

Special Meeting and Public Hearing regarding Establishing Groundwater Extraction Rate



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency") Board of Directors ("Directors") will hold a

SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at Ventura City Hall, Community Meeting Room (Room No. 202) 501 Poli Street, Ventura, California 93001

# MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING Thursday, August 23, 2018

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 2. PUBLIC HEARING

Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's ("Agency") is designated as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") for the Mound Groundwater Basin ("Basin"). As such, the Agency is required to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") no later than January 31, 2022.

Board Chair will open the Public Hearing regarding the Agency's establishing a fee pursuant to Water Code Section 10730 et seq., to offset anticipated administrative and operational costs of the GSA, GSP development costs, and other efforts required for compliance with SGMA. The Agency anticipates assessing a groundwater extraction fee on pumpers within the Basin and is seeking feedback from stakeholders.

### Public comment will be accepted at this time.

Any interested person may present written testimony, oral testimony, or both at the Public Hearing. Written comments may be filed at any time prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing and comments should be addressed to the attention of the Chairman at the following address: Mound Basin GSA, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, CA, 93001.

Any challenge to the decision of the Board of Directors on this matter may be limited to raising those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Directors at, or prior, to the Public Hearing.

### Chair will close the Public Hearing

Resolution 2018-04 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Charges against All Persons Operating Groundwater Extraction Facilities within the Mound Basin

### Motion

Board will consider adopting <u>Resolution 2018-04</u>, establishing a Groundwater Extraction Charge.

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### 3. FY 2018-19 Budget

### Motion

Board will consider approving the amended FY 2018-19 Budget as presented.

### 4. Mound Basin Boundary Modification

### <u>Motion</u>

Board will receive a presentation from staff concerning the proposed boundary modifications, receive comments from the public, and provide direction to staff.

### ADJOURNMENT

Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at UWCD's offices at 106 North 8th Street in Santa Paula during normal business hours.

The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that no qualified individual with a disability shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, the District's services, programs or activities because of any disability. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, or if you require agenda materials in an alternative format, please contact the Mound Basin Clerk of the Board at (805) 525-4431 or the City of Ventura at (805) 654-7800. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the Agency to make appropriate arrangements.

Approved:

Board Chair Michael W. Mobley

Posted: (date) August 22, 2018 (time) 9am (attest) Kris Sofley

At: https://www.moundbasingsa.org

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At: https://www.facebook.com/moundbasingsa/

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At: United Water Conservation District, 106 N 8th Street, Santa Paula CA 93060

