

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors Meeting

August 18, 2021

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Yurosek, Derek – Chair
Arnold, Debbie / Compton, Lynn – Vice Chair
Bantilan, Cory – Secretary
Vickery, Matt – Treasurer
Albano, Byron
Chounet, Paul
Scrivner, Zack
Anselm, Arne – *Alternate for Glenn Shephard*
Stoller, Lorena
Williams, Das
Wooster, Jane
Beck, Jim – Executive Director
Hughes, Joe – Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

None

1. Call to Order

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) Chair Derek Yurosek called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Hallmark Group Project Manager Taylor Blakslee provided direction on the meeting protocols in facilitating a hybrid remote and in-person meeting.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Blakslee called roll (shown above) and informed Chair Yurosek that there was a quorum of the Board.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Yurosek.

13c. Legal Counsel Report

Chair Yurosek made a change to the agenda and moved the legal counsel report between item nos. 3 and 4.

Legal counsel, Joe Hughes, reported that staff has been made aware of an adjudication action had been filed the previous evening. He said he has not seen an endorsed copy yet, and has only reviewed a copy at a high level. Mr. Hughes noted he does not believe the filing changes the purpose or mission of the CBGSA, and will be reviewing the filing and its impact on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Lynn Carslile asked if it covered the whole basin, Mr. Hughes confirmed that it did. Legal counsel was asked to address the filers and how it will this affect GSA role in the adjudication. Mr. Hughes noted that he will look into the impacts in more detail and that Bolthouse and three Grimmway entities were the filers. Director Vickery added that the GSA was not a named party in the adjudication and believes SGMA contemplated adjudication further noting that Grimmway is supportive of the GSA's goals and mission. Director Yurosek added that it was Bolthouse Properties and Bolthouse Land Company that filed. It was requested by SAC Member Jaffee that Legal Counsel address possible conflicts of interest at a future BoD and SAC meeting. Mr. Hughes noted that conflict of interest with specific board members would have to be addressed with them directly.

4. Standing Advisory Committee Meeting Report

SAC Chair Brenton Kelly provided a report on the August 11, 2021, SAC meeting and is included below.

Standing Advisory Committee Report

Meeting Date: August 13th, 2021

Submitted to the GSA Board on August 18, 2021

By Brenton Kelly, SAC Chair

The Standing Advisory Committee met in a hybrid fashion with some in-person at the FRC and others were present on the public virtual format. All SAC members were present for most of the meeting, with one committee member on the call. Taylor was joined in the room by Alex Dominguez, with Jim, Brian and other staff on the call. Anita Regmi from DWR was one of a number of public attendees. This was Committee Member Jean Gaillard's first meeting and I wish to thank him and commend all my colleges on the Committee for their participation in this public process. The meeting was informative and engaging. It lasted a little over 4 hours.

Update on SAC membership.

There remain 2 vacancies on the SAC for member representation from the Latino community. Any nominations or interested parties should contact Taylor Blakslee or myself.

Item 8. Direction on DWR's GSP Consultation Letter Dated June 3, 2021

This item took half the meeting as we went through each of the four deficiencies that were identified in the DWR Letter. Anita Regmi confirmed that to the best of their abilities, DWR is available for consultation assistance. The timeline was discussed with the response strategy. All effort will be made to satisfactorily address the deficiency before the January deadline in attempt to get an Approved determination in January.

Corrective Action No. 1 – Provide justification for, and effects associated with, the sustainable management criteria

Concerns were raised regarding the Undesirable Results Statement which is the foundation of the Sustainable Management Criteria.

“The definition of undesirable results is thus critical to the establishment of an objective method to define and measure sustainability for a basin.”

This GSP only recognizes any Undesirable Results when 30% of the Monitoring Network wells are below their Minimum Thresholds for more than two years. Currently 45% or more are below their MT.

The SAC questioned the effectiveness of this criteria for identifying the problem, much less preventing the continuing overdraft. Specific concern was expressed regarding the need for immediate action in the Northwest Region. The groundwater level has decreased from 20 feet to 80-100 feet. The current ground water level is falling below the root depth of the GDEs in that area. SAC members expressed that there is enough evidence based on monitoring to take appropriate action to protect the GDE in this area.

A unanimous recommendation was made to perform the technical analysis included in staff observations to assess the impacts of minimum thresholds on domestic and public wells and GDEs, along with revisions to the undesirable results statements and the sustainability criteria with an action plan and schedule.

