ON THE AGENDA

No comments were received.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2019 MEETING OF THE ARROYO SECO
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY**

A MOTION by Vice Chair Griva, seconded by Board Member Rodriguez to approve the Minutes of the March 26, 2019 Meeting of the Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability. All in favor. Motion carried.

RECEIVE ARROYO SECO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PLAN

Gus Yantes, TODD Groundwater, gave a power point presentation regarding the Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

There was discussion among the Board, staff and the audience regarding the Plan.

**RECEIVE ARROYO SECO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY GENERAL
MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT**

General Manager Weeks gave a report regarding the boundaries and asked that the Advisory Committee be re-scheduled to May 17th because he would be out of town on the 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Chair of the Board

City Clerk of the City of Greenfield



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MEMORANDUM: May 22, 2019

AGENDA DATE: May 28, 2019

TO: Board Members

FROM: Curtis Weeks, General Manager

TITLE: **RECEIVE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)
UPDATE AND PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION**

BACKGROUND

TODD Environmental (TODD) has been developing the Arroyo Seco GSA (ASGSA) GSP since the summer of 2018 and presented two GSP workshops to the Board of Directors (BOD). As the technical work proceeds, key elements of the GSP and especially issues associated with the Minimum Thresholds for each of the 6 Sustainability Criteria will be presented to the Board as the GSP is under development. The following report documents issues under consideration in the development of the GSP.

DISCUSSION

Minimum Threshold for Water Levels

The ASGSA should consider the measured December 2015 water levels rather than the December 2016 water levels (which were lower) as the ASGSA Minimum Threshold for water groundwater for the following reasons:

- There were undesirable impacts on well operators during 2016 because of the low groundwater levels. Therefore, 2016 had already crossed the minimum threshold. The adjustments were made to the 2016 water levels at wells near the Salinas River mostly consisted of backing them up to 2015 water levels.
- A key management action for water levels and interconnected surface water (GDE's) is to re-operate Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs to avoid three

consecutive years without conservation releases. This implies that the third year (2016) was not sustainable and implies that the water levels during that year should not be considered sustainable. To be consistent with the objective of reservoir reoperation, we need to declare 2016 water levels as unsustainably low.

- Climate conditions of 2016 also caused undesirable results for riparian vegetation along the Salinas River (cottonwood mortality). It is possible that the trees had already died by 2015, but two consecutive years without releases would likely have allowed some additional survival

Please recall our current proposed methods will be to develop draft GSP chapters and issues for the Advisory Committee to review, prior to presenting the chapters or considerations to the BOD. Public comments will be received following each presentation allowing the public to provide direct input into the GPS process. One final round of GPS comments is anticipated in the fall to allow for creating a final draft plan ready to submit to the Department of Water Resources in January of 2020.

REVIEWED AND RECOMMENDED:

The ASGSA General Manager has reviewed this report and the discussed the Minimum Threshold issue with the Advisory Committee and recommends that the Board of Directors considers the change of Minimum Threshold be considered by the Board of Directors.