

**ARROYO SECO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2020 @ 4:00 P.M.**

Attendance and Public Comment Changes Due to COVID-19

The Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“ASGSA”) will be conducting its regular meeting on October 27, 2020. Given the current Shelter-in-Place Order covering Monterey County and the Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, the ASGSA has implemented the following changes for attendance and public comment.

ATTENDANCE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The ASGSA meeting to be held on October 27, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. will only be accessible online. The meeting may be viewed through the following options:

- Zoom Videoconference Platform
<http://gsameeting.ci.greenfield.ca.us>
Meeting ID: 862 5769 6264
Passcode: 434493
- Facebook Live
www.facebook.com/GreenfieldCA
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The ASGSA will also provide links to these viewing options on the City of Greenfield’s website and on the City’s Facebook page. Unfortunately, physical attendance by the public cannot be accommodated given the current circumstances and the need to ensure the health and safety of the ASGSA Board, staff, and the public as a whole.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All public comments, including general public comments, comments on a particular item on the agenda, or comments during a public hearing, must be made by e-mail. Please be aware that any public comments made, including your name, may become public information. Additional instructions for making public comments can be found below.

Public comments made by e-mail must be submitted to the following e-mail address: cityclerk@ci.greenfield.ca.us. In the subject line of the e-mail, please state your name and the item you are commenting on. If you wish to submit a public comment on more than one agenda item, please send a separate e-mail for each item you are commenting on. Please be aware that any public comments received that do not specify a particular agenda item will be read aloud during the general public comment portion of the agenda.

For all general public comments and comments regarding specific ASGSA business items, public comments must be received by e-mail no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 27 2020. For public comment on a public hearing, all public comments must be received by the close of the public hearing period. Comments received by the applicable deadline for submitting e-mail comments will be read aloud by a staff member during the agenda item or public hearing, provided that such comments may be read within the normal three (3) minutes allotted to each speaker. Any portion of a comment extending past three (3) minutes may not be read aloud due to time restrictions. If a comment is received after the applicable deadline for e-mail comments, efforts will be made to read your comment into the record. However, staff cannot guarantee that written comments received after the applicable deadline will be read. All written comments that are not read into the record will be made part of the meeting minutes, provided that such comments are received prior to the end of the ASGSA meeting.

The ASGSA thanks you for your cooperation in advance. Our community's health and safety is our highest priority.



**City of Greenfield
Arroyo Seco
Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

599 El Camino Real
Greenfield, CA 93927

**Meeting Agenda
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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**

This portion of the Agenda allows an individual the opportunity to address the Agency on any items not on closed session, consent calendar, public hearings, and Agency business. Under state regulation, **no action can be taken on non-agenda items, including issues raised under this agenda item.** Members of the public should be aware of this when addressing the Agency regarding items not specifically referenced 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 September 22, 2020 Meeting of the Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability

F. AGENCY BUSINESS

F-1. CONSIDERATION of Approval of the Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Coordination Committee Key Elements of the Management Framework and Provide Direction to Staff

- 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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

This meeting was conducted via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Thorp, Board Member Martinez and Wood
Vice Chair Griva arrive at 4:07 p.m.

Absent: Board Members Rodriguez

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS ONLY ON THE AGENDA

No comments were received.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION by Board Member Martinez, seconded by Vice Chair Griva to approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2020 Meeting of the Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Board Member Wood, Board Member Martinez, Vice Chair Griva and Chair Thorp. ABSENT: Board Member Rodriguez. Motion carried.

AGENCY BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES GRANT FUNDING AND DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN WORKING TO DEVELOP GRANT FUNDS ACQUISITION PROCESS WITH SALINAS VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SVBGSA)

Staff report was given by General Manager Weeks.

Chair Thorp asked if the grant money went to the Salinas Valley Basin GSA and then they would forward the to the Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ASGSA). General Manager Weeks stated that would be correct and stated that the Arroyo Seco GSA would submit invoices to the Salinas Valley Basin GSA and that this would be included in the agreement. Chair Thorp asked about the expenses that had already been incurred such as TODD Groundwater. General Manager Weeks stated that those expenses could be submitted for reimbursement.

Thomas Virsik stated that he wanted to note that in Task #12 it referenced a single GSP and wanted to make sure everyone was aware of that. General Manager Weeks stated that he did note that the grant was essentially written for one GSP. He stated that Task #12 was exactly what he wanted to convene to the Board and he stated that he was concerned about it; however, the ASGSA and the SVBGSA did have a MOU and serious progress has been made.

Nancy Isakson stated that she thought there was some language in the grant application or agreement that stated that the GSP, whether single or consolidated, would come back to the ASGSA for review regarding any management area or section area that might apply to the ASGSA. General Manager Weeks stated that she was 100% correct and stated that the grant application did call that out.