Corrective Action No. 2 – Use of groundwater levels as a proxy for depletion of interconnected surface water

The SAC recommends the options included in staff observations to create a discrete Monitoring Network for the Interconnected Surface Water along with revisions to the undesirable results statement and sustainability criteria described in an action plan and schedule.

Corrective Action No. 3 – Further address degraded water quality

It was generally agreed that data was needed to either characterize existing groundwater quality conditions or to determine if any undesirable results were to occur as a result of groundwater extraction. Arsenic and Nitrate are recognized as constituents of concern in Cuyama. Anita Regmi reiterated that another choice was to try to better justify the current plan. The concern was without any baseline data that would be hard to do in an ‘evidence-based’ way.

The SAC unanimously recommends the development of the following potential options:

- The GSA should develop nitrate and arsenic sustainability criteria at each water quality monitoring well where historical data exists and will consider background water quality and agricultural and domestic water criteria.

- A single measurement of nitrate and arsenic should be taken in 2022 at all water quality wells to establish a Baseline and then the GSA can consider refinement of the size of the network once we have this baseline data.

- The memorandum should include description of a monitoring network and developsustainability criteria (including MT and MO) for arsenic and nitrates in addition to TDS and include an updated undesirable results narrative for water quality, with an action plan and schedule.

Corrective Action No. 4 – Provide explanation for how overdraft will be mitigated in the Basin

It was recognized several times in the meeting that groundwater overdraft was continuing, and that groundwater elevations are expected to decline for some time, especially noticeable in the NW region. The concern for how the remaining GDEs will be protected if the groundwater elevations are allowed to drop over 100' in the NW region was not resolved.

The Letter states "the GSA should consider including mitigation strategies describing how drinking water impacts that may occur due to continued overdraft during the period between the start of GSP implementation and achievement of the sustainability goal will be addressed."

The SAC could not understand how overdraft was being avoided, much less mitigated in any way. The SAC discussed that this corrective action will require more than just a plan to 'quantify metrics' or to modify the narrative. The SAC could not endorse the staff recommendation or provide any advice other than to carefully read and answer the specifics of the letter. No motion was made.

Item 11. Direction on Adaptive Management

This item evoked many more questions than understanding. SAC appreciates that an ad hoc has convened and anticipates the development of further model analysis to inform any needed actions. However, talk of well production declines in the basin are concerning. It was asked how landowners should report these developments. Mr. Beck suggested that staff could add a survey to the website for landowners to report issues with their wells. The SAC would like to review these reports of production declines and well failures, and encourage this well owner communication.

The SAC continues to ask what action can be taken and when would that happen?

Item 14, d. Update on Monthly Groundwater Conditions Report

This item continues to raise concerns from the SAC. What can be done about the three wells without landowner permission for access? How do these wells affect the pie chart, and can they be eliminated from the representative monitoring network? Concern was raised for the trends of the seven wells without data this time. It appears that in April's report, three of this report's grey area wells were already below their minimum thresholds (orange) and one was within 10% (yellow). That would likely make it 51% or even 56% w/o the 3 no-shows (possibly 26 out of 46 wells).

Mr. Beck expressed the need for better monitoring well options and would encourage any potential cooperating landowner to contact Mr. Blakslee, particularly in the data gap areas of the Eastern and Southeastern Regions.

Update on Cannabis Industry Activities

Committee Member Jaffe reported on the Cuyama Valley Cannabis Advisory Committee (CVCAC) guidelines that were approved by the CVCAC and the County of Santa Barbara that establish offsets within the same Threshold Region for new irrigation of cannabis, and precautions against nearby well interference. Santa Barbara County's Planning and Development Department will enforce the offsets as established in the Guidelines. She reiterated that the CVCAC hopes that the CBGSA will adopt policies in the future to provide these protections that are within their jurisdictional authority.

Letter from CBWD

Although the SAC was unable to discuss the ramifications of the Districts disinclination to pursue the delegation of managing the pumping reductions, Mr. Beck did suggest that staff had been considering options in the event that the CBWD was not able to meet the required delegation timeline.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenton Kelly
Standing Advisory Committee Chair

CONSENT AGENDA

5-7. Consent Agenda

Chair Yurosek asked if any Directors wanted to discuss one of the consent agenda items in more detail, but no requests were made.