Posted: (date) August 22, 2018 (time) 1pm (attest) Kris Sofley

At: Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, California 93001

# **Mound Basin GSA Estimated Budget**

DRAFI	FY 2017	-18	FY20	18-19	FY20	19-20	FY20	20-21	FY202	21-22	FY202	22-23	FY20	23-24
	CY2017	CYZ	2018	CY2	019	CY2	020	CY20	21	CY20	022	CY2	023	
	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Total
Revenue														
GW Extractions, AF/6 months (1)			1,850	3,250	1,850	3,500	2,750	3,500	2,750	3,500	2,750	3,500	2,750	
GW Extractions Fee, \$/AF (1)			\$40	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$30	\$28	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19	
Revenue (1)			\$74,000	\$130,000	\$64,750	\$105,000	\$82,500	\$98,000	\$52,250	\$66,500	\$52,250	\$66,500	\$52,250	\$844,000
County of Ventura Loan			\$50,000											\$50,000
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Grant Reimbursements				\$9,540	\$92,221	\$87,331	\$35,250	\$98,498	\$126,383	\$49,770	\$60,444			\$559,435
Total Revenue			\$179,000	\$139,540	\$156,971	\$192,331	\$117,750	\$196,498	\$178,633	\$116,270	\$112,694	\$66,500	\$52,250	\$1,508,435
Expenses	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Annual States
GSA Administration (2)	\$3,500	\$12,877	\$68,378	\$68,378	\$70,087	\$70,087	\$71,839	\$71,839	\$73,635	\$55,687	\$37,738	\$37,738	\$38,681	\$680,463
Develop Numerical Groundwater Flow Model - UWCD														\$0
Geophysical Study - UWCD														\$0
Mound Basin Study - Ventura														\$0
Water Quality & Isotope Study				\$45,330										\$45,330
Construct One Multi-Level Monitoring Well														\$0
SGWP Grant Application	\$16,585													\$16,585
Basin Boundary Modification (3)			\$5,000											\$5,000
Organizational Activities			\$11,900											\$11,900
GSP Chapter 2: Plan Area and Basin Setting (3)				\$52,200	\$52,200									\$104,400
GSP Chapter 3: Sustainable Management Criteria					\$38,333	\$38,333	\$38,333							\$115,000
GSP Chapter 4: Projects and Management Actions							\$50,900	\$50,900						\$101,800
GSP Chapter 5: Plan Implementation							\$23,125	\$23,125						\$46,250
GSP Introduction, Exectutive Summary, References & Appendices								\$19,850						\$19,850
GSP Reviews and Approvals and Final Document Preparation								\$50,000	\$50,000	\$15,600				\$115,600
Project Administration (Grant Management) (4)														\$0
County of Ventura Loan Repayment									\$50,000	W-				\$50,000
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Annual Review											\$8,000		\$2,000	\$10,000
Annual Report to DWR											\$65,000		\$40,000	\$105,000
Budget Reserve			\$25,000											\$25,000
Total Expenses	\$20,085	\$12,877	\$110,278	\$165,908	\$160,620	\$108,420	\$184,197	\$215,714	\$173,635	\$98,787	\$138,238	\$37,738		
6 Month Balance		(\$12,877)	\$68,723	(\$26,368)	(\$3,650)	\$83,910	(\$66,447)	(\$19,217)	\$4,997	\$17,483	(\$25,544)	\$28,762	(\$28,431)	
Running Balance	(\$20,085)	(\$32,962)	\$35,761	\$9,393	\$5,743	\$89,654	\$23,207	\$3,990	\$8,987	\$26,471	\$926	\$29,688	\$1,257	
			<b>425.055</b>	425.000	425.055	<b>425.053</b>	425.000	425.055	<b>ADE 055</b>	ADE 065	<b>ADE 065</b>	<b>ADE 053</b>	<b>ADE 000</b>	
Reserve Balance			\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	

### Notes

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- (1) Groundwater extraction fee revenue for a given semi-annual period is received during the subsequent semi-annual period. Extaction volumes shown are for the prior semi-annual period.
- (2) Admin costs assumed to increase by 2.5% each year. Costs in 2022 and 2023 ramp down to an assumed 50% level of effort compared to pre-GSP activities (less frequent meetings, etc. are asssumed).
- (3) Costs reduced by in-kind labor contribution to be provided by UWCD. \$50,000 of total in-kind labor is assumed.
- (4) Project Administation (Grant Management) costs are included in GSA Administration.

# MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY **FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Draft Proposed Budget (8/23/18)

# **REVENUES**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	REVENUES	BUDGET 2018/2019	Comments
1	Contributions from Member Agencies	\$105,000	\$55k from the City, \$50k from the County, both are loans
2	Revenue from Groundwater Extraction Fee	\$204,000	Twice per year billing.
4	Reimbursement from DWR Grant	\$9,540	estimated based on GSP tasks for FY 18-19, depends on cost- share spent by Agency.