Board Member Martinez asked if the advisory sub-committee had reviewed this. General Manager Weeks stated that this item would stay with the GSA; however, the advisory committee would be reviewing the language and he would report back to the GSA.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to begin working to develop grant funds acquisition process with the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

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

General Manager Weeks stated that they have completed the MOU and the technical guys were working together. He stated that if there needed to be only a single GSP there needed to be an agreement between the two organizations and it would specifically need to address the amount of authority that would go into the development and implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the management area. He stated that it had always been this Board's position to have the GSP that we prepared, used for the management area to implement and manage it.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Chair of the Board

City Clerk of the City of Greenfield



**City of Greenfield
Arroyo Seco
Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

MEMORANDUM: October 23, 2020

AGENDA DATE: October 27, 2020

TO: Board Members

FROM: Curtis Week, General Manager

**TITLE: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ARROYO SECO
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AND SALINAS
VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
COORDINATION COMMITTEE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO
STAFF**

The attached are the Key Elements proposed for the Management Framework between the Arroyo Seco GSA and the Salinas Valley Basin GSA. These elements have been developed as the next step in the process of resolving outstanding SGMA Management issues between the Agencies. These framework elements layout the primary management issues to be established within an implementation agreement. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ASGSA and SVBGSA, approved in July 2020, outlined the commitment on the part of both Agencies to resolve the existing overlap in the Forebay Subbasin and establish a means to provide for local management of the Arroyo Seco Management Area. The action for the Board to consider is the next step in that process.

DISCUSSION:

The ASGSA/SVBGSA MOU executed in July outlines a process to address the required technical elements of coordination under SGMA as well as addressing how each organization's GSP is to work collectively to manage groundwater in the region. As the Coordination Subcommittee discussed how to resolve outstanding issues of overlap within the Forebay Subbasin and a means to provide the ASGSA local management authorities, it was determined that the most expeditious means to meeting those objectives was to move forward with a single GSP for the Forebay Subbasin and establish an Arroyo Seco Management Area. In addition to a single GSP with a Management Area,

the Agencies would develop an Implementation Agreement in lieu of a Coordination Agreement to establish how the Arroyo Seco Management Area would be managed. Those Key Elements are attached to this report. The formation of the Arroyo Seco Management Area and development of a method for managing the area under SGMA is best accomplished with a single GSP adopted by both Agencies. The Coordination Subcommittee is still refining the proposed Management Area boundary and will be included with the proposed Implementation Agreement by the end of 2020.

As stated in the MOU, consensus around key elements was obtained by the Coordination Subcommittee and have been brought to each Agency's public outreach process and the respective Board of Directors for approval.

REVIEWED AND RECOMMENDED:

The ASGSA General Manager and the ASGSA Advisory Committee have reviewed the Key Elements of the Management Framework and recommend that the Board of Directors approve the elements.

ATTACHMENTS

Key Elements of the Management Framework

Key Elements of the Management Framework

Draft for Discussion Purposes

Date: 10/15/2020

1. The ASGSA will be responsible for implementing certain management actions within an area still to be defined as the Arroyo Seco Management Area. The SVBGSA will be responsible for basin-wide actions and the ASGSA will be responsible for the Management Area specific management actions as agreed on by SVBGSA and ASGSA.
2. The Forebay GSP will include a Management Area designated as the Arroyo Seco Management Area. A separate GSP Implementation Agreement will detail the authorities and management roles of the ASGSA and SVBGSA in the management area. The management area will implement all basin-wide management actions, however the degree to which management actions will be implemented may be different in the management area (based on need). The ASGSA/SVBGSA Subcommittee will review and discuss management actions included in the Draft Arroyo Seco GSP and how those should be included or not included as management-area specific actions in the Forebay GSP, and make recommendations to appropriate Agency Committees and Boards. Technical alignment with the Forebay GSP will be guaranteed through work with each GSA's consultants.
3. Administration fees collected by the SVBGSA will be determined for implementation purposes in the Management Area. SVBGSA will provide a review of the purposes of the Administrative Fees collected by SVBGSA. Projects typically would need to be funded by another source separate from the Administrative Fee.
4. The SVBGSA will retain its regulatory authority in the Forebay Subbasin and should the Management Area be determined to be unsustainable in any of the six undesirable results categories, the SVBGSA will have the authority to take reasonable actions under SGMA.
5. The boundary of the Management Area is to be determined by the two Agencies.

NOTE: No review has been done through SVBGSA Board of Directors or Arroyo Seco GSA Board of Directors on this Framework. No review has been done by SVBGSA Advisory Committee on this Framework.