MOTION

Director Chounet made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of agenda items: 5. Approval of the May 5, 2021, 6. Payment of bills for April, May, and June 2021; and 7. Financial Reports for April, May, and June 2021. The motion was seconded by Director Stoller, a roll call vote was made and passed with 88.89%

- AYES: Albano, Arnold, Bantilan, Chounet, Scrivner, Stoller, Vickery, Williams, Wooster, and Yurosek
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: Anselm
- ABSENT: None

ACTION ITEMS

8. Direction on DWR’s GSP Consultation Letter Dated June 3, 2021

Mr. Beck provided background on the process with the goal of the Board providing direction as to how to proceed in responding to DWR’s comment letter.

Director Wooster asked which public agency technical staff reviewed the information and Mr. Blakslee replied that technical staff from the four counties (Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura), Cuyama Basin Water District (CBWD) and the Cuyama Community Services District (CCSD).

Woodard & Curran Project Manager, Brian Van Lienden, provided an overview of the proposed schedule to respond to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and address their proposed corrective actions.

Lynn Compton joined at 4:30 pm and replaced alternate Debbie Arnold

Corrective Action No. 1

Director Vickrey asked if the CBWD August 5, 2021 comments would be included/considered, Mr. Van Lienden confirmed.

Director Wooster requested we assess individual wells that may be subject to minimum threshold classification and would like to understand what is being classified as a GDE and what wells are dropping by 80 feet. Said she believes most GDEs are supported by surface water and not groundwater. Doesn't believe outlier wells have been considered, and you are missing a lot of details by looking at an aggregate.

Mr. Van Lienden agreed that individual wells should be addressed to help identify outliers after data accumulation. Director Wooster continued that depth of wells have not been considered as related to minimum thresholds.

Director Albano suggested not changing thresholds at this time and said he did not appreciate DWR recommending changes to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan at this time.

Mr. Beck said staff is not suggesting adjusting thresholds at this time, but to provide clarification on the technical basis for how thresholds and undesirable results were determined.

Director Albano appreciated staff's presentation but said he is very concerned that there is consideration to altering minimum thresholds at this point.

Lynn Carlisle asked how the adjudication will impact effort to address GSP comments. Mr. Hughes said some of this we will have to let play out noting that the action was just filed and is still under review.

Director Wooster commented that the response should outline the specific conditions they are trying to avoid by implementing the provisions.

Kathleen Marsh commented she does not think DWR can approve the GSP with some wells experiencing declining groundwater levels, further adding that she believes the plan does too little and takes too long and should address immediate actions.

Robbie Jaffee said she is impressed to hear the technical analysis can be done by October 2021 she said she hopes that the drawdown allowed in the Northwestern region will be addressed in the technical analysis and said the pumping, as indicated in Opti well 841, is at 80 feet below the ground surface and that does not support Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem (GDE) root depths.

DWR representative Anita Regmi clarified that DWR's letter was not rushing the GSAs to submitting within a couple of months, but to provide the CBGSA with more time to respond to the DWR review.

Director Vickrey suggested doing something now which would provide two bites of the apple and attempt to address DWR's comments. He said he is concerned with waiting too long.

MOTION

Director Vickery made a motion to implement the potential options as described in agenda item no. 8, excluding potential revisions to minimum thresholds while maintaining flexibility to analyze wells on an individual basis and with consideration of the August 5, 2021, CBWD letter, to be included in an action plan and schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Stoller, a roll call vote was made and passed with 100.00%

- AYES: Albano, Anselm, Arnold, Bantilan, Chounet, Scrivner, Stoller, Vickery, Wooster, and Yurosek
- NOES: Williams
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

Director Albano said he cannot vote on the motion unless we specify that we are not contemplating changing thresholds at this time.

Director Chounet agreed with waiting to consider threshold adjustments until more data is received.

Director Williams suggested that not considering changes to the thresholds based on the analysis prejudices the results of the analysis.

The motion was refined per the Board’s directive.

Corrective Action No. 2

Mr. Van Lienden provided an overview of the Basin interconnection of groundwater and surface water, noting lack of historical information the full groundwater monitoring network for Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) was utilized. The goal was to demonstrate why this is appropriate.

Director Wooster noted the there is a new dedicated monitoring well near the river.

SAC Chair Kelly provided the SAC recommendation.