TOTAL REVENUES \$318,540

# **OPERATING EXPENSES**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	OPERATING EXPENSE	BUDGET 2018/2019	Comments
Administrati	ve Costs	20 10/20 10	
1	Executive Director/Project Manager	\$50,000	
2	Clerk of the Board	\$20,000	Provided by United Water Conservation District via contract
3	Accounting Services	\$10,000	Provided by United Water Conservation District via contract
Total Admin	istrative Cost:	\$80,000	
Professiona	Services:		
4	Website Development	\$2,000	County of Ventura Information Technology Services
5	Website maintenance	\$400	County of Ventura Information Technology Services
6	Audits	\$7,000	Estimate
7	Public Outreach/218 publications	\$1,500	
8	Liability Insurance	\$1,955	Insure Cal Quote
9	Routine Legal Counsel	\$32,400	\$270/hr - Agenda review and attend meetings as necessary - 10hrs per month for July 2018 - June 2019.
10	Special Legal Services	\$10,000	3
11	Annual Report	\$1,000	
12	DWR filing fees/etc.	\$500	
Total Profes	sional Services Cost:	\$56,755	
SSP Activiti	es:		
13	Water Quality and Isotope Study	\$45,330	
14	Basin Boundary Modification	\$5,000	Cost assumes \$5,000 of UWCD in-kind labor.
15	Organizational Activites	\$11,900	
16	GSP Chapter 2: Plan Area and Basin Setting	\$52,200	Cost assumes \$22,500 of UWCD in-kind labor.
17	Project Administration (Grant Management)	\$0	Costs are included in administration.
18	Funding for Reserves	\$25,000	
Total GSP A	ctivites:	\$139,430	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$276,185	

TOTAL EXPENSES Expenses deferred from FY2017-18

TOTAL REVENUES EXCEEDING EXPENSES

\$32,962 \$9,393

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-04**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY DETERMINING AND ESTABLISHING GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION CHARGES AGAINST ALL PERSONS OPERATING GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION FACILITIES WITHIN THE MOUND BASIN

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) are authorized to collect Regulatory Fees (Water Code Section 10730) and Extraction Fees (Water Code Section 10730.2); and

WHEREAS, SGMA gives a GSA the authority to impose fees to fund the cost of preparing its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), including the preparation and amendment of a sustainability plan, investigation of groundwater conditions, compliance assistance, enforcement and program administration; and

WHEREAS, the type of fees that can be imposed to fund the cost of preparing a GSP include permit fees, fees on groundwater extraction, and fees on other regulated activity; and

WHEREAS, any action to impose such fees must be taken by ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, the GSA complied with all applicable notice requirements by noticing a public meeting concerning these fees as follows:

- By publication pursuant to Government Code Section 6066 in the Ventura County Star on August 2, 2018 and August 9, 2018;
- By posting on the website of the GSA at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/moundbasingsa/">www.moundbasingsa.org</a>, on the Facebook page of the GSA at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/moundbasingsa/">https://www.facebook.com/moundbasingsa/</a>, and on the website of the City of Ventura at <a href="https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1180/Mound-Basin-GSA">https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1180/Mound-Basin-GSA</a>.
- By mailing to any interested party who filed a written request with the GSA for mailed notice of the public fee meeting.
- 4. The Notice included:
  - The time and place of the meeting,
  - A general explanation of the fee under consideration; and
  - A statement that the data required under SGMA is publicly available.

 At least 20 days prior to the public meeting, the GSA made the data upon which the fee is based, the GSA's 2018-19 budget, available to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency that groundwater extraction charges should be levied as follows:

- 1. A groundwater extraction charge of \$40 per acre foot shall be levied on all groundwater extracted from within the GSA boundary, regardless of whether that groundwater is derived from the native or an augmented supply. The GSA does hereby ratify and affirm its levy and assessment of this groundwater extraction charges in compliance with law against all persons operating groundwater producing facilities within the GSA boundary commencing August 24, 2018.
- 2. These groundwater extraction charges shall be billed semiannually with billing periods covering January through June and July through December.
- 3. The Board of Directors of Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, makes the following findings, based upon the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said meetings and public hearing:
  - (a) Revenues derived from the groundwater extraction charges will not exceed the funds required to provide for the Plan and related administrative services.
  - (b) Revenues derived from the groundwater extraction charges shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the groundwater charges are imposed.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of August, 2018.

	Michael Mobley Board Chair
ATTEST:	
Bryan Bondy	_
Executive Director	

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