MOTION

Director Stoller made a motion to implement the potential options as outlined in agenda item no. 8 and consider including a DWR TSS well near the Cuyama River. The motion was seconded by Director Albano, a roll call vote was made and passed with 100.00%

- AYES: Albano, Anselm, Arnold, Bantilan, Chounet, Scrivner, Stoller, Vickery, Williams, Wooster, and Yurosek
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

Corrective Action No. 3

Mr. Van Lienden provided background on corrective action three that further addressed degraded water quality.

Director Vickery said he believes the SAC recommendation is requesting more than SGMA requires, he noted they already respond to nitrates as it relates to ag production and does not believe the CBGSA Board should go down this route.

Director Wooster suggested there exists enough data from USGS to establish a baseline.

Director Albano asked why we would develop a monitoring network that cannot be influenced.

Executive Director Beck responded that it is not so much a financial question, since it costs roughly \$5,000 for additional analysis, but is more of a policy question as to whether the background should be established by CBGSA. He suggested the GSA should look at other regulatory entities with existing authority in the management to provide oversight as to avoid duplication.

Director Wooster said she recommends explaining to DWR the extensive efforts irrigators are required to track and monitor nitrates. She also suggested reviewing existing USGS water quality data.

Chair Yurosek commented that he believes DWR is over-reaching on the nitrates. He said landowners are already spending a significant amount of money on nitrates and does not believe this should be required by SGMA.

MOTION

Director Albano made a motion to direct staff to develop a memorandum describing the evidence-based description for why groundwater management is unlikely to cause significant and unreasonable degradation of groundwater with respect to nitrates and arsenic. The motion was seconded by Director Stoller, a roll call vote was made and the motion failed with a 26.67% vote.

- AYES: Albano, Stoller, Vickery, and Yurosek
- NOES: Anselm, Bantilan, Chounet, Compton, Scrivner, Williams, Wooster
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

Discussion continued prior to vote.

Director Williams said he believes this is a foolish motion and thinks the CBGSA should choose its battle and does not believe this is one to fight.

Director Anselm said if this does not satisfy DWR we will hear back from them requesting additional information, Mr. Beck confirmed.

Director Wooster said the downstream well from Grapevine Capital analysis for nitrates came back non-detectable.

Lynn Carlisle said she thinks the migration of degraded water quality constituents as a result of pumping, should also be considered.

Ms. Regmi noted that tracking the avoidance of migrating water quality is the law and that GSAs have coordinated with existing regulatory agencies to determine if pumping is exacerbating water quality issues.

Director Chounet asked how we could prove there are not water quality issues without collecting additional water quality. Mr. Van Lienden responded that existing data would be used, but would be challenging due to limited available data.

Director Albano asked legal counsel Mr. Hughes what his opinion is on what SGMA requires is to eliminate arsenic/nitrate flow, or is it to ensure the management actions we perform do not cause adverse and Mr. Hughes said he believes to not cause adverse effects.

Discussion continued after motion did not pass.

Director Williams asked if we have enough data to develop an evidence-based approach.

Mr. Beck noted that some nitrate data exists for findings but would need to groundwater quality modeling and unknown with existing data and hydrogeological model. It will be difficult to support evidenced-based descriptions to satisfy DWR.

Director Williams asked if we collected data and could demonstrate responsiveness to letter and evidence that it is not of adverse effect.

Mr. Beck suggested collecting data to perform an evidence-based approach over an acceptable timeframe, as cannot be completed by January.

Director Albano asked if "evidence-based" term is the issue, Mr. Beck agreed that term as provided by DWR is unclear and may need follow-up with DWR. CBGSA could provide additional description, but lacks quantitative data to support.

Director Wooster suggested a motion, which was not supported by a second, using available USGS and DWR TSS water quality data to develop an evidence-based description of why pumping is unlikely to cause groundwater quality degradation and perform a single measurement of nitrates and arsenic in 2022 to establish a baseline.

Chair Yurosek opened for further discussion.

Director Chounet asked how old data will be appropriate to make current decisions and believes the CBGSA should provide current data to show that current actions are not impacting water quality.

Director Williams agreed the CBGSA does not have regulatory authority, but believes we should perform the monitoring of these constituents.

Chair Yurosek asked why the CBGSA would test with no follow up actions and commented that going down this route concerns him.

Director Vickery commented that the CBGSA repacking nitrate data from IRLP that the State already has is very inefficient and does not agree with performing additional groundwater modeling.

7 **MOTION**

Director Vickery made a motion (1) to direct staff to review all available existing water quality data to develop an evidence-based description for why groundwater management is unlikely to cause significant and unreasonable degradation of groundwater, (2) that staff identify existing agencies that serve as primary regulators of water quality in the Cuyama Basin and inform DWR of CBGSA's intent to have those agencies continue serving that regulatory role, specifically related to arsenic and nitrates, and (3) to perform a single measurement of nitrate and arsenic in 2022 and consider if additional monitoring is required following analysis of the data collected. The motion was seconded by Director Williams, a roll call vote was made, and the motion passed with a 93.33%.

AYES:	Albano, Anselm, Bantilan, Chounet, Compton, Scrivner, Vickery, Williams, Wooster, and Yurosek
NOES:	Stoller
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Robbie Jaffee commented she is very supportive of the monitoring of arsenic and nitrates. She said arsenic originates from ancient water and comes up with additional pumping.

Corrective Action No. 4

Mr. Van Lienden provided an update on potential response options related to DWR's request to clarify rational for not implementing actions in the northwestern region and explain the timeline and criteria to determine whether further pumping allocations are needed.

Director Albano said the Ventucopa area defies technical explanations. He said the basin in Ventucopa is bounded by clay around 200 feet.

Director Wooster said the Board had good reasons for both the Ventucopa and Northwestern region threshold decisions that did not make it into the GSP.

Additional discussion proceeded with the group and after additional clarifications a motion was proposed.

MOTION

Director Chounet made a motion, for the Ventucopa area, to direct staff to address the model deficiencies with operational knowledge and local expertise for that region, and for the northwestern region, incorporate the analysis to be performed under corrective action no. 1. The motion was seconded by Director Albano, a roll call vote was made and passed with 100.00%.

AYES: Albano, Anselm, Arnold, Bantilan, Chounet, Scrivner, Stoller, Vickery, Williams, Wooster, and Yurosek

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

9. Direction on Management Area Implementation Policy

Executive Director Jim Beck recommended tabling this item considering the recent adjudication filing and the need for staff to determine potential impacts to the management area implementation.

Chair Yurosek asked for Board consensus to table this item based on staff's recommendation and there were no objections to this.

Director Wooster said the Board has never received a map large enough to view.

10. Direction on Small Pumpers Policy

Mr. Beck provided an overview of the Board's decision from May that would require meters from all non-diminimus water users. The meter requirement for water users using 25 acre-feet or less per year to report pumping using forms based on evapotranspiration values with a factor to approximate gross water use. He suggested waiting to determine a verification process until after a year.

Director Wooster commented that the forms look good, but include should include an option to report metered use. She also suggested adding the Opti well number on the form. Director Vickery and Wooster commented that meters would be required on all new wells as the incremental cost of including a meter on a new well is minimal.

MOTION

Director Chounet made a motion to adopt the proposed policy and require meters for all new wells or reconstructed wells. The motion was seconded by Director Vickery, a roll call vote was made and passed with 100.00%

AYES: Albano, Anselm, Bantilan, Chounet, Compton, Scrivner, Stoller, Vickery, Williams, Wooster, and Yurosek

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

11. Direction on Adaptive Management

Mr. Beck provided an overview of adaptive management and the Adaptive Management ad hoc recommendation.

SAC Chair Kelly provided SAC feedback on this item and expressed concern with the lack of timeline for determining action under adaptive management.

Director Wooster agreed with performing an analysis of nearby wells to determine if they are in danger

of going dry.

Director Vickery said the thresholds were set without sufficient data and it is frustrating to be managed to these thresholds without additional data.

Robbie Jaffee commented that we are not considering the data that reflects the current situation.

MOTION

Director Vickery made a motion to (ad hoc) and the well in question (add to third bullet point) and provide a link on the website. The motion was seconded by Director Wooster, a roll call vote was made and passed with 100.00%

- AYES: Albano, Anselm, Arnold, Bantilan, Chounet, Scrivner, Stoller, Vickery, Williams, Wooster, and Yurosek
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

12. Approval of Monitoring Network Consultant Contract for FY 21-22

Taylor Blakslee provided an overview of contracts with Provost & Pritchard to continue annual water quality monitoring and quarterly monitoring of groundwater levels.

MOTION

Director Vickery made a motion to approve both contracts including the optional water quality task. The motion was seconded by Director Chounet, a roll call vote was made and passed with 100.00%

- AYES: Albano, Anselm, Arnold, Bantilan, Chounet, Scrivner, Stoller, Vickery, Williams, Wooster, and Yurosek
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

REPORT ITEMS

13. Administrative Updates

a. Report of the Executive Director

Mr. Beck provided an update on the near-term schedule, tasks and progress and the overall CBGSA program budget. Mr. Beck notes that staff will begin planning for upcoming landowner workshops to provide updates and prepare for metering. Staff is also working on potential grant funding opportunities and is working with DWR for additional support. Mr. Blakslee also participated in the Santa Barbara County Drought Planning team to provide GSA perspective. It is recommended that the SAC August 26th meeting and BoD September 1st meetings be cancelled. Staff will need time to develop technical memos in October prior to DWR submittal in November. SAC and BOD meetings to occur in October. Mr. Blakslee

will poll the group for dates after the meeting.

b. CBGSA Staffing Update

Woodard & Curran new staff was introduced. Richard Stern taking over for John Ayres for hydrogeology. Provided a brief review of experience and expertise.

c. Report of the General Counsel

Mr. Hughes had no additional update to report.

d. Update on FY 21-22 Groundwater Extraction Fee Collections

Mr. Blakslee provided an update noting that the Board had passed resolution 21053 setting a groundwater extraction fee of \$39.00/af packet contains summary of payments received.

e. Update on Coordination with Counties and Well Permitting Process

Mr. Beck previously received direction from Board to look into concerns of county well permits being approved too close to existing wells. He then provided an overview of a meeting with Santa Barbara County Water Agency (SBCWA). They discussed ways to coordinate with new well owners and determined that Environmental Health Services would assist with facilitating information on the Cuyama basin to landowners and provide the CBGSA with well permits for informational purposes. He reported that staff will work with the remaining counties to ensure a similar process. He also reported that the CBGSA new landowner information sheet was being updated with additional water management information.

Director Vickery thanked staff for holding these meetings and stressed the importance of letting new landowners know of potential restrictions.

14. Technical Updates

a. Review of Model Update Process

Mr. Van Lienden provided an update on the anticipated schedule for aquifer testing, model refinement, and application. Intent is to coordinate with an ad hoc committee and have data reporting near January. Model data will extend to include 2021 then perform model calibration in the spring, along with updated sustainability budgets.

b. Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Activities

Mr. Van Lienden provided an update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) activities and the overall project schedule which are included in the Board packet. DWR will have conducted aerial surveys and staff will engage with DWR for data refinement. Mr. Van Linden reviewed flight lines of the valley.

c. Update on Monitoring Network Implementation

Mr. Van Lienden provided an update on monitoring network implementation activities including a status on (1) drilling of DWR TSS wells nearly complete, (2) installation of transducers, and (3) installation of two stream gauges which is included in the Board packet.

d. Update on Monthly Groundwater Conditions Report

Mr. Van Lienden provided an update on the groundwater level monitoring network and levels for April-June 2021 which is included in the Board packet.

Jim said staff can develop memo to address impacts as related to calculations for GSA policy for wells that cannot be monitored.

Chair Yurosek added that it should be clarified what is systemic versus onetime issue.

15. Closed Session

Closed session started at 8:23 pm and concluded at 9:00 pm. The meeting was opened back to open session and staff noted that no reportable action was taken.

16. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee

Nothing to report.

17. Directors' Forum

Director Yurosek and other Directors did not note any agenda items that have not been covered.

18. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Nothing to report.

19. Correspondence

Mr. Blakslee reported a letter was received from the Cuyama Basin Water District on August 5, 2021, which is in the Board Packet.

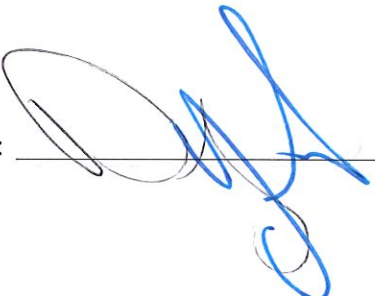
20. Adjourn

Chair Yurosek adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

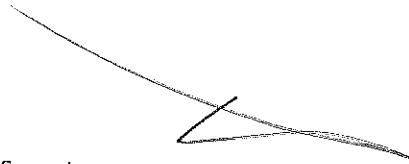
Minutes approved by the Board of Directors of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency the 3rd day of November 2021.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Chair: _____



ATTEST:

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Secretary: _